



Join the Celebration!

A Christmas Day Service to do at Home

Sadly, this year, we cannot be together as a Church family.

Here is a special service to do at home, whether you are alone or with family.

Call to worship: If you have a candle, light it now then say this prayer:

Loving God, we thank you for the gift of Jesus, light of the world. We ask that you shine your light into our hearts and our homes this Christmas. Some of us are alone, and we feel the pain of not being surrounded by loved ones. As we light this candle, help us to feel your loving presence around us, and give us peace in our hearts. Amen.

Read: Psalm 96

Sing or say: Hark the herald angels sing

Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the new-born King!
Peace on earth and mercy mild
God and sinners reconciled!
Joyful, all ye nations, rise
Join the triumph of the skies
With the angelic host proclaim
Christ is born in Bethlehem!
Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the new-born King!

Christ, by highest heaven adored
Christ, the everlasting Lord
Late in time behold him come
Offspring of the Virgin's womb
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see
Hail the incarnate Deity
Pleased as man with man to dwell
Jesus, our Emmanuel! Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the new-born King!

Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
Hail, the heaven-born Prince of peace
Light and life to all he brings
Risen with healing in his wings
Mild he lays his glory by
Born that we no more may die
Born to raise the sons of earth
Born to give them second birth
Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the new-born King!

Bauble Prayers: If you have Christmas baubles, take one and hold it in your hand. What does it say to you? Is it one that has special significance? Does it remind you of someone or invokes memories of times gone by? Pray for the people or situation the bauble reminds you of. If it is someone you are longing to see, write them a note to say you are thinking of them.

If you don't have baubles, use a piece of card or paper, and cut out a circle – draw random shapes onto the circle as you think and pray.

Read: Luke 1:68-79

Pray: The Lord's Prayer

The Blessing: Today the darkness begins to grow shorter and the light to lengthen, as the hours of night become fewer.... Realize that the true light is now here and, through the rays of the gospel, is illumining the whole earth.

May the blessing of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you and yours this Christmas time.

Below is a picture to colour. As you do so, think about all the ways that God has been good to you, and give thanks to him. Put the finished picture somewhere to remind you of God's goodness.

God bless you this Christmas. Ramona

