



**St Mary's Wistaston
with St Luke's Willaston**

**Holy Communion for
during the Christmas Season**

The Greeting

The Lord be with you:
and also with you.

I bring you good news of great joy:
a Saviour has been born to you. Alleluia.

Unto us a child is born,
unto us a Son is given. Alleluia.

He is Christ the Lord. Alleluia.

We worship and adore him. Alleluia.

We sing a Carol (please stand)

Prayer of Penitence (please sit or kneel)

Hear the words of the angel to Joseph: 'You shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' Therefore, let us seek the forgiveness of God through Jesus the Saviour of the world.

Silence is kept

Lord of grace and truth, we confess our unworthiness to stand in your presence as your children.

We have sinned: **forgive and heal us.**

The Virgin Mary accepted your call to be the mother of Jesus.

Forgive our times of disobedience to your will.

We have sinned: **forgive and heal us.**

Your Son our Saviour was born in poverty in a manger.

Forgive the times when we reject your ways.

We have sinned: **forgive and heal us.**

The shepherds left their flocks to go to Bethlehem.
Forgive us when we show lack of vision and fail to leave things for you.
We have sinned: **forgive and heal us.**

The wise men followed the star to find Jesus the King.
Forgive us when we fail to follow you.
We have sinned: **forgive and heal us.**

May the God of all healing and forgiveness draw us to himself, that we may behold the glory of his Son, the Word made flesh, and be cleansed from all our sins through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Gloria (please stand)

**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 (please be seated)

*Let us pray in the peace of this Christmas celebration
that our joy in the birth of Christ will last for ever.*

*The Collect is said, and we respond: **Amen.***

1st Reading

Following the reading this response is used

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

We sing a Carol (please stand)

Please remain standing for

The Gospel Reading

When the Gospel is announced

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *N.*

Glory to you, O Lord.

and at the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The Apostles' Creed (please stand)

Let us declare our faith in God.

**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 of Intercession (please sit or kneel)

Let us pray to our incarnate Lord, who has brought us out of darkness and into his own marvellous light.

Christ born for us, Son of God given for us:
help us to know you, to worship and to serve you.

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

Wonderful counsellor, you order all things with your wisdom:
help the Church to reveal the mystery of your love
and fill her with the Spirit of truth.

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

Mighty God, the government is on your shoulders: guide the leaders of
the nations and bring in your kingdom of justice and righteousness.

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

Everlasting Father, you call us to live together in unity:
protect by your mercy all your children,
bless our families and renew our communities.

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

Prince of peace, you bring reconciliation through the cross:
by your healing power give to all who suffer.
your gift of wholeness and peace.

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Father, full of the Spirit,
hear our prayer, receive our praises, fill our lives. Amen.

The Peace (please stand)

Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and his name shall be called the Prince of Peace. The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

We sing a Carol (please stand)

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.

(please be seated)

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;
in your love you made us for yourself.

And now we give you thanks because in coming to dwell among us as man, he revealed the radiance of your glory and brought us out of darkness into your own marvellous light. When we turned away you did not reject us, but came to meet us in your Son.

**You embraced us as your children
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us.
**He opened his arms of love upon the cross and made for
all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends he took bread, and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to them, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins; do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory, send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

**As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world we offer you this sacrifice of praise and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

The Lord's Prayer

*Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us*

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.**

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.**

We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.

For information: The Church of England warmly welcomes communicant members of all other Christian Churches to receive Communion - but, if for any reason you do not wish to receive, you are invited to still come forward for a prayer of blessing (please simply keep your hands on the rail that we might be aware and avoid any confusion)

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Please come forward to receive communion or a blessing – please see the screens for any special instructions for receiving.

Post Communion Prayer

Followed by the

Prayer after Communion

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.

The Blessing

May the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the perseverance of the wise men, the obedience of Joseph and Mary, and the peace of the Christ child be yours this Christmas; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be with you, always. Amen

We sing a Carol (please stand)

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

