

# **St Mary Magdalene, Geddington and St Mary the Virgin, Weekley**



**Midnight Holy  
Communion**

*Welcome*

*Confession*

In the expectation of wonder  
and the preparation for peace  
we recognise that sometimes  
our hearts are not prepared,  
our eyes refuse to wonder,  
and our ears fail to listen.

God our Creator,  
you send your Son full of grace and truth:  
forgive our failure to receive him.  
Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Jesus our Saviour,  
you come to us in poverty, and give peace and simplicity:  
forgive our greed and rejection of your ways.  
Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Spirit of love,  
your servant Mary responded joyfully to your call:  
forgive the hardness of our hearts.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

May the God of all healing and forgiveness  
draw you to himself,  
that you may behold the glory of his Son,  
the Word made flesh,  
and be cleansed from all your sins,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### *Collect*

Eternal God,  
who made this most holy night  
to shine with the brightness of your one true light:  
bring us, who have known the revelation  
of that light on earth,  
to see the radiance of your heavenly glory;  
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. **Amen**

### *First Reading*

### *Gospel Reading*

*All stand*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to...  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*at the end of the reading:*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## *Sermon*

### *Prayers of Intercession*

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Father, in this holy night your Son our Saviour  
was born in human flesh.

Renew your Church as the Body of Christ.

**Holy God hear our prayer.**

In this holy night there was no room  
for your Son in the inn.

Protect with your love those who have no home  
and all who live in poverty.

**Holy God hear our prayer.**

In this holy night Mary, in the pain of labour,  
brought your Son to birth.

Hold in your hand ...and all who are in pain or distress.

**Holy God hear our prayer.**

In this holy night your Christ came  
as a light shining in the darkness.

Bring comfort to ...and all who suffer  
in the sadness of our world.

**Holy God hear our prayer.**

In this holy night the angels sang,  
'Peace to God's people on earth.'  
Strengthen those who work for peace and justice  
in ... and in all the world.  
Holy God **hear our prayer.**

In this holy night shepherds in the field  
heard good tidings of joy.  
Give us grace to preach  
the gospel of Christ's redemption.  
Holy God **hear our prayer.**

In this holy night strangers found the Holy Family,  
and saw the baby lying in the manger.  
Bless our homes and all whom we love.  
Holy God **hear our prayer.**

In this holy night heaven is come down to earth,  
and earth is raised to heaven.  
Hold in your hand ... and all those  
who have passed through  
death in the hope of your coming kingdom.  
Holy God **hear our prayer.**

In this holy night Christians the world over  
celebrate Christ's birth.  
Open our hearts that he may be born in us today.  
Holy God **hear our prayer.**

Father, in this holy night  
angels and shepherds worshipped at the manger throne.  
Receive the worship we offer  
in fellowship with Mary, Joseph and the saints  
through him who is your Word made flesh,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

### *The Peace*

This holy night the angels sang,  
'Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace to all in whom he delights.

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

### *Eucharistic Prayer*

The Lord is here.  
**His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,  
mighty creator, ever-living God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who for love of our fallen race humbled himself,  
and on this night was born of the Virgin Mary  
by the power of your Spirit,  
and lived as one of us.

In this mystery of the Word made flesh  
you have caused his light to shine in our hearts,  
to give knowledge of your glory  
in the face of Jesus Christ.

In him we see our God made visible  
and so are caught up in the love  
of the God we cannot see.

Therefore with all the angels of heaven  
we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name  
and sing our joyful hymn of praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.**

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,  
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
and as we follow his example and obey his command,  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us his body and his blood;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave  
you thanks; he gave it to them, saying:  
Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and  
for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Therefore, heavenly Father, we remember his offering of  
himself made once for all upon the cross;  
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious  
ascension; we look for the coming of your kingdom,  
and with this bread and this cup we make the memorial  
of Christ your Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died,**  
**Christ is risen,**  
**Christ will come again.**



Accept through him, our great high priest,  
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,  
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts  
in the presence of your divine majesty,  
renew us by your Spirit,  
inspire us with your love  
and unite us in the body of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,  
we worship you, Father almighty,  
in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours for ever and ever. Amen**

### *The Lord's Prayer*

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**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**

## *Breaking of the Bread*

We break this bread  
to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

## *Giving of Communion*

God's holy gifts  
for God's holy people.

**Jesus Christ is holy,  
Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.**

## *Spiritual Communion*

**Lord Jesus Christ,  
since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,  
I humbly pray that you would  
come spiritually to my soul.**

**Come, Lord Jesus, come and cleanse me,  
heal me, strengthen me, and unite me to you,  
now and for evermore. Amen**

## *Post Communion Prayer*

God our Father,  
in this night you have made known to us again  
the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ:  
confirm our faith and fix our eyes on him  
until the day dawns and  
Christ the Morning Star rises in our hearts.  
**To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen**

**Almighty God,**  
**we thank you for feeding us**  
**with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.**  
**Through him we offer you our souls**  
**and bodies to be a living sacrifice.**  
**Send us out in the power of your Spirit**  
**to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen**

## *The Blessing*

Christ the Son of God, born of Mary,  
fill you with his grace to live  
and proclaim God's love in the world;  
and blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen**

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