

Welcome to

Holy Nativity

Mixenden and Ilingworth



Taizé in
Holy Week

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

Everyone is welcome here.

Holy week is a solemn time of year in which The Church prepares for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Day, It is a time of reflection as we bring our lives before God.

This is a quiet service based around the music of the Taizé community, a monastic community in France. 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**.

Please turn off all mobile phones.



The Blessing of Light

Chant: The Lord is my Light

The Lord is my light, my light and salvation,
In God I trust, in God I trust.

The light and peace of Jesus Christ be with you
All 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.
a 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

We sing whilst the remaining candles are lit. Incense may be lit

Chant: Our Darkness

Our darkness is never darkness in your sight,
The deepest night is clear as the daylight.

Psalm 141

Set a watch before my mouth, O Lord.

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.

Set a watch before my mouth, O Lord.

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.**

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.**

The Psalm

The psalm of the day is read.

At the end of the psalm, the following is said

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.

Reading

At the end of the reading

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Reflection

There may be some form of teaching

After the reflection a period of silence may be kept

All We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you;
by your holy cross,
you have redeemed the world.

Christ committed no sin, no guile was found on his lips.

All **We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.**
He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree
that we might die to sin and live to
righteousness.

All **by your holy cross,**
you have redeemed the world.

By his wounds you have been healed.

All **We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you;**
by your holy cross,
you have redeemed the world.

The Magnificat

All **God's love for us is revealed
in that, while we were yet sinners,
Christ died for us.**

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 God's love for us is revealed
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Intercessions

The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
who in your tender love towards the human race
sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
to take upon him our flesh
and to suffer death upon the cross:
grant that we may follow the example of his
patience and humility,
and also be made partakers of his resurrection;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
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

Jesus taught us to call God our Father,
So in faith and trust 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.**

Chant: Nunc Dimittis

Let your servant now go in peace, Oh Lord,
Now go in peace, according to Your word.

The Conclusion

May Christ, who bore our sins on the cross,
set us free to serve him with joy.

All Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

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