

First Sunday of Christmas 2023 Online Order of Service

Introit

Welcome and Introduction

Hymn:

**Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,
urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,
sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided,
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.**

**Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,
speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,
teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us;
Lord of the word, receive your people's praise.**

**Lord, for our land in this our generation,
spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care;
for young and old, for commonwealth and nation,
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.**

**Lord, for our world, where men disown and doubt you,
loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain;
hungry and helpless, lost indeed without you;
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.**

**Lord, for ourselves, in living power remake us -
self on the cross and Christ upon the throne.
Past put behind us, for the future take us,
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.**

Confession, Absolution and Collect.

**All Lord God,
we have sinned against you;
we have done evil in your sight.
We are sorry and repent.
Have mercy on us according to your love.
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.
Renew a right spirit within us and restore us to the joy of your salvation,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

The Absolution

Collect for the first Sunday of Christmas.

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 61.10 – 62.3

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

New Testament Reading: Luke 2.15–21.

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Song:

The light of Christ has come into the world.

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All men must be born again to see the Kingdom of God:

The water and the Spirit bring new life in God's love.

God gave up His only Son out of love for the world,

So that all those who believe in Him will live forever.

The Address.

Hymn:

Let all the world in every corner sing, "My God and King!"

The heav'ns are not too high, God's praise may thither fly;

the earth is not too low, God's praises there may grow.

Let all the world in every corner sing, "My God and King!"

Let all the world in every corner sing, "My God and King!"

The church with psalms must shout: no door can keep them out.

But, above all, the heart must bear the longest part.

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Prayers:

The Lord's Prayer:

Ein Tad yr hwn wyt yn y nefoedd, sancteiddier dy enw,
Deled dy dernas, gwneler dy ewyllys,
megis yn y nef, felly ar y ddaear hefyd.
Dyro i ni heddiw ein bara beunyddiol, a maddau i ni ein dyledion,
fel y maddeuwn ninnau i'n dyledwyr.
Ac nac arwain ni i brofedigaeth; eithr gwared ni rhag drwg.
Canys eiddot ti yw'r deyrnas, a'r gallu a'r gogoniant,
yn oes oesoedd. Amen.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name;
Your kingdom come, your will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread,
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil;
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,
Now and forever. Amen.

The Intercessions.

Hymn:

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
be all else but naught to me, save that Thou art;
be Thou my best thought in the day and the night,
both waking and sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, be Thou my true Word;
be Thou ever with me and I with Thee, Lord;
be Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son,
be Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Be Thou my battle-shield, my Sword for the fight;
be Thou my dignity, be Thou my delight;
be Thou my soul's Shelter, be Thou my strong Tow'r,
O raise Thou me heav'nward, great Pow'r of my pow'r.

**Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
be Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
be Thou and Thou only the first in my heart,
O High King of heaven, my Treasure Thou art.**

**High King of heaven, when victory is won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun;
Great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be Thou my Vision, O Ruler of all.**

The Christmas Blessing.