



## Order of Service for Online Minster Services

The online service is available on the Welcome page of [www.alcesterminster.org](http://www.alcesterminster.org)

*When you are ready, start the video of the online service*



The following prayer to prepare for worship will appear near the start of the online service.

### **Prayer of preparation**

**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 Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen**

### **Welcome and introduction**

*The service leader introduces the service.*

### **Lighting of the Christmas Candle**



### **Opening Sentence**

Behold I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people, for unto you is born this day in the city of David a saviour who is Christ the Lord (Luke 2 v.10)

**For unto us a Child is born unto us a Son is given. Alleluia !**

*There may be a short period of silence and a prayer*

## **Thanksgiving Prayer for Christmas**

### **Confession**

**Lord God of mercy,  
everything in heaven and earth is yours.**

**We confess that we have not always done what you wanted us to do.**

**We have not loved you with our whole with our heart,  
and we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.**

**Forgive us for Jesus sake.**

**Amen**

### **Absolution**

*The service leader says a prayer confirming that God forgives when we confess our faults.*

**First Carol** Hark the Herald Angels sing

### **Bible Reading – one of the set readings for the day**

*[The readings for the day can be found on the Notice Sheet for the day]*



### **Talk**

**Second Carol** Joy to the world

### **Prayers**

*Each prayer will finish with the following:*

Lord in your mercy

**Hear our prayer**



*The prayers will conclude by saying together the prayer that our Lord Jesus taught us:*

**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 forever. Amen.**

**Final Carol**      O come all ye faithful

### **Christmas Blessing**

