

Romsey Abbey

The Parish Church of
St. Mary and St. Ethelflaeda



Eucharist
during the season of
Christmas

Welcome to Romsey Abbey as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ this Christmas season.



Welcome to Romsey Abbey for this service of Holy Communion during this Christmas season.

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WELCOME AND OPENING SENTENCE

And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us,
and we beheld his glory. *John 1.14*

CAROL

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen

The Lord be with you.

All: and also with you.

LIGHTING THE CHRISTMAS CANDLE

God our Father, the Saviour is born
and those who live in darkness
have seen a great light.
Help us, who greet the birth of Christ with joy,
to live in the light of your Son
and share the good news of your love.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen

Please sit or kneel

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

**All: Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hid;
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.**

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

Hear the words of the angel to Joseph:
'You shall call his name Jesus,
for he will save his people from their sins.'
Therefore let us seek the forgiveness of God
through Jesus the Saviour of the world.

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

All Lord, have mercy

Jesus our Saviour, you were born in poverty and laid
in a manger: forgive our greed and rejection of your
ways.

Christ, have mercy

All Christ, have mercy

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

Lord, have mercy

All Lord, have mercy

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

All Amen

Please stand

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

**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**

COLLECT

A moment of silence is kept before the Collect Prayer is said.

Please sit

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Either one or two scripture readings precede the Gospel

At the end

**This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

GRADUAL CAROL

THE GOSPEL

We stand as we listen to the good news of Jesus Christ.

Alleluia, Alleluia.

The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us,
and the whole earth has seen His glory.

Alleluia.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to...

Glory to you, O Lord

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

Please sit

THE SERMON

CREED

We stand to affirm our faith

**All: We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the
Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the
right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the
dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of
life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and
glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Please sit or kneel to pray

All: Lord in your mercy
Hear our prayer

at the end

All: Merciful Father
**Accept these prayers
for the sake of your son
our saviour, Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

THE PEACE

Please stand

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

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

OFFERTORY CAROL

Bread and wine are brought to the table and a collection is taken.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Word made flesh, life of the world,
in your incarnation you embraced our poverty:
by your Spirit may we share in your riches.
Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Our prayer of thanks to God. We remain standing

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 him 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 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
in joyful praise:

The Sanctus may be sung by the choir or said or sung by all.

**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.**

Please sit or kneel as the prayer continues

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.**

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us,
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**

We break the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.

**God here among us,
light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**

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.**

Draw near with faith and love.

GIVING OF COMMUNION

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us,**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us,**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
Grant us peace.**

During Communion carols, hymns and anthems may be sung including the Agnus Dei.

Everyone is welcome to receive communion or a blessing. Whether it has been a long time or less, this altar is open to all who wish to receive. Come!

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Silence is kept

A Post Communion prayer is said.

**All 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.**

Please stand

POST COMMUNION CAROL

BLESSING & THE DISMISSAL

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

