

**The Parish of  
Newport & Carisbrooke  
with Gatcombe**



**Christmas Day  
Communion**

## Opening Prayers

I bring news of great joy  
*All* **A Saviour has been born to us. Alleluia!**

To us a child is born  
*All* **To us a Son is given. Alleluia!**

*All* **God of our days and years,  
we set this time apart for you.  
Form us in the likeness of Christ,  
so that our lives may glorify you.  
Amen**

## Confession

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.

In a dark and disfigured world  
we have not held out the light of life:  
Lord, have mercy.

*All* **Lord, have mercy**

In a hungry and despairing world  
we have failed to share our bread:  
Christ, have mercy.

*All* **Christ, have mercy**

In a cold and loveless world  
we have kept the love of God to ourselves:  
Lord, have mercy.

*All* **Lord, have mercy**

May the God who loved the world so much  
that he sent his Son to be our Saviour,  
forgive you your sins  
and make you holy to serve him in the world,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All*      **Amen**

### **Collect**

Lord Jesus Christ,  
your birth at Bethlehem  
draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven touching earth:  
accept our heartfelt praise  
as we worship you,  
our Saviour and our eternal God.

*All*      **Amen**

### **First Reading**

A reading from Isaiah:

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, 'Your God reigns.' Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the LORD to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the LORD has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

*Isaiah 52.7-10*

This is the word of the Lord

*All*      **Thanks be to God**

## **Gospel Reading**

*All* Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke  
**Glory to you, O Lord**

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see – I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

'Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace among those whom he favours!'

*Luke 2.1-14*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*All* **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Reflection**

## The Creed

*All*        **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**

## Prayers of Intercession

*On hearing 'Jesus Saviour', please say 'Hear our prayer..'.*

*We end with*

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

## The Peace

*The president introduces the peace.*

*All*        **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.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*All may exchange a sign of peace. Due to health and hygiene reasons, we are not currently sharing the peace physically but a smile and wave from a 2m distance works!*

## Taking of the Bread and Wine

Wise and gracious God, you spread a table before us;  
nourish your people with the word of life and the bread of  
heaven.

*All*     **Amen**

## The Eucharistic Prayer

*All*     The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

*All*     **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*All*     **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

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

When we turned away you did not reject us,  
but came to meet us in your Son.

*All*     **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.

*All*     **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.

*All*     **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.

*All* **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.

*All* **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:

*All* **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory**

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

*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,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

*The president breaks the consecrated bread.*

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup  
*All*        **We proclaim the Lord's death until he comes**

God's holy gifts  
for God's holy people  
*All*        **Jesus Christ is holy,  
Jesus Christ is Lord,  
To the glory of God the Father**

*The president and people receive communion in silence. The president and people receive communion in one kind only. Please come forward as directed by the stewards.*

*During the distribution hymns and anthems may be sung.*

*If you are joining this service online, please use these prayers as a form of spiritual communion. Give thanks for the saving death and resurrection of Jesus and ask him to be with you now.*

**Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits you have given me, for all the pains and insults you have borne for me. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen.**

*after the Prayer of St Richard of Chichester*

**Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your disciples, 'I am with you always'. Be with me today, as I offer myself to you. Hear my prayers for others and for myself, and keep me in your care. Amen.**



## Prayer after Communion

*The President says the post communion prayer.*

God our Father,  
whose Word has come among us  
in the Holy Child of Bethlehem:  
may the light of faith illumine our hearts  
and shine in our words and deeds;  
through him who is Christ the Lord.

*All*     **Amen**

*All*     **Fill us, good Lord, with your Spirit of love;  
and as you have fed us with the one bread  
of heaven, so make us one in heart and mind,  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 among you and remain with you always.

*All*     **Amen**

*A minister says:*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*All*     **In the name of Christ. Amen.**



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