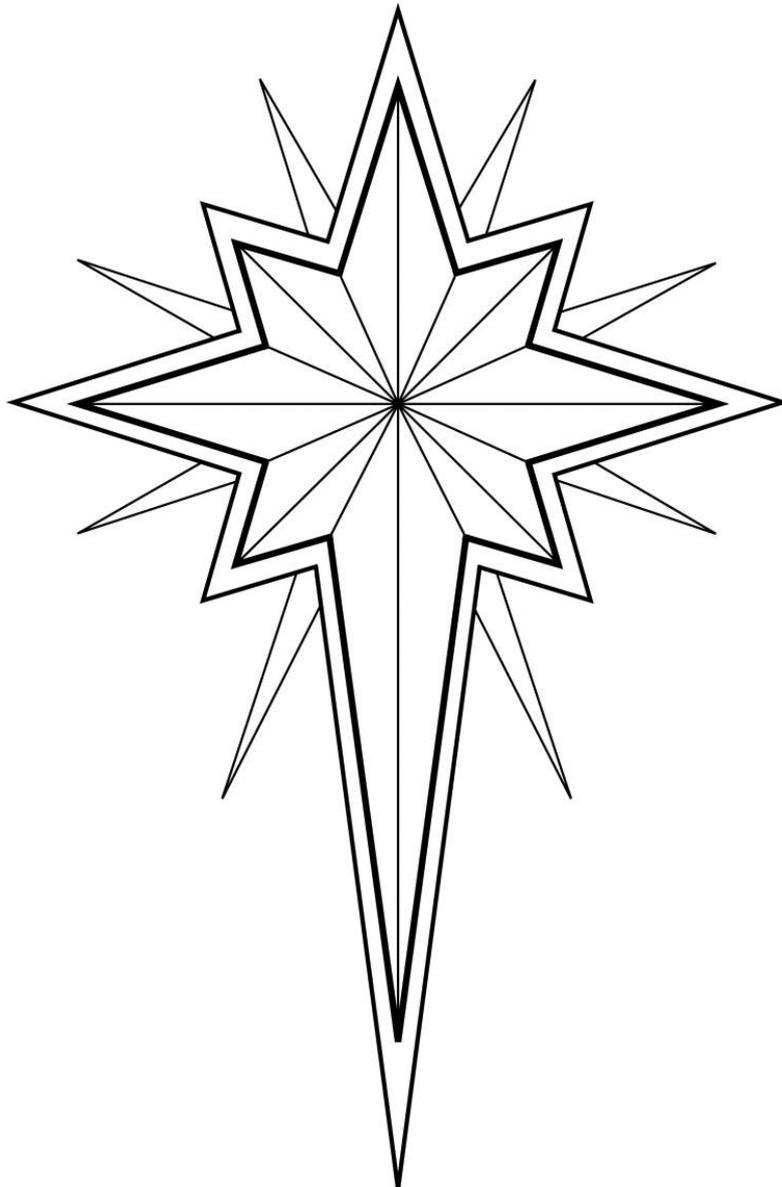


Morning Prayer between Christmas and Lent



At St Lawrence Church, Bovington

A hymn or song may be sung

Preparation

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

O Lord, open our lips
and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Give us the joy of your saving help
and sustain us with your life-giving Spirit.

We have come together in the name of Christ
to offer our praise and thanksgiving,
to hear and receive God's holy word,
to pray for the needs of the world,
and to seek the forgiveness of our sins,
that by the power of the Holy Spirit
we may give ourselves to the service of God.

Lord, speak to us
that we may hear your word.

Move among us
that we may behold your glory.

Receive our prayers
that we may learn to trust you.
Amen.

Prayers of Penitence

This or another suitable invitation to confession may be used

The grace of God has dawned upon the world
through our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who sacrificed himself for us to purify a people as his own.
Let us confess our sins.

cf Titus 2.11-14

**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 to us the joy of your salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

May the Father forgive you
by the death of his Son
and strengthen you
to live in the power of the Spirit
all your days.

Amen.

Blessed is the Lord,
for he has heard the voice of our prayer;

Therefore shall our hearts dance for joy
and in our song will we praise our God.

Blessed are you, Lord our God,
creator and redeemer of all;
to you be glory and praise for ever.
From the waters of chaos you drew forth the world
and in your great love fashioned us in your image.

And now we give you thanks
because in the wonder of the incarnation
your eternal Word has brought to the eyes of faith
a new and radiant vision of your glory.
In him we see our God made visible
and so are caught up in love of the God we cannot see.

May Christ your light ever dawn in our hearts
as we offer you our sacrifice of thanks and praise.
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:
Blessed be God for ever.

A hymn or song may be sung

The Word of God

Readings

At the end of each reading the reader may say
This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

A hymn, psalm or song may be sung

Gospel Reading

At the end of the reading the reader may say
This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The reading may be followed by a time of silence.

A hymn or song may be sung

These acclamations may be made:

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel.

He has come to his people and set them free.

Light has sprung up for the righteous

and joyful gladness for those who are faithful.

Glory to God in the highest

and peace to his people on earth.

The Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,**

**suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers

Intercessions are offered.

The Collect is said.

The Lord's Prayer is said

**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.**

A hymn or song may be sung

Sermon

**A hymn or song may be sung during which offerings may
be received**

The Conclusion

God of glory,
you nourish us with your Word
who is the bread of life:
fill us with your Holy Spirit
that through us the light of your glory
may shine in all the world.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Blessing

This or another suitable blessing may be used:

May God the Father,
who led the wise men by the shining of a star
to find the Christ, the Light from Light,
lead us in our pilgrimage to find the Lord.
Amen.

May God who has brought us out of darkness
give us a place with the saints in light
in the kingdom of his Son.
Amen.

May the light of the glorious gospel of Christ
shine in our hearts and transform our lives,
to bring his light to others.
Amen.

And may the blessing ...

Or:

And may the Lord bless us, preserve us from all evil,
and keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

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