

The president introduces a period of silent prayer and then prays the Christmas Eve / Day Collect

A Reading from the Bible

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

GRADUAL HYMN

The Gospel Reading

Alleluia Alleluia. The Word became flesh and dwelt among us and we have seen his glory. **Alleluia.**

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

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

Address

Followed by a moment of silent reflection

Prayers of Intercession

Let us pray to Jesus our Saviour

Christ born in a stable, give courage to all who are homeless. *Jesus Saviour.* **Hear our prayer.**

Christ for whom the angels sang, give the song of the kingdom to all who weep.

Christ worshipped by the shepherds, give peace on earth to all who are oppressed.

Christ before whom the wise men knelt, give humility and wisdom to all who govern.

Christ whose radiance filled the lowly manger give the glory of your resurrection to all who rest in you.

We commend ourselves and all for whom we pray to the mercy and protection of our heavenly Father.

Silence is kept

**Jesus Saviour, child of Mary,
you know us and love us,
you share our lives and hear our prayer.
Glory to you for ever. Amen.**

We stand for the peace

The Peace

Glory to God in the highest heaven and on earth peace to all in whom he delights.

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

OFFERTORY HYMN

Life of the world, in your coming among us you embraced our poverty:
by your Spirit may we share in your riches. **Amen.**

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.

*(why is it right to give thanks and praise ?
listen and we will hear !)*

Lord of all life..... You give us.... You made us all, each wonderfully different, to join with the angels and sing your praise:

**Holy holy holy is the Lord
Holy is the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is and is to come
Holy holy holy is the Lord.**

We thank you loving Father Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

*(why do we share this bread and wine ?
listen and we will hear !)*

On the night before he died..... As you feed us with these gifts send your Holy Spirit and change us more and more to be like Jesus our Saviour.

*(how do we follow Jesus Christ ?
listen and we will hear !)*

Help us Father.... And now with () all your saints we give you glory through Jesus Christ, in the strength of the Spirit, today and for ever. **Amen.**

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

Our Father who art in heaven.....