



Christmas Eve Communion Service 2024

(The Abingdon Worship Annual 2021)

CENTERING WORDS:

New life begins, new hope is born, and light shines forth for all to see.

For tonight, the Christ Child is born.

INVITATION TO WORSHIP:

Rejoice and sing. **A child is born!**

Sing songs of praise.

For the Prince of Peace is in our midst.

Rejoice and sing.

Christ is born! Hallelujah. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 2:1-14

Response to the Word

May we, like Mary before us, treasure these words and ponder them in our hearts

WE CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF
COMMUNION

(Gord Dunbar, Kincardine, Ontario)

Glory to God in the highest!

And on earth, peace to all!

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is good to give our thanks and praise.

We give our thanks and praise
because our faith story begins this night.

**Our story is God's story,
for God is here-guiding, holding, inspiring.**

In Adam and Eve...

...we celebrate the hard work of liberation.

**Our story is God's story, for God was
there-guiding, holding, inspiring.**

In Naomi and Ruth we become family...

...we begin to embrace others.

**Our story is God's story, for God was there-
guiding, holding, inspiring.**

Despite God's...

...inspiration and of transformation

We forgot our story.

Yet God did not forget...

... again remember our story.

**Our story continues as God's story,
for God continues to guide, to hold and to inspire
us all.**

Tonight we celebrate...

...We celebrate the mystery of Love incarnate.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

On the night before Jesus died...

...Amen.

THE PRAYER OF JESUS:

Our Father and Mother 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, and the power, and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

In the bread broken...

...and drink this cup, we say,

Christ has died. Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Through communion with you,
a wee infant who became the Christ,
we were made new.**

**Through what we have said and done,
we remember your self-giving in a Bethlehem
manger.**

**Through your Spirit, we become empowered in
your name,**

to go into the world to tell our story.

Thanks you for the living story born in Jesus.

Amen.

BLESSING

A **special thank you** to all who participated in this service tonight. A special thanks to our Lay Worship Leader Rita Swan who co-led the service tonight.

Minister - Rev. Karen Lumley
Lay Worship Leader - Rita Swan