

Setting Up The Christmas  
Creche

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¶ *It is fitting that the following, when used, should follow the services of the Fourth Sunday in Advent and precede the services of Christmas Eve.*

¶ *When there is a procession, the Minister shall say,*

Let us proceed in peace.

*Answer.* In the Name of the Lord. Amen.

¶ *To a suitable hymn, the Clergy and choir may go in procession around the church, joined at some convenient place by children bearing the (crib and) figures for the Nativity scene.*

¶ *The procession having arrived at the appointed place, the Minister shall say,*

The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us;

*Answer.* And we beheld his glory, full of grace and truth.

¶ *The crib shall then be set up (and lighted); after which, the Minister shall say,*

The Lord be with you.

*Answer.* And with thy spirit.

*Minister.* Let us pray.

Glory to God in the highest;

*Answer.* And on earth peace, good will towards men.

*Minister.* Let us bless the Lord.

*Answer.* It is meet and right so to do.

¶ *The Minister shall continue, saying,*

**T**HANKSGIVING and honour and glory be unto thee, Almighty God, who for us men and for our salvation didst give thine only Son to be born in great humility of the Virgin Mary his mother. Accept and bless to our use this

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Christmas Creche, that it may set before us the exceeding love of our Saviour, and bring us with the shepherds and kings to pay to him our true devotion; to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all praise and worship, world without end. Amen.

**O** GOD, who makest us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of thine only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that as we joyfully receive him for our Redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold him when he shall come to be our Judge, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.