

Reading	Isaiah 9:6-7
Hymn	Away in a manger MP 47
Reading	Luke 2:1-7
Talk	Stephen
Creed	
	Let us declare our faith in the Son of God
All	In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. Through Him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In Him was life, and that life was the light of us all. The Word became flesh and lived for a while among us; we have seen His glory, the glory of the one and only Son who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.
	Amen
Prayers	
Offertory Hymn	What child is this MP 749
	Thanks-giving Prayer
All	The Lord is here.
All	His Spirit is with us.
All	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All	It is right to give thanks and praise.
All	And now we give you thanks because, by the power of the Holy Spirit he took our nature upon him and was born of the Virgin Mary his mother, that being himself without sin he might make us clean from all sin.
All	Therefore we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name, singing -
All	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.
	Breaking bread and sharing in the thanksgiving meal
All	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.
All	Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are they who are called to his supper. Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be made whole.
Distribution	

Father, we thank you that you are a gift-giving God, for you sent your Son Jesus, Mary's child to live among us. He showed us what your Kingdom is like. He lived a perfect life, he suffered on the cross, he died to save us from our sins; he rose in glory from the dead. You are worthy of all our praise.

On the night before he died, Jesus shared a meal with his friends. He took the ordinary things from their table: bread and wine, and said: Take these, eat and drink. This is my body given for you, and this is my blood, which is shed for you. When you meet, do this to remember me.

Jesus said that our Father in heaven would give the Holy Spirit to those who seek him. Father as we remember all that

Amen

As Jesus taught us, so we pray
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.

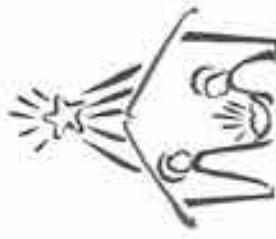
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St Mary Magdalene, Cowden Christmas Morning 2025 Family Communion



Prayer after Communion

All God our Father, whose 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. Amen.

Welcome

Greeting one another and sharing God's peace

I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.

All To us a child is born, to us a son is given, and his name will be called the Prince of Peace.

The Peace of the Christ-child be always with you
All And also with you.

Hymn Joy to the world MP 393

Confession

Lord of grace and truth, we confess our unworthiness to stand in your presence as your children.
All Father, forgive and heal us.

The Virgin Mary accepted your call to be the mother of Jesus. We are sorry for our disobedience to your will.
All Father, forgive and heal us.

Your Son our Saviour was born in poverty in a manger. We are sorry for our greed and rejection of your ways.
All Father, forgive and heal us.

The shepherds left their flocks to go to Bethlehem. We are sorry for our self-interest and lack of vision.
All Father, forgive and heal us.

The wise men followed the star to find Jesus the King. We are sorry for our reluctance to seek you.
All Father, forgive and heal us.

May the joy of the angels, the wonder of the shepherds, and the peace of the Christ-child fill your hearts this Christmas time, and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with you now and always. Amen.

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

All May the God of all healing and forgiveness draw you to himself and cleanse you from all your sins, that you may behold the glory of his Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.
All Amen.

Hymn O Come all ye faithful

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant.
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem,
Come and behold him, born the king of angels.

O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him.
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord

God of God, Light of Light
Lo, he abhors not the virgin's womb.
Very God, begotten, not created

O come, let us adore him . . .

Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation!
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above,
'Glory to God, in the highest!'

O come, let us adore him . . .

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning
Jesus, to thee be glory given
Word of the Father now in flesh appearing.

O come, let us adore him . . .

Blessing

May the joy of the angels, the wonder of the shepherds, and the peace of the Christ-child fill your hearts this Christmas time, and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with you now and always. Amen.

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