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**Midweek communion** every Wednesday 10am *Hornby*

**For improved sound** in all the churches  
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## Opening hymn

What child is this, who, laid to rest  
on Mary's lap is sleeping,  
whom angels greet with anthems sweet,  
while shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ the King  
whom shepherds guard and angels sing!  
Come, greet the infant Lord,  
the babe, the son of Mary!

Why lies he in such mean estate,  
where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christians, fear: for sinners here  
the silent Word is pleading.  
Nails, spear shall pierce him through,  
the cross be borne for me, for you:  
hail, hail the Word made flesh,  
the babe, the son of Mary!

So bring him incense, gold and myrrh;  
come peasants, kings, to own him.  
The King of kings salvation brings;  
let loving hearts enthrone him.  
Raise, raise the song on high,  
the virgin sings her lullaby:  
Joy, joy, for Christ is born,  
the babe, the Son of Mary!

## Before the Gospel

Come adore this wondrous presence,  
bow to Christ the source of grace.  
Here is kept the ancient promise  
of God's earthly dwelling place.  
Sight is blind before God's glory,  
faith alone may see his face.

## After the Gospel

Glory be to God the Father,  
praise to his co-equal Son,  
adoration to the Spirit,  
bond of love, in Godhead one.  
Blessed be God by all creation  
joyously while ages run.

## Offertory hymn

Guide me, O thou great redeemer,  
pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but thou art mighty;  
hold me with thy powerful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
feed me now and evermore,  
feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain  
whence the healing stream doth flow;  
let the fiery cloudy pillar  
lead me all my journey through.  
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,  
be thou still my strength and shield,  
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
bid my anxious fears subside;  
death of death, and hell's destruction,  
land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs of praises, songs of praises,  
I will ever give to thee,  
I will ever give to thee.

## Final hymn

We worship God in harmony  
with hearts in full accord  
we share one Spirit, hope and faith  
one Father and one Lord  
in Jesus Christ our Lord and king  
in Jesus Christ our Lord  
the Spirit makes us all as one  
in Jesus Christ our Lord

We live as those whom Christ has called  
to love with Christ-like mind  
that looks towards each other's needs  
forbearing, patient, kind

One day we'll see him face to face  
to him we'll bow the knee  
we'll never say goodbye again –  
the best is yet to be!



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