



Comfort and Joy

2020 Christmas Worship
with
The Good Shepherd Church

Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and his
name shall be called the Prince of Peace

Isaiah 9.6

Coming to God

*Light four candles on your Advent Ring on Christmas Eve,
and light all of them on Christmas Day and 27 December, praying:*

Candles burn, the markers of our Advent journey.
As we arrive at our journey's end,
may we arrive with wonder and worship.
As we arrive at our journey's end,
God of journeys, welcome us to new beginnings .

Christmas Carol

Saying Sorry

Take a few moments to bring to mind the things you need to offer to God

Lord Jesus, you were born for our salvation:
Lord, have mercy.

You came as Saviour to bring wholeness and peace:
Christ, have mercy.

You come to bring light into the darkness of our lives:
Lord, have mercy.

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 the in the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 95.1 – 7a

Take some time to worship the Lord with this Psalm:

- ¹ Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD;
let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.
- ² Let us come before him with thanksgiving
and extol him with music and song.
- ³ For the LORD is the great God,
the great King above all gods.
- ⁴ In his hand are the depths of the earth,
and the mountain peaks belong to him.
- ⁵ The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands formed the dry land.
- ⁶ Come, let us bow down in worship,
let us kneel before the LORD our Maker;
- ⁷ for he is our God
and we are the people of his pasture,
the flock under his care.



Focussing on God's Word

Spend some time reading the bible readings and reflections appropriately for each day

Our Faith

We declare our faith in God:

We believe in God the Father, God Almighty, by whose plan earth and heaven sprang to being, all created things began. We believe in Christ the Saviour, Son of God in human frame, Virgin born, the child of Mary upon whom the Spirit came.

Christ who on the cross forsaken, like a lamb to slaughter led, suffered under Pontius Pilate, he descended to the dead. We believe in Jesus risen, heaven's king to rule and reign, to the Father's side ascended till as judge he comes again.

We believe in God the Spirit; in one Church, below, above:
saints of God in one communion, one in holiness and love.
So by faith our sins forgiven, Christ our Saviour, Lord and friend,
we shall rise with him in glory to the life that knows no end.

(Special note this can be sung to any 87.87. or 87.87D. tune - for those that can!)

Christmas Carol followed by time for Prayer

Spend some time in prayer using this and other prayers to help you.



Lord Jesus Christ,
your birth at Bethlehem
draws us to kneel in wonder
at heaven touching earth:
accept our heartfelt praise as we worship,
our Saviour and our eternal God. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Christmas Carol

Closing Prayer

Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God,
be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.