

**Welcome  
to St Denys, Sleaford  
29th December 2024  
Christmas I**

Service led by *The Rev'd David Woods*



**The Greeting**

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you**

**The Prayer of Preparation:**

Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**The Introduction to Confession**

**The Prayer of Penitence:**

Most merciful God,  
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
we confess that we have sinned  
in thought, word and deed.  
We have not loved you with our  
whole heart.  
We have not loved our neighbours as  
ourselves.  
In your mercy  
forgive what we have been,  
help us to amend what we are,  
and direct what we shall be;  
that we may do justly,  
love mercy,  
and walk humbly with you, our God.  
Amen.

## **The Prayer of Absolution**

### **The Gloria:**

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand  
of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus  
Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen

### **The Collect of the Day**

Almighty God,  
who wonderfully created us in your own  
image  
and yet more wonderfully restored us  
through your Son Jesus Christ:  
grant that, as he came to share in our  
humanity,  
so we may share the life of his divinity;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen

### **A Bible Reading**

1 Samuel 2.18-26  
Galatians 3.12-17

**Psalm 100**

## **The Gospel Reading**

Luke 2.41-52

## **The Sermon**

### **The Creed:**

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

## **The Prayers of Intercession**

### **The Peace**

### **The Eucharistic Prayer: Opening Dialogue:**

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you**  
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**

### **The Preface**

### **The Sanctus & Benedictus**

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

**The Prayer of Consecration**  
**The Memorial Acclamation:**

Christ has died;  
Christ is risen;  
Christ will come again.

**The Doxology**

**The Great Amen:** Amen!

**The Lord's Prayer:**

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 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.**

**The Agnus Dei:**

Lamb of God, you take away the  
sins of the world:  
have mercy on us. *Repeat*  
Lamb of God, you take away the  
sins of the world:  
grant us peace.

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**The Giving of Communion:**

Jesus is the Lamb of God  
who takes away the sin of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called to  
his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive**  
**you,**  
**but only say the word, and I shall**  
**be healed.**

**The Post Communion Prayer**

Heavenly Father,  
whose blessed Son shared at  
Nazareth the life of an earthly  
home:  
help your Church to live as one  
family,  
united in love and obedience,  
and bring us all at last to our home in  
heaven;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

**The Blessing and Dismissal**

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

## HYMNS AND MUSIC

A list of the hymns and music is available on the monthly music list which can be viewed on the website or the noticeboard.

## EPIPHANY SERVICE

Monday, 6th January  
6pm

## CHURCH DIARY

**Wednesday, 1st January** 10am Said Communion

**Sunday, 5th January** 10am Sung Communion, 5pm Evening Prayer

**Monday, 6th January** 6pm Epiphany Service

**Wednesday, 8th January** 10am Said Communion

**Sunday, 12th January** 10am Sung Communion, 5pm Evening Prayer

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