

**Welcome, silent prayer/meditation**

**Lighting the Advent Wreath**

**The Lord's Prayer** (*to be said in unison*)

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.

**Carol 87:** *In the bleak midwinter*

**First reading:** from *The Gospel according to Matthew*

**Second reading:** *A Child in Starlight* by E. Diktonius

**Third reading:** from *The Gospel according to Luke*

**Fourth reading:** *The Lamb Baaed Gently* by J. R. Jimenez  
(*gospel readings from the 1388 'Wycliffe' trans.*)

**Carol 85:** *O little town of Bethlehem*



**The Communion** (*see service sheet*)

**Musical interlude:** *Liebster Jesus wir sind hier*  
(J. S. Bach) played by Albert Schweitzer in 1937

**Carol 88:** *Silent night*



## Concluding prayer *(to be said in unison)*

Christ is born in us when we open our hearts to innocence and love. Christ lives in us when we walk the path of forgiveness, reconciliation and compassion. Christ dies in us when we surrender to our own arrogance, selfishness and hate. Christ rises in us when our souls awaken from spiritual death to join the community of compassion, to enter the divine kingdom in the world's midst. Let us go in peace. Amen.



### Mulled wine, tea, coffee, mince-pies and conversation

*'Conversation as the natural organ communicating, mind with mind,...is the method of human culture. By it I come nearer to those whom I shall address than by any other means.'*  
Bronson Alcott



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**Sunday Services:** 10.30 & 6.30

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