

**Sing1:**

**O come, all ye faithful,**  
Joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;  
Come and behold Him,  
Born the King of angels;

*O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
Christ the Lord!*

Sing, choirs of angels,  
Sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;  
Glory to God  
In the highest:

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee,  
Born this happy morning,  
Jesus, to Thee be glory given;  
Word of the Father  
Now in flesh appearing:

**Welcome**

Collect for St John, Apostle, Evangelist.  
Merciful Lord, cast your bright beams of  
light upon the Church: that, being  
enlightened by the teaching of your  
blessed apostle and evangelist Saint John,  
we may so walk in the light of your truth  
that we may at last attain to the light of  
everlasting life; through Jesus Christ your  
incarnate Son our Lord, who is alive and  
reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy  
Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Introduction to confession

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and  
just and will forgive our sins and cleanse  
us from all unrighteousness.

A penitential prayer for use with small  
children.

**Father God, we re sorry for the things we  
do and say and think which make you  
sad, and for not thinking of others before  
ourselves. Please forgive us and help us  
to love you and other people more and  
more.**

Absolution

May the God of all healing and forgiveness  
draw *us* to himself and cleanse *us* from all  
*our* sins, that we may behold the glory of  
his Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ  
our Lord. **Amen.**

**Sing: On Christmas day a humble girl**

**On Christmas day, a humble girl**  
gives birth to hope for all the world,  
this is Immanuel.

How awesome and mysterious,  
the Lord of heaven draws near to us,  
this is Immanuel.

The hands that once split night from day  
now feebly clutch a blade of hay,  
this is Immanuel.

Majestic king, now small and weak,  
the Word of God must learn to speak,  
this is Immanuel.

*This is our God, seen by our eyes,  
the love of the Father made known in  
Jesus Christ.*

*This is our God, worthy of praise,  
the love of the Father revealed on  
Christmas day.*

The shepherds come and bow to him,  
the Lamb who takes away our sin,  
this is Immanuel.  
For God has entered time and space  
to show the world his endless grace,  
this is Immanuel.

*Immanuel, Immanuel.  
Our God is with us now.  
Immanuel, Immanuel.  
Our God is with us now.*

### Gospel

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to *John*  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

John 21.19b-x

This is the Gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to you, O Christ**

### Talk

### Sing

**See him lying on a bed of straw,**  
A draughty stable with an open door;  
Mary cradling the babe she bore;  
The Prince of glory is His name.

*O now carry me to Bethlehem,  
To see the Lord appear to men;  
Just as poor as was the stable then,  
The Prince of glory when He came.*

Star of silver, sweep across the skies,  
Show where Jesus in the manger lies;  
Shepherds, swiftly from your stupor rise  
To see the Saviour of the world.

Angels, sing again the song you sang,  
Bring God's glory to the heart of man;  
Sing that Bethlehem's little baby can  
Be salvation to the soul.

### Intercessions

In the face of the Gospel,  
Let us ask God for a good Christmas:  
That no powerful nation should tax the  
poor or uproot them;  
That no unmarried mother should be put  
away in disgrace;  
That no door will be shut on those who  
need to find it open;  
That shepherds and sheep and all of  
nature need not be afraid;  
That barbed wire and angry soldiers may  
not be found in Bethlehem;  
That wise men and wise women might  
appear in *the troubled places of this world*.  
That children may be preserved from  
those who would abuse them;  
That this Christmas, worship may become  
a manger  
and the Church a stable  
and the rumour become a reality that  
Christ has come among us.

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### Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,**  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.

### Sing

**O little town of Bethlehem,**  
How still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
The silent stars go by.  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth  
The everlasting Light;  
The hopes and fears of all the years  
Are met in thee tonight.

How silently, how silently  
The wondrous gift is given!  
So God imparts to human hearts  
The blessings of His heaven.  
No ear may hear His coming;  
But in this world of sin,  
Where meek souls will receive Him, still  
The dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem,  
Descend to us, we pray;  
Cast out our sin, and enter in;  
Be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels  
The great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us,  
Our Lord Immanuel!

### Blessing

May the Babe of Bethlehem be yours to  
tend,  
may the Boy of Nazareth be your friend,  
may the Man of Galilee his healing send,  
may the Crucified Jesus his courage lend,  
may the risen Lord Jesus be with you to  
the end and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be  
among you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

Go in peace to love and to serve the Lord  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

### Sing

**God rest you merry, gentlemen,**  
Let nothing you dismay,  
Remember, Christ, our Saviour  
Was born on Christmas day,  
To save us all from Satan's power  
When we were gone astray:

*And it's tidings of comfort and joy,  
Comfort and joy  
And it's tidings of comfort and joy*