

On Line

Opening Hymn – Joy to the world (with lyrics)

This is the day the Lord has made. **So, let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

**Now stretch out your hand to the screen and lets virtually take hands and say:
'Jesus Loves you and so do I'**

Our service today reflects on the early story of Jesus at the beginning as the story continues, as we now worship in Song, Scripture and prayer.

Please say the words that appear on screen in yellow as they appear on screen in during this service:

Let us pray: Pray - Almighty God, wonderful creator, you have made yourself known in your Son, Jesus. In his birth you have restored the dignity of human nature. In his death and resurrection you have revealed to us the fullness of your grace and mercy. In your love, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, let us share in his divine life - even as he partook of our humanity. As we hear and reflect on Your word this day, help us to respond with believing hearts and to put our faith into practice. We ask in his name. **Amen.**

2nd Hymn - Go Tell It On The Mountain

Let us confess –

The call to confession is always a call to experience God's mercy. In admitting the truth of our loves to our loving Creator, we open ourselves to the experience of grace and healing. Trusting in that divine love, let us pray, first in silence.

We pause O God to look over the past year - a year in which you were with us - but we were not always with you. Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

Forgive us Lord and lead us into the new year in holiness and righteousness. We ask this that we might be a people pleasing unto you, a people who allow your light to shine in the darkness and who bring praise and glory unto your name.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE & MERCY:

Rejoice and be glad! You are forgiven. For everyone who asks, receives; and those who seek, find, for the one who was born in Bethlehem and who was crucified in Jerusalem lives and intercedes for us before God.

Thanks be to God. **Amen.**

Collect Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, kindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

1st Reading - Luke 2:15-21 (NIV)

2nd Reading - Luke 2:22-32 (NIV)

3rd Hymn – Christians Awake, Salute the Happy Morn

3rd Reading - Luke 2:33-40 (NIV)

SERMON: What a good way to Begin

4th Hymn – Amazing Grace

Let us pray

You are with us, O God, to knit us together in mutual love and caring. You pour out abundant gifts that enrich our existence and challenge us to give our best. Let the words of our mouths proclaim the dawn of redemption that Christ inaugurates. Let the actions that arise from our hearts and minds spread abroad the good news of his reconciling love. Plant in every heart, we pray, the love of Him who is the Saviour of the world, our Lord Jesus Christ; and with that love burning, make this world of ours a world of Hope and Promise - for all peoples, and for all times.

All these things we ask and pray to you about in the name of Christ child Jesus - he who was born under the light of a star, and who gives to us the light we need to walk into each day as your holy and beloved people. Amen

Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers - Intercessions and Lord's Prayer

Lords Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen

5th Hymn – I Am The Light of The World

Presentation of offerings

Gracious God, help us, with Mary's Son, to offer ourselves, our souls and bodies, in the temple of your service and world. Receive and bless what we offer here. Take us and use us as you would see fit so that we might bring praise and glory unto your name both now and in the year to come. We

ask it in the name of the one who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, both now and forevermore. **Amen**

Notices (if any)

In the power of the Holy Spirit, we now go forth into the world, to fulfil our calling as the people of God, the Body of Christ.

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All Christ is our light that illumines and guides us. Christ as our shield that overshadows us. Christ is under us; Christ is over us; Christ is beside us and on our left and on our right. This day be within and without us, lowly and meek and yet all powerful. Be in the heart of each in whom we speak; in the mouth of each who speaks unto us.

This day be within and without us, lowly and meek, yet all powerful. Christ as our light; Christ as our shield; Christ beside us on our left and on our right.

Go in peace, love and care for one another in the name of Christ, and may the blessing of God who established heaven and earth fill your hearts and pour forth from you upon all people, the blessing of the Lord who is born anew each Christmas time call you towards a new tomorrow; and the blessing of the Spirit who refreshes and renews all creation guide and lead you as you enter the new year. **Amen**

Departing Hymn— I Believe in Jesus (edited)