

## **THE GATHERING**

*If possible, please stand at the sound of the bell*

*We sing a **HYMN** as the procession enters church.*

✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

### **The Greeting**

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you**

*Words of welcome or an introduction may be said*

### **Prayer of Preparation**

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
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**

*From Christmas Day until the eve of the Epiphany:*

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.

*From Epiphany to the eve of Candlemas:*

The grace of God has dawned upon the world through our Saviour Jesus Christ, who sacrificed himself for us to purify a people as his own. Let us confess our sins.

**Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
We confess that we have sinned in thought, word and  
deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We  
have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your  
mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what  
we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly,  
love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon you, ✠ pardon and deliver you from all your  
sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen**

### **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.**

## The Collect

*The priest introduces the prayer of the day:*  
Let us pray

*The Collect is said and we all respond:*  
**Amen**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*Please sit*  
**Old Testament Reading**

*At the end of the reading:*  
This is the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

## Responsorial Psalm

*The Psalm is read and we join in with the Response (found on the Notice Sheet)*

## New Testament Reading

*At the end of the reading:*  
This is the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

A **HYMN** is sung – *please stand if possible*

## The Gospel Reading

*Please remain standing*  
Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *N*  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the end*  
This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## The Sermon

*Please sit*

**The Nicene Creed**  
*Please stand*

**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

*The prayers usually include these concerns and may follow this sequence:*

- ⊕ *The Church of Christ*
- ⊕ *Creation, human society, the Sovereign and those in authority*
- ⊕ *The local community*
- ⊕ *Those who suffer*
- ⊕ *The communion of saints*

*These responses may be used*

Lord, in your mercy

**hear our prayer.**

*(or)*

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**



*And at the end*

Merciful Father,

**accept these prayers**

**for the sake of your Son,**

**our Saviour Jesus Christ.**

**Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

### The Peace

*From Christmas Day until the eve of the Epiphany:*

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

*Or*

*From Epiphany to the eve of Candlemas:*

Our Saviour Christ is the Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there shall be no end.

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*

### **Preparation of the Altar**

*We sing a **HYMN** as the Altar is prepared*

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation.

Through your goodness we have this bread to set before you, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation.

Through your goodness we have this wine to set before you, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become for us the cup of salvation.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

Pray, brothers and sisters, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his Church.**

*Christmas to eve of Epiphany*

**The Eucharistic Prayer**

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 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  
and sing our joyful hymn of praise:

**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.**

*Epiphany to eve of the Presentation*    **The Eucharistic Prayer**

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mighty creator, ever-living God,  
through Jesus Christ your only Son our Lord:  
for at this time we celebrate your glory  
made present in our midst.

In the coming of the magi  
the King of all the world was revealed to the nations.

In the waters of baptism  
Jesus was revealed as the Christ,  
the Saviour sent to redeem us.

In the water made wine  
the new creation was revealed at the wedding feast.

Poverty was turned to riches, sorrow into joy.

Therefore with all the angels of heaven  
we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name  
and sing our joyful hymn of praise:

**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.**

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord.  
As a mother tenderly gathers her children,  
you embraced a people as your own.  
When they turned away and rebelled  
your love remained steadfast.

From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary,  
to be the living bread, in whom all our hungers are satisfied.  
He offered his life for sinners, and with a love stronger than  
death he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died,  
he came to supper with his friends  
and, taking bread, he gave you thanks.  
He broke it and gave it to them, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,  
he gave you thanks, and said:  
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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

Father, we plead with confidence  
his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross;  
we remember his dying and rising in glory,  
and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.

Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you  
these gifts of your creation;  
may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.  
As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence,  
form us in the likeness of Christ,  
and build us into a living temple to your glory.

Remember, Lord, your Church in every land.  
Reveal her unity, guard her faith,  
and preserve her in peace

Bring us at the last with the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Lawrence  
and all the saints  
to the vision of that eternal splendour  
for which you have created us;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
by whom, with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours,  
almighty Father, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

As we kneel in adoration at the crib, let us pray for the unity of all people on earth:

**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.**

*The priest breaks the consecrated bread:*

We break this bread  
to share in the body of Christ.  
**Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
grant us peace.**

*The priest invites the people to receive communion*

God's holy gifts  
for God's holy people.  
**Jesus Christ is holy,  
Jesus Christ is Lord,  
To the glory of God the Father.**

**We do not presume  
to come to this your table, merciful Lord,  
trusting in our own righteousness,  
but in your manifold and great mercies.  
We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs  
under your table.  
But you are the same Lord  
whose nature is always to have mercy.  
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,  
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ  
and to drink his blood,  
that our sinful bodies  
may be made clean by his body,  
and our souls washed  
through his most precious blood,  
and that we may evermore dwell in him,  
and he in us. Amen.**

*The celebrant and the people receive communion.*

*Members of all Christian Churches are welcome to receive communion. If you would like to receive a blessing instead, please come to the front holding this service booklet.*

*We stand if possible to sing a **HYMN**.*

### **Prayer after Communion**

*After the prayer of the day, we all say together*

**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.**

*We listen to any **NOTICES** and Banns of Marriage.*

*We stand to sing our final **HYMN**.*

### **The Dismissal**

Christ, who by his incarnation gathered into one things earthly  
and heavenly,  
fill you with peace and goodwill  
and make you partakers of the divine nature;  
and the blessing of God almighty, ✠  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

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