

CHRISTMAS MORNING



THE WELCOME

We come from scattered lives to meet with God.
Let us recognize his presence with us now.

We have gathered as God's people:
let us worship him together.



The light and peace of Jesus Christ be with you all
And also with you.

Lord, speak to us
that we may hear your word.

Move among us
that we may see your glory.

Receive our prayers
that we may learn to trust you. Amen.

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THE CONFESSION

We come to God from whom no secrets are hidden and we ask for his forgiveness and his peace.

God our Father, we come to you in sorrow for our sins.
For turning away from you,
and ignoring your will for our lives;
Father, forgive us:
save us and help us.



For behaving just as we wish,
without thinking of you;
Father, forgive us:
save us and help us.

For failing you by what we do,
and think and say;
Father, forgive us:
save us and help us.

For letting ourselves be drawn away from you
by temptations in the world about us;
Father, forgive us:
save us and help us.

For living as if we were ashamed
to belong to your Son;
Father, forgive us:
save us and help us.

THE ABSOLUTION

May Almighty God, who is both power and love,
forgive us and free us from your sins,
heal and strengthen us by His Spirit,
and raise us to new life in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Amen.

THE COLLECT

THE READING

THE TALK

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THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on 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**

THE PRAYERS

(response)
**Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer**



**Merciful Father
Accept these prayers,
for the sake of your Son
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

LORD'S 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**

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THE BLESSING