



All Saints Guildford

Joyfully Living Jesus

Welcoming Everyone

Growing Disciples Deepening Community



Christmas Day All-Age Communion

The Gathering

Please stand to sing.

Opening Carol

The Greeting

I bring you good news of great joy:

A Saviour has been born to you. Alleluia!

Unto us a child is born,

Unto us a son is given.

Hear the words of St Luke:

When the angels had gone from them into heaven,
the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go to
Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened
which the Lord has made known to us.'

So they hastened, and found Mary and Joseph, and
the baby lying in a manger.

He is Christ the Lord. Alleluia.

We worship and adore him. Alleluia

Lighting of the Advent Candles

**Lord Jesus, Light of light,
you have come among us.**

Help us who live by your light

To shine as lights in your world.

Glory to God in the highest.

Amen.

Please sit or kneel.

Saying Sorry

God our Father,
you sent your Son full of grace and truth:
forgive our failure to receive him.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Jesus our Saviour,
you were born in poverty and laid in a man-
ger: forgive our greed and rejection of your
ways.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Spirit of love,
your servant Mary responded joyfully to your
call: forgive the hardness of our hearts.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

May the God of all healing and forgiveness
draw you to himself,
that you may behold the glory of his
Son,
the Word made flesh,
and be cleansed from all your sins,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Please stand.

Gloria in Excelsis

Gloria in Excelsis may be used.

When sung, the music can be found in the back of the green hymnbooks.

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

The Collect

Let us pray in the peace of this Christmas celebration that our joy in the birth of Christ will last for ever.

Silence is kept.

Lord Jesus Christ, your birth at Bethlehem draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven touching earth:
accept our heartfelt praise as we worship you,
our Saviour and our eternal God.
Amen.

Please sit.

Old Testament Reading

At the end of the reading the following response may be used

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand to sing.

Carol

Remain standing.

The Gospel Reading

When the Gospel is announced the reader says

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

After the Gospel we say

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit.

Talk

Please stand.

The Creed

Let us declare our faith in God.

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts
through faith, and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God:
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

Please sit or kneel.

Prayers

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

Please stand.

The Peace

The president introduces the Peace.

Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given,
and his name shall be called the Prince of Peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

We share the sign of peace with one another by greeting those around us with a handshake, a smile and the words 'Peace be with you'.

Preparation of the Table

Offertory Carol

During this hymn the table is prepared, bread and wine are placed upon it and the collection taken.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here
His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

First child: Why is it right to give thanks and praise?

Second child: Listen, and we will hear.

Lord of all life, you created the universe,
where all living things reflect your glory.
You give us this great and beautiful earth,
to discover and to cherish.

You give us Jesus to be our friend, to be with us.
Mary and Joseph, his earthly parents, show us an
example of love and devotion to him, and also
how to live as a family.

You made us all, each wonderfully different,
to join with the angels and sing your praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

We thank you, loving Father,
because, when we turned away,
you sent Jesus, your Son.
He gave his life for us on the cross and
shows us the way to live.
Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of
bread and wine may be for us Christ's
body and his blood.

First Child: Why do we share this bread and wine?

Second Child: Listen, and we will hear.

On the night before he died,
when darkness had fallen,
Jesus took bread.
He gave thanks, broke it,
and shared it with his disciples, saying:
'This is my body, given for you.
Do this to remember me.'

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine,
gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples,
saying: 'This is my blood, poured out for you
and for many, for the forgiveness of sins.'
So Father, with this bread and this cup we
celebrate his love, his death, his risen life.
As you feed us with these gifts, send your Holy Spirit,
and change us more and more
to be like Jesus our Saviour.

First Child: How do we follow Jesus Christ?

Second Child: Listen, and we will hear.

Help us, Father, to love one another, as we look
forward to that day when suffering is ended,
and all creation is gathered in your loving arms.
And now with all your saints we give you glory,
through Jesus Christ, in the strength of the Spirit,
today and for ever.

Amen.

Silence is kept.

The Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us, as our Saviour taught us, so
we pray:

**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.**

Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread

We break the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.
**God here among us,
light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**

Giving of Communion

Christ is the true bread which has come down from heaven.
Lord, give us this bread always.

Silence is kept.

*If you are a communicant member of any Christian Church you
are welcome to receive communion. If you would prefer, please come for-
ward for a blessing. Everyone is welcome.*

The president and people receive communion.

Silence is kept.

Prayers after Communion

God our Father, whose Word
has come among us in the
Holy Child of Bethlehem:
may the light of faith
illumine our hearts and shine
in our words and deeds;
through him who is Christ the Lord.

Amen.

Please sit.

Banns/Notices

The Dismissal

Please stand to sing.

Hymn

The Blessing

Please remain standing.

See what love the Father has given us
that we should be called the children of God.

You are my sons and daughters:
This day I have begotten you.
See what love the Father has given us.

As many as received him,
to them he gave power to become the children of God.
See what love the Father has given us.

Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit.
**See what love the Father has given us
that we should be called the children of God.**

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. Proclaim the Word made flesh.
Glory, thanks and praise be to God.

The Ministers depart.