

St Columba, Collingtree



***Morning Worship for Christmas Day
25th December 2021 at 10:00 a.m.
Service Leader
Rev'd James Howson***

**A warm welcome to our online service this morning.
We do hope you enjoy worshipping with us today.**

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We say together the words printed in bold.

Opening sentence.

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling 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.

John 1.14

Carol: Once in Royal David's City

Prayers of Penitence

Hear the words of the angel to Joseph:

*"You shall call his name Jesus,
For he will save his people from their sins."*

Therefore, let us seek the forgiveness of God through Jesus the saviour of the world.

Confession

**Almighty God, have mercy on us,
Forgive us all our sins and deliver us from all evil,
Confirm and strengthen us in all goodness,
And bring us to everlasting life,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Amen

Declaration of Forgiveness

May Almighty God, who sent his Son into the world to save sinners, grant you his pardon and his peace, now and forever.

Amen

Opening Prayer

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;
so let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,
so may the light of your presence, O God,
set our hearts on fire for you; now and for ever.

Amen

Collect for Christmas Day

Lord Jesus Christ,
your birth at Bethlehem
draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven touching earth.
Accept our heartfelt praise as we worship you,
our Saviour and our eternal God.
and grant that we, who have been born again
and made your children by adoption and grace,
may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Psalm 98

- ¹ Sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvellous things
his right hand and his holy arm
have worked salvation for him.
- ² **The Lord has made his salvation known
and revealed his righteousness to the nations.**
He has remembered his love
and his faithfulness to the house of Israel;
all the ends of the earth
have seen the salvation of our God.

- 4 Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth,
burst into jubilant song with music;**
- 5** make music to the Lord with the harp
with the harp and the sound of singing,
- 6 with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn,
shout for joy before the Lord, the King**
- 7** Let the sea resound, and everything in it,
the world, and all who live in it.
- 8 Let the rivers clap their hands,
let the mountains sing together for joy;**
- 9 let them sing before the Lord,
for he comes to judge the earth.**
He will judge the world in righteousness
and the peoples with equity.

Reading: Isaiah 9 v 2 & 6 - 7

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Carol: O little town of Bethlehem

Reading: Luke 2 v 1 - 14

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Talk

We listen to the Carol: Holy Child, how still you lie

Prayers:

Prayers of Intercession

Lord in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour 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 forever.

Amen.

Carol: O come all ye faithful

Closing prayer

Christ, who by his incarnation

gathered into one all things earthly and heavenly,

Fill you with peace and goodwill and

make you partakers of the divine nature;

and the blessing of God Almighty,

Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

Rest upon you now and always.

Amen.