



All Saints Church

Grayswood



Christmas Midnight Communion

A Service for Christmas Midnight Communion

The Gathering

We meet in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

The people who walked in darkness
All **have seen a great light.**

For to us a child is born

All **to us a Son is given.**

His name will be called Wonderful counsellor, mighty God,
All **the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.**

Glory to God in the highest

All **and peace to his people on earth.**

Hymn

Prayer of Preparation

All **Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Prayers of Penitence

Introduction to confession

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 manger:
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.

The president proclaims God's forgiveness

Gloria in Excelsis

**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 – *from the weekly sheet*

All Let us pray
Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

At the end the reader says

All This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Hymn

Gospel Reading

All Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N.
Glory to you, O Lord.

After the Gospel the reader says

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

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

All Though he was divine,
 he did not cling to equality with God,
 but made himself nothing.
 Taking the form of a slave,
 he was born in human likeness.
 He humbled himself
 and was obedient to death,
 even the death of the cross.
 Therefore God has raised him on high,
 and given him the name above every name:
 that at the name of Jesus
 every knee should bow,
 and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord,
 to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Intercessions

These responses may be used

Lord in your mercy

All Hear our prayer

And at the end

Merciful Father,

All accept these prayers
 for the sake of your Son,
 our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Lighting of the Christmas candle on the Advent Wreath

All 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.

Introduction to the Peace

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Hymn

Preparation of the Table

Word made flesh, life of the world,
in your incarnation you embraced our poverty:
by your Spirit may we share in your riches.
Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

All The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
All **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

...for ever praising you and saying:
All **Holy, holy, holy**
Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest

All Great is the mystery of faith
Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again

...in songs of everlasting praise:
**All Blessing and honour and glory and power
 be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Please sit or kneel
As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**All Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your name;
 your kingdom come;
 your will be done;
 on earth as in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread.
 And 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

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

**All Jesus, Lamb of God:
 have mercy on us.
 Jesus, bearer of our sins:
 have mercy on us.
 Jesus, redeemer of the world,
 give us your peace.**

Giving of Communion

Invitation to communion

All Most merciful Lord,
your love compels us to come in.
Our hands were unclean,
our hearts were unprepared;
we were not fit
even to eat the crumbs from under your table.
But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation,
and share your bread with sinners.
So cleanse and feed us
with the precious body and blood of your Son,
that he may live in us and we in him;
and that we, with the whole company of Christ,
may sit and eat in your kingdom. Amen.

Prayer after Communion

All Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out
in the power of your Spirit
to live and work
to your praise and glory. Amen.

Hymn

The Blessing and Dismissal

Go in peace. Proclaim the word made flesh.
All Glory, thanks and praise to God.

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