

THE BROOKE BENEFICE



ORDER OF SERVICE FOR
FAMILY COMMUNION
ON
CHRISTMAS DAY

Greeting

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.

Hear the word of St Luke:

When the angels had gone from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened which the Lord has made known to us." So they hastened, and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger.

He is Christ the Lord. Alleluia.
We worship and adore him. Alleluia.

Welcome

Carol

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.

The Reading

Short Talk

Carol

The Creed

Let us declare our 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

Confession and Absolution:

Christ the light of the world has come to dispel the darkness of our hearts. In his light let us examine ourselves and confess our sins.

God our Father, you sent your Son full of grace and truth:
forgive our failure to receive him.

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Jesus our Saviour, you were born in poverty and laid in a manger:
forgive our greed and rejection of your ways.

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Spirit of Love, your servant Mary responded joyfully to your call:
forgive the hardness of our hearts.

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

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

Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Jesus, whose mother was Mary: we pray for our families.

Lord Jesus,

hear our prayer.

Jesus, cradled in a manger: we pray for those who are homeless and for refugees.

Lord Jesus,

hear our prayer.

Jesus, sharing the stable with the animals: we pray for God's creation; for all who seek to protect and nurture it.

Lord Jesus,

hear our prayer.

Jesus, worshipped by shepherds and kings: we pray for all nations and races and peoples.

Lord Jesus,

hear our prayer.

Jesus, our Emmanuel: we pray for those in particular need at this time.

Lord Jesus,

hear our prayer.

**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.**

Offertory Carol

The Offering

Let us pray.

**Gracious God, accept these gifts, and with them our lives, to be used in your service; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

The Communion Prayer

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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.

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.

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

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**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 Invitation

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

**Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

*The priest now receives Communion in both kinds, after which they
replace their face covering and sanitise their hands.*

*The distribution of Communion now takes place at the chancel
arch. Please follow the instructions of the usher.*

The following hygiene measures should be followed:

*Please leave your face covering in place to receive the bread into
your hands. Return to your place before removing your face
covering and consuming the bread.*

Please sanitise your hands before and after receiving the bread.

Post Communion Prayer

God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ was born as one of us; may the light of faith light up our hearts and shine in our words and deeds; through him who is Christ the Lord.

Amen

Carol

The Blessing

May the Lord bless your life with simplicity and peace,
may your homes be full of life and joy.

And the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

The Dismissal

This day Christ is born: **Alleluia.**

This day the Saviour comes: **Alleluia.**

This day the angels sing on earth:
Alleluia. Glory to God in the highest.