



St Mary's Church Lytchett Matravers

Midnight Communion Christmas Eve 2021



Carol 57 - Joy to the world

The Greeting - Welcome and introduction
Confession

You were born for our salvation:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

You came as Saviour to bring wholeness and peace:

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

You come to bring light into the darkness of our lives:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Absolution:

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.

Collect

Readings: Isaiah 52.7-10

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Carol - 63 O little town of the Bethlehem

Gospel Reading: John 1.1-14

Sermon

Carol - 64 Of the father's love begotten

Prayers of intercession

Response:

Holy God **All hear our prayer.**

The Peace

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

Carol - 69 Silent night

Holy Communion

The Lord is here.

All His Spirit is with us.

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.

All glory and honour ...

... 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.

Lord, you are holy indeed, ...

... in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.

And so, Father, calling to mind...

... all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

Amen

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

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.**

Breaking of the Bread

We break the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world
**God here among us light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life**

Giving of Communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.
**Lord I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

The Distribution of Communion

Prayer after Communion

God our Father,
in this night you have made known to us again
the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ:
confirm our faith and fix our eyes on him until the day dawns
and Christ the Morning Star rises in our hearts.
To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.

**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.**

Carol - 61 O Come all ye faithful with 4 verses

The Blessing

May the Father, who has loved the eternal Son from before the
foundation of the world, shed that love upon you his children.
Amen.

May Christ, who by his incarnation gathered into one things
earthly and heavenly, fill you with joy and peace. **Amen.**

May the Holy Spirit, by whose overshadowing Mary became
the God-bearer, give you grace to carry the good news of
Christ.

Amen.

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

Go in peace. Proclaim the Word made flesh.
Glory, thanks and praise to God.