

Welcome to

# Holy Nativity

Mixenden and Ilingworth



## Celtic Advent

# Welcome to Holy Nativity Church in the Parish of Mixenden and Illingworth!

Everyone is welcome here.

Advent is a time for Christians to prepare for Christmas. It is a time of reflection as we bring our lives before God.

This is a quiet service based around the music of the Northumbria community, a monastic community in the North of England. This isn't supposed to be formal, it is a fun way of worshipping God with our voices.

The words for the minister are in normal type and the congregation responds with the words in **bold type**.



# The Blessing of Light

## We have come to seek You

We have come to seek you, O God,  
Just as we are, we come.  
We have come to be sought by You,  
Just as we are we come. (*repeat*).

**All** The light and peace of Jesus Christ be with you  
**And also with you.**

*The president greets the people*

*The officiant then lights the Paschal Candle and says the following prayer.*

Blessed are you, Lord God, Creator of day and night: to you be praise and glory for ever. As darkness falls you renew your promise to reveal among us the light of your presence.

By the light of Christ, your living Word,  
dispel the darkness of our hearts  
that we may walk as children of light  
and sing your praise throughout the world.  
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

**All** **Blessed be God forever**

*Please light your own candles.*

***During Psalm 141 the officiant puts on incense.***

O Lord, I call to you; come to me quickly; •  
hear my voice when I cry to you.

Set a watch before my mouth, O Lord, •  
and guard the door of my lips;

Let not my heart incline to any evil thing; •  
let me not be occupied in wickedness with  
evildoers.

But my eyes are turned to you, Lord God; •  
in you I take refuge; do not leave me  
defenceless.

***This opening prayer may be said***

That this evening may be holy,  
good and peaceful,  
let us pray with one heart and mind.

***Silence is kept.***

As our evening prayer rises before you,  
O God,  
so may your mercy come down upon us  
to cleanse our hearts  
and set us free to sing your praise  
now and for ever.

***All* Amen.**

## Reading

*At the end of the reading*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

*After the reading a period of silence may be kept*

## Prayer

My soul is waiting for you, O Lord:  
in your word is my hope.

**All My soul is waiting for you, O Lord:  
in your word is my hope.**

There is forgiveness with you,  
so that you shall be feared.

**All In your word is my hope.**

Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit.

**All My soul is waiting for you, O Lord:  
in your word is my hope.**

## The Magnificat

**All Lord Jesus, you are the one who is to  
come, the one whom we await with  
longing hearts.**

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour; •  
he has looked with favour on his lowly servant.

**From this day all generations will call me  
blessed; •  
the Almighty has done great things for  
me and holy is his name.**

He has mercy on those who fear him, •  
from generation to generation.

**He has shown strength with his arm •  
and has scattered the proud in their conceit,**

Casting down the mighty from their thrones •  
and lifting up the lowly.

**He has filled the hungry with good things •  
and sent the rich away empty.**

He has come to the aid of his servant Israel, •  
to remember his promise of mercy,

**The promise made to our ancestors, •  
to Abraham and his children for ever.**

***All* Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

***All* Lord Jesus, you are the one who is to  
come, the one whom we await with  
longing hearts.**

## **Intercessions**

***We pray for the needs of the world, the church, our communities,  
our families and ourselves.***

## The Collect

Almighty God,  
give us grace to cast away the works of  
darkness and to put on the armour of light,  
now in the time of this mortal life,  
in which your Son Jesus Christ  
came to us in great humility;  
that on the last day,  
when he shall come again  
in his glorious majesty  
to judge the living and the dead,  
we may rise to the life immortal;  
through him who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**All Amen**

## The Lord's Prayer

Awaiting his coming in glory,  
As our saviour taught us so we pray,

**All 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 Celtic Blessing**

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you,  
Wherever He may send you,  
May He guide you through the wilderness,  
Protect you through the storm.  
May He bring you home rejoicing  
at the wonders He has shown you,  
May he bring you home rejoicing  
once again into our doors.

## **The Conclusion**

May the Lord, when he comes,  
find us watching and waiting.

**All** **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

**All** **Thanks be to God.**



**All are welcome here.**

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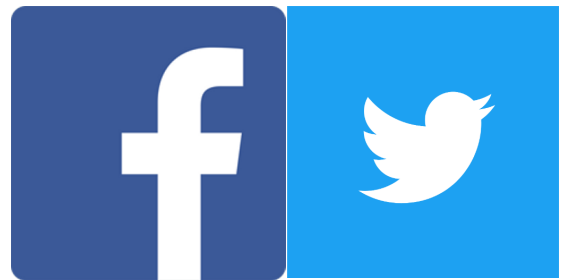
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