

The Eucharist

Blessing

The story tells us
that it's those who wait in the world's shadows
who are the first to know of the Christ-child,
born into darkness
bringing great light.

So leave here today
to be carriers of the rumour of peace
and the truth of love
into a world longing for light.
Pray for the justice another is waiting for,
and speak of the hope another needs to breathe

And may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ
the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with us all

Amen.

Christmas Day 2008

Call to Worship

We are here

because we have heard a promise of peace
and we have faith its day will come

we have heard a rumour of justice
and we have faith its day will come

we have heard a whisper of hope
and we have faith its day will come

we have heard a hint of love
and we have faith its day will come

we have heard of the birth of the Christ-child
and we have faith his day is here.

Welcome to Christmas
Welcome to worship.

Bible reading - Luke 2:1-20

Reflection

Time of silence

Prayer

God,
this is the season for miracles
and we pray for one today.

Where there is sorrow,
we pray for your grace to light the darkness.

Where is despair,
we pray for your hope to light the darkness.

Where there is hatred,
we pray for your forgiveness to light the darkness.

Where there is war,
we pray for your love to light the darkness.

Where there is confusion,
we pray for your peace to light the darkness.

Where there is injustice,
we pray for your courage to light the darkness.

Where there is fear
we pray for your joy to light the darkness.

It is the season for miracles
and we pray for one today:
Come, Lord Jesus, may your light come into our world.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

**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.
Save us from the time of trial
And deliver us from evil.
For the Kingdom, the power and the glory are yours
Now and forever.
Amen.**