

The Church of England
in Central Windsor
**ST STEPHEN & ST AGNES CHURCH,
WINDSOR**

CRIB SERVICE

CHRISTMAS EVE, 3:00pm

GREETING

All Christ has brought us out of darkness
To live in his marvellous light

All Today we remember Jesus and the story of his birth
Jesus is the light of the world

A candle is lit

All Jesus Christ is the light of the world
Jesus is our Way

All With Jesus even dark places are light
Jesus is the Truth

All In Jesus we shall live for ever
Jesus is our Life

Holy Jesus,
by being born one of us,
and lying humbly in a manger,
you show us how much God loves the world.
Let the light of your love shine always in our hearts,
until we reach our home in heaven,
and see you on the throne of glory.

All **Amen**

CAROL

O little town of Bethlehem,
how still we see thee lie!
above thy deep and dreamless sleep
the silent stars go by.
yet in thy dark streets shineth
the everlasting Light;
the hopes and fears of all the years
are met in thee tonight.

O morning stars, together
proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the King,
and peace to men on earth.
For Christ is born of Mary,
and gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the angels keep
their watch of wondering love.

How silently, how silently
the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts
the blessings of his heaven.
No ear may hear his coming;
but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him, still
the dear Christ enters in.

O holy child of Bethlehem,
descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin, and enter in;
be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
our Lord Emmanuel. Phillips Brooks (1835-1893)

PRAYER OF PENITENCE

We say sorry and ask for forgiveness

All **Father God,
we are sorry
for the things we do and say and think
which make you sad,
and for not thinking of others
before ourselves.
Forgive us,
and help us to love you and other people
more and more.
Amen**

May God who loved the world so much
that he sent his Son to be our Saviour
forgive us our sins
and make us holy to serve him in the world,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

PRAYER

READING

TALK

CAROL

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;
the stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.
I love thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus: I ask thee to stay
close by me for ever, and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
and fit us for heaven, to live with thee there. Anonymous

THANKSGIVING

All Glory to Christ, Son of Mary; born a child, you are one with us.
Glory to God in the highest

All Glory to Christ, God's own Son; born to rule, you reign in our hearts.
Glory to God in the highest

All Glory to Christ, Son of man; born to save, you are the light of the
world.
Glory to God in the highest

PRAYERS

The following bidding and response may be used

All Jesus, Saviour
Hear our prayer

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray
All **Our Father, who art in heaven, All**
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against 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.

And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.

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.

CAROL

O come, all ye faithful,
joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
come, and behold him,
born the King of angels;

Refrain:

*O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.*

God from God,
Light from Light,
lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
very God,
begotten not created:

Refrain:

Sing, choirs of angels,
sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
glory to God,
glory in the highest;

Refrain:

Latin 18th Century tr Frederick Oakley (1802-1880)
and others

BLESSING

God sent his angels from glory to bring to shepherds the good news of Jesus' birth.

All **Amen. We thank you, Lord.**

You have heard his story, the story of God's own Son.

All **Amen. We thank you, Lord.**

May he fill you with his joy to bring this good news to others today.

All **Amen. We thank you, Lord.**

The ministers and people depart.

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