

*Christmas 31st December*  
**Morning Prayer**



You alone are holy and you alone are Lord,  
and you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Glory to the Father, glory to the Son,  
glory to the Holy Spirit now and for ever. Amen.

You alone are holy and you alone are Lord,  
and you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ our Lord.

*We pray for peace in the Holy Land and elsewhere as we light the candle.*

O God, come to our aid: O Lord, make haste to help us  
Glory to the Father . . . . .

## Psalm 24



Lord, let me know your ways, teach me the paths to follow.  
Make me walk in truth and teach me for you are God, my saviour.  
Lord, your ways are faithfulness, your ways are love.

Remember your mercy, Lord, the love you have always shown.  
In your love, remember me for your goodness knows no limit.  
Lord, your ways are faithfulness, your ways are love.

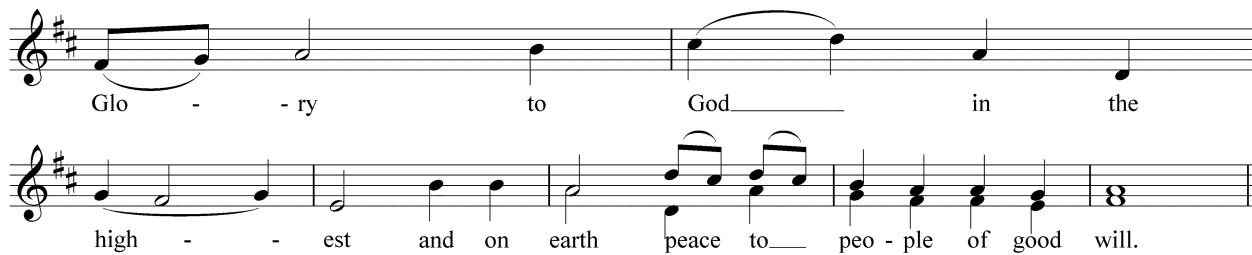
He teaches the poor his way, the humble and those who stray,  
for the Lord is good and upright in faithfulness and love.  
Lord, your ways are faithfulness, your ways are love.

Glory to the Father, glory to the Son,  
glory to the Holy Spirit now and ever more.  
Lord, your ways are faithfulness, your ways are love.

### Let us pray

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
As we leave behind us  
a year whose closing has been marked  
By distress, violence, war  
and the oppression of many of your children  
we pray that they may be given comfort, healing & strength  
and that 2017 may bring peace for us all.  
May our own lives be marked by justice, generosity & mercy.  
We ask this, as always, through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

# Glory to God



We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.  
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.  
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

*To welcome the Gospel we sing*

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

I bring you news of great joy, today a Saviour has been born to us;  
Christ the Lord, Christ the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

## Intercessions

The Gospel has brought light to this world.  
Let it enlighten the whole human family  
and guide them into the ways of peace.  
Let those who suffer from violence and war be given comfort  
and a fresh start in security and peace.  
Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

At the end of the year, Lord, we thank you for all you have given us.  
Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Looking back we ask forgiveness for the selfishness in our lives,  
And we thank you for the compassion you have shown us.  
Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Looking around the world,  
We ask that people everywhere may grow in understanding  
the unity of the human family.  
Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for the sick and the most vulnerable in our community,  
For our dead, and for those who mourn.  
Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Preparation of the Gifts

See amid the winter's snow, Born for us on earth below,  
See the tender Lamb appears, Promised from eternal years.

**Hail, thou ever-blessed morn! Hail, redemption's happy dawn!  
Sing through all Jerusalem, Christ is born in Bethlehem.**

Lo, within a manger lies He who built the starry skies;  
He who throned in height sublime Sits amid the cherubim. **Chorus**

Say, ye holy shepherds, say What your joyful news today;  
Wherefore have ye left your sheep On the lonely mountain steep? **Chorus**

"As we watched at dead of night, Lo, we saw a wondrous light;  
Angels singing peace on earth Told us of the Saviour's birth". **Chorus**

St Andrew Sanctus

St Andrew memorial: When we eat this bread and drink this cup  
we proclaim your death, O Lord, until you come again, until you come.

St Andrew Agnus Dei

Communion

This is the bread come down from heaven; Whoever eats of it will never die.  
This is the cup of eternal life; Whoever drinks of it will live for ever.

Benedictus

For all our sins will freely be forgiven, the heart of God pours loving- kindness  
forth, God comes to us like dawn comes to the sky  
bringing true light, where darkness once prevailed. So all who live in fear of  
death's dark shadow, God will now guide into the way of peace.

Recessional: May the Lord bless us, and keep us from all harm, and may he lead  
us to eternal life.