

**The Parish of Abbeydale and Millhouses
St John the Evangelist Abbeydale and
Holy Trinity Millhouses**



**Family Communion
Christmas Morning**

The Gathering

President 'Do I not fill heaven and earth' says the Lord.

All **Now the Word is made flesh and laid in a manger.**

President From eternity to eternity you are God,
All **and now we see you as a new-born child.**

Carol

The Greeting

The president greets the people

President Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you
All **and also with you.**

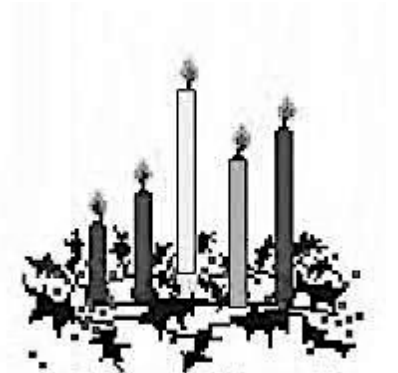
**A candle burns,
the sign of your presence.
God amongst us,
born as one of us,
may we live in the light of your presence,
the Light who gives life to all.**

Remain standing

Confession

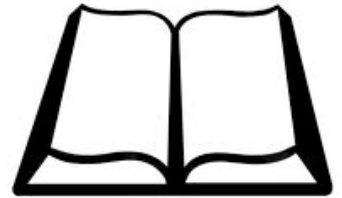
Lord Jesus, you have come to Earth to tell us
how much God loves us,
Lord have mercy, **Lord have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you have come to Earth to help us
to say sorry,



Christ have mercy, **Christ have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you have come to
Earth to forgive us,
Lord have mercy, **Lord have mercy.**



President May the God of all healing
and forgiveness
draw you to himself
that you may see the glory of his Son,
the Word made flesh,
and be cleansed from all your sins,
through Jesus Christ
our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria

The Collect

Let us pray in the peace of this
Christmas celebration that our joy in
the birth of Christ will last for ever.



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. **Amen.**

Sit

The Liturgy of the Word

Reading

After the reading

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

Carol

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.
The Word became flesh and dwelt among us,
and we have seen his glory. **Alleluia.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to N.
All Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading

At the end

All This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

Talk

Stand



Affirmation of Faith

President Do you believe and trust in God the Father, who
made all things?
All We believe and trust in him.

President Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ
who redeemed the world?

All **We believe and trust in him.**

President Do you believe and trust in his Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God

All **We believe and trust in him.**

President This is the faith of the church.

All **This is our faith.**

**We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Prayers

Kneel or sit

President Let us pray to our Lord, who came to us in
human form
and who has brought us out of darkness
and into his own marvellous light.

The prayers include the response:

Holy God: **Hear our prayer**
at the end

Merciful Father, **accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
Our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

Stand

The Peace

President Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given,
and his name shall be called the

Prince of Peace.
The peace of the Lord be always with you
All **and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of
peace.



Carol

Preparation of the Table

The President takes the bread and wine and all say together

**Word made flesh, life of the world,
in your incarnation you embraced our
poverty:
by your Spirit may we share in your riches.
Amen.**

Kneel or sit

Eucharistic Prayer

President The Lord be with you
All **And also with you.**

President Lift up your hearts.
All **We lift them to the Lord.**

President Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

President All glory and honour be yours always and
everywhere,
mighty creator, ever-living God.
We give you thanks and praise for your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who for love of our fallen race humbled himself,

was born of the Virgin Mary by the power of
your Spirit, and lived as one of us.

In this mystery of the Word made flesh
you have caused his light to shine in our hearts,
to give knowledge of your glory in the face of
Jesus Christ.

In him we see our God made visible
and so are caught up in the love of the God
we cannot see.

Therefore with all the angels of heaven
we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your
name and sing our joyful hymn of praise:

**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.**

President

We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your
dear Son.



On the night before he died he had supper
with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of
wine.

Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:

Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the
forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance
of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of
salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.

President	Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.
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Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with the blessed Virgin Mary and
all the saints to feast at your table in heaven.
Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

President Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us, 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 for ever. Amen.**



Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread

President We break the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.

**All God here among us,
light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**



**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy
on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world, give us your
peace.**

Giving of Communion

Before the distribution the president says

President Christ is the true bread which has come down
from heaven.

All Lord, give us this bread always.

We hope that all our visitors today will come up to the altar to receive communion or a blessing. For a blessing, just bow your head when at the altar rail instead of holding out your hands.

Prayer after Communion

President Let us pray.

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.**

**All Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus
Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and
bodies
to be a living sacrifice.**

**Send us out
in the power of your Spirit
to live and work
to your praise and glory. Amen.**

The Dismissal

The Blessing

President The Lord be with you
All and also with you.

President May the Father,
who has loved the eternal Son
from before the foundation of the world,
shed that love upon you his children.

All Amen.

President May Christ,
who by his incarnation gathered into one
things earthly and heavenly,
fill you with joy and peace.

All Amen.

President May the Holy Spirit
by whose overshadowing Mary became the
God-bearer,
give you grace to carry the good news of Christ.

All Amen.

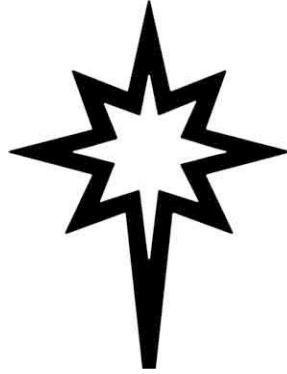
President And the blessing of God Almighty,
✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

Carol

Go in peace. Proclaim the Word made flesh.

All Glory, thanks and praise to God.



The clergy and people of Holy Trinity and St John's
wish you joy and peace for Christmas and the New Year

