

Christmas & Christmastide

I invite you to respond with 'hear our prayer' when I say 'Holy God'.

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Father, your Son our Saviour was born in human flesh.
Renew your Church as the Body of Christ.

Holy God, hear our prayer.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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, 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.