

Gathering and Introduction

Song: Silent Night

Silent night, holy night
All is calm, all is bright
'Round yon virgin, Mother and Child
Holy infant so tender and mild
Sleep in heavenly peace
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Silent night, holy night
Shepherds quake at the sight!
Glories stream from heaven afar
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!
Christ the Savior is born
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Leader: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Leader: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

All: Blessed be God forever.

Leader: (reflect on our sins) Let us pray ...

All: Lord Jesus, I come before You, just as I am, I repent of my sins, please forgive me. In Your name, I forgive all others for what they have done against me. I renounce Satan, the evil spirits, and all their works. I give you my entire self. Lord Jesus, now and forever I invite you into my life. I accept you as my Lord, God and Savior. Heal me, change me, strengthen me in body, soul and spirit. I love you Lord Jesus. I praise you Jesus. I shall follow you every day of my life. Please help me.

Leader: Forgive us our sins Lord that we may come to you with renewed hearts.

All: Amen

Leader: Lord have mercy.

All: Lord have mercy.

Leader: Christ have mercy.

All: Christ have mercy.

Leader: Lord have mercy.

All: Lord have mercy

Gloria

All: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. 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.

Liturgy of the Word

Proclaim God's word with today's readings

Group: reflection on readings

The Apostles' Creed

All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; and 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 into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall 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 life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the Faithful

Leader: Our prayers to the Lord ... What shall we pray for?

All: taking turns, each may offer individual requests for prayer

Communion

The Lord's Prayer

All: 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 forever and ever. Amen.

Lamb of God:

All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Leader: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Communion

You may receive communion if you have received your first Eucharist and are in a state of Grace.

If you are unable to receive communion, please silently read the following prayer:

Prayer of Spiritual Communion (for those unable to receive Eucharist):

My Jesus, I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace you and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

Closing Prayer

Leader: Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

All: Thanks be to God