

St Stephen's, Canonbury

**Morning Worship
Sunday 27th December 2020**

To you in David's town a saviour has been born, Christ the Lord.
Glory to God in the heavens and peace to all people on earth

**Lord our God,
at this season of Christmas,
We gather with angels and shepherds,
To gaze upon the Christ child.
As we open our hearts to the child in the manger,
Be born in us,
That we may sing your praise,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen**

Lighting of Advent and Christmas candles

Confession

The light of Christ has come into the world
To chase away the darkness
And bring reconciliation and joy to birth.
So let us confess our sins.

**Child of Mary,
You were born to carry my sin
And the sin of the whole world.
I confess my failure to
act justly,
Love mercy,
and walk humbly with you.
Forgive me and raise me to new-birth,
Today and every day. Amen**

May the child who is Emmanuel, God with us,
Forgive us and free us from our sins,
And send us from the stable rejoicing
In all we have seen and heard. Amen

Blessed are you Lord our God,
For in frailty you took flesh
To be born of Mary and laid in a manger.
You entered into our human weakness
That we may be born again
And rise to life immortal.
As we walk with you from manger to cross
May your humility be our example
As we praise your holy name.
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
Blessed be God for ever.

Creed

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
maker of all things,
who sent his Son into the world as a frail and tiny child?
We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son
who, born as a child, suffering as a man,
and rising to glory, has redeemed the world?
We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
By whose power the infant Christ was conceived,
and who gives life to the people of God?
We believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

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

Intercessions

Gathering our prayers and praises into one,
As Jesus 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.**

Collect

Almighty God,
who wonderfully created us in your own image
and yet more wonderfully restored us
through your Son Jesus Christ:
grant that, as he came to share in our humanity,
so we may share the life of his divinity;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Reading

Reflection

Closing prayer

God of peace,
As the peace of heaven flooded Bethlehem's stable
So may your peace flood our lives.
In joy and sadness, celebration and pain,
Health and sickness, life and death,
May your peace enfold us with grace and hope;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Blessing

May the eagerness of the shepherds,
the joy of the angels,
the perseverance of the wise men,
the obedience of Joseph and Mary,
and the peace of the Christ-child
be ours this Christmas.

And the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
be among us and remain with us, this day and always. **Amen**