

**For all the Church Family**

**A service of the word  
CHRISTMAS MORNING**

**The Parish Church of  
St Mary Magdalene  
Lincoln**





**For God so loved the world that he gave his  
one and only Son .....**

**John 3:16**

## Gathering to worship God

### *Greeting*

Lord speak to us

**All: That we may hear your word.**

Move among us

**All: That we may behold your glory.**

Receive our prayers.

**All: That we may learn to trust you.**

### *Opening Prayer*

We meet in the presence of God

**All: Who knows our needs,  
hears our cries,  
feels our pain,  
and heals our wounds. Amen.**

*Silence is kept and the Collect, the prayer of the day,  
is said.*

## Saying sorry to God

### *Confession*

God our Father, we are sorry for the times  
when we have used your gifts carelessly,  
and acted ungratefully.

Hear our prayer, and in your mercy:  
**Forgive us and help us.**

We enjoy the fruits of the harvest,  
but sometimes forget that you have given them to us.  
Father, in your mercy.  
**Forgive us and help us.**

We belong to a people who are full and satisfied  
but ignore the cry of the hungry.  
Father in your mercy.  
**Forgive us and help us.**

We are thoughtless,  
and do not care enough for the world you have made.  
Father in your mercy.  
**Forgive us and help us.**

We store up goods for ourselves alone,  
as if there were no God and no heaven.  
Father in your mercy.  
**Forgive us and help us.**

*The minister declares God's forgiveness.*

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.

**All: Amen.**

*Praise*

*These words may be said*

The word was made flesh and lived among us:

**All: And we have seen his glory**

Jesus Christ is the light of the world:

**All: A light no darkness can quench**

# Hearing and responding to the Word of God

## *Reading(s)*

Isaiah 52:7-10

Hebrews 1:1-4, 5-12

John 1:1-14

## *After each reading*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## *Response*

*A short reflection is offered.*

## *Affirmation of Faith*

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,  
source of all being and life,  
the one for whom we exist?

**All: We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,  
who took our human nature,  
died for us and rose again?

**All: We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
who gives life to the people of God  
and makes Christ known in the world?

**All: We believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**All: This is our faith.**

**We believe and trust in one God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
Amen.**

## *Prayers of Intercession*

*The response to the prayers is*

Lord, in your mercy

**All: hear our prayer.**

*The prayers end*

Merciful Father,

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

## *The Lord's Prayer*

Gathering our prayers and praises into one,  
let us pray as our Saviour taught us.

**All: 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 forever. Amen.**

## Going out to serve God

*This prayer may be said*

God our Father, your 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.**

The blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be among *you* and remain with *you* always.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

**Hymn:** O Come all ye faithful

*Thank you for sharing in this service on zoom.*



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