

Blessing

After the blessing, all reply

Amen.

Recessional Carol: Joy to the world (25)

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

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St Ursula's Church, Berne Christmas Day Carols, Readings and Eucharist

Welcome and Introduction

Carol *Ding dong merrily on high (13)*

Collect

Carol *Hark the herald angels sing, verses 1-3 (19)*

Reading 1 Isaiah 9 ; 2, 6-7 : The Prophet promises a Saviour

Carol *Away in a manger (8)*

Reading 2 Micah 5 ; 2-4 : He shall be born in David's City

Carol *O little town of Bethlehem (29)*

Reading 3 Luke 2 ; 1-8 ; The Birth of Jesus

Carol *See amid the winter's snow (34) **

Reading 4 Luke 2 ; 8-14 The angels announce the Birth

Carol *While shepherds watched their flocks (49)*

Reading 5 Luke 2 ; 15-20 The Shepherds find the Baby

Carol *Infant holy (23) **

Reading 6 John 1; 1-14 The meaning of his coming

Carol *O come all ye faithful (28)*

Intercessions

These responses may be used

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

And at the end

Merciful Father,

accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Preparation of the Table

Offertory Carol: We three Kings of Orient are (47)

Our collection is for Tear Fund.

NOTICES

Sunday 30 Dec. 0830 No service
1000 Sung Eucharist

Taking of the Bread and Wine

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.

We praise God for his mighty acts.

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere, mighty creator, ever-living God. We give you thanks and praise for your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, who for love of our fallen race humbled himself, was born of the Virgin Mary by the power of your Spirit, and lived as one of us. In this mystery of the Word made flesh you have caused his light to shine in our hearts, to give knowledge of your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. In him we see our God made visible and so are caught up in the love of the God we cannot see. Therefore with all the angels of heaven we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name and sing our joyful hymn of praise:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

We recall the Last Supper.

We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine. Again he praised you, gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

Lord of all life,
help us to work together for that day

when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with all the saints to feast at your table in heaven. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

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.

Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Everyone in good standing with their own church is welcome to receive communion.

COMMUNION HYMNS:

What child is this? Refrain:

This, this is Christ the King,

When shepherds guard and angels sing

Haste, haste to bring Him praise,

The Babe, the son of Mary.

In the bleak midwinter (22),

Thou did'st leave thy throne (43)

After the Postcommunion prayer, this thanksgiving is used

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.