

# OXTED TEAM MINISTRY

## Service Sheet for Christmas 1. 27th December 2020

*Welcome to the Oxted Team Together, online! You will need to think how you will follow the words and watch the film, either having both on the screen at the same time or printing this out. Please join in with the words in bold and with the hymns. You may wish to have a candle nearby. The film for this service can be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYSjetWivcHiT2iaOQgrbJA>*

### **GREETING**

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

**All and also with you**

***We say the collect prayer for this Sunday***

### **COLLECT PRAYER**

God in Trinity, eternal unity of perfect love: gather the nations to be one family, and draw us into your holy life through the birth of Emmanuel, our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen**

### **CONFESSION**

Christ the light of the world has come  
to dispel the darkness of our hearts.  
Let us turn to the light and confess our sins.

Lord of grace and truth,  
we confess our unworthiness  
to stand in your presence as your children.  
We have sinned:

**All Forgive and heal us.**

The Virgin Mary accepted your call  
to be the mother of Jesus.  
Forgive our disobedience to your will.  
We have sinned:

**All Forgive and heal us.**

Your Son our Saviour  
was born in poverty in a manger.  
Forgive our greed and rejection of your ways.  
We have sinned:

**All Forgive and heal us.**

The shepherds left their flocks  
to go to Bethlehem.  
Forgive our self-interest and lack of vision.  
We have sinned:

**All Forgive and heal us.**

The wise men followed the star  
to find Jesus the King.  
Forgive our reluctance to seek you.  
We have sinned:

**All Forgive and heal us.**

***May We now receive God's words of forgiveness to us***

May the God of all healing and forgiveness  
draw *us* to himself  
and cleanse *us* from all *our* sins,  
that *we* may behold the glory of his Son,  
the Word made flesh,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

## CAROL – Silent night

Silent night, holy night  
All is calm all is bright  
'Round yon virgin Mother and Child  
Holy infant so tender and mild  
Sleep in heavenly peace  
Sleep in heavenly peace

Silent night, holy night  
Shepherds quake at the sight  
Glories stream from heaven afar  
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!  
Christ, the Saviour is born  
Christ, the Saviour is born

Silent night, holy night  
Son of God, love's pure light  
Radiant beams from Thy holy  
face. With the dawn of  
redeeming grace  
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth  
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth

*Chris Tomlin, Franz Xaver Gruber, Gabe Scott, John Freeman  
Young, Joseph Mohr, Matt Gilder CCLI SONG # 7050367*

## READING

Luke 2: 15 – 21

## REFLECTION

## CREED

**All Let us declare our faith in God**

**We believe in God the Father,  
from whom every family  
in heaven and on earth is named.  
We believe in God the Son,  
who lives in our hearts through faith,  
and fills us with his love.  
We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
who strengthens us  
with power from on high.  
We believe in one God;  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

## *INTERCESSIONS*

*As our Saviour taught us so we pray*

*The Lord's Prayer*

**All** Our Father, who art in heaven,  
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.  
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.

## *THE PEACE*

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.

## *SONG – Oh little town of Bethlehem*

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 wond'ring love.

How silently, how silently  
The wondrous gift is giv'n!  
So God imparts to human hearts  
The blessings of his heav'n.  
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!

*Lewis Henry Redner, Phillips Brooks CCLI Song #27879*

## **BLESSING and DISMISSAL**

May the joy of the angels,  
the eagerness of the shepherds,  
the perseverance of the wise men,  
the obedience of Joseph and Mary,  
and the peace of the Christ-child  
be ours this Christmas season;  
And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be  
among us and remain with us always, **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All** In the name of Christ. **Amen.**

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