

Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever.
Amen.

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.

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.

Jesus, Lamb of God,
have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins,
have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world,
grant us peace

Giving of Communion

Prayer after Communion

The priest may say a prayer followed by,

Father of all, we give you thanks and praise
that when we, like the shepherds, were still
far off, you meet us in your Son and bring us
home. In His incarnation, life and death, He
declared your love, gave us grace and opened
the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body live his risen
life; we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the
world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set
before us, so we and all your children can
know your gift of peace, and the whole earth
live to praise your name; through Christ our
Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

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Holy Land Pilgrimage The Eucharist – Shepherds fields

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Greeting and Preparation

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayers of confession

Lord of grace and truth,
As the shepherds were thought to be unworthy,
we come to you in our unworthiness
to stand in your presence as your children.
We have sinned:
Forgive and heal us.

The shepherds left their flocks
to go to Bethlehem.
Forgive our self-interest and lack of vision.
We have sinned:
Forgive and heal us

The Shepherds visited your Son, our Saviour
who was born in poverty and laid in a manger.
Forgive our greed and rejection of your ways.
We have sinned:
Forgive and heal us.

The Absolution is said by the priest, after which all stand.

Gloria in Excelsis

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory in the highest!
Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory in the highest!
To God be glory for Ever,
To God be glory for Ever,
Alleluia Amen,
Alleluia Amen, Alleluia Amen...

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to the Son,
Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to the Son,
To God be glory for Ever,
To God be glory for Ever,
Alleluia Amen,
Alleluia Amen, Alleluia Amen...

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to the Spirit,
Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to the Spirit,
To God be glory for Ever,
To God be glory for Ever,
Alleluia Amen,
Alleluia Amen, Alleluia Amen...

The Collect

The Collect is said and all respond, **Amen.**

Bible Readings

Isaiah 9:2-7: Titus 3: 4-7

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading when announced,

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 2:8-20

Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end,

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The Reflection

Prayers of Intercession

at the end,

Merciful Father,

accept these prayers

for the sake of your Son,

our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

The Peace

On that Holy night the angels sang,
'Glory to God in the highest heaven,
And on earth peace to all in whom God delights:
The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Hymn

Preparation of the Table

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation. In your loving care you spread before us the table of life and give us the cup of salvation to drink. Keep us always in the fold of our Saviour and our Shepherd, your Son Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

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.

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise, holy Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

Here in this place where the Good News of Jesus' birth was brought to the poor and lowly shepherds, we thank you and give glory to you as you come to us in the ordinary places of our lives. As your incarnation changed the shepherds that they then shared your light, love and peace; may we too be born again by your Spirit, changed by your grace and give ourselves for your glory in this world.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and *saying:*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Father of all, we give you thanks for every gift that comes from heaven. To the darkness, Jesus came as your light. With signs of faith and words of hope, He touched untouchables with love and washed the guilty clean.

This is His story.

This is our song, Hosanna in the highest.

The crowds came out to see your Son,

Yet at the end they turned on Him.

On the night he was betrayed

He came to the table with His friends to celebrate the freedom of your people.

This is His story.

This is our song, Hosanna in the highest.

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food;

He took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said:

This is my body, given for you all.

Jesus then gave thanks for the wine;

He took the cup, gave it and said:

This is my blood, shed for you all for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this in remembrance of me.

This is our story.

This is our song, Hosanna in the highest.

Therefore Father, with this bread and this cup, We celebrate the cross on which He died to set us free. Defying death He rose again And is alive with you to plead for us and all the world.

This is our story.

This is our song, Hosanna in the highest.

Send your spirit on us now that by these gifts we may feed on Christ with opened eyes and hearts on fire. May we all who share this food, offer ourselves to live for you and be welcomed at your feast in heaven, where all creation welcomes you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.