

Holy Communion - Epiphany

The Gathering

We **stand** as the choir and clergy enter the church.



THE GREETING

Let us worship God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

We **sit** for the **NOTICES** and the **INTRODUCTION** to the service.

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

We **sit** or **kneel** as we pray a **PRAYER OF PREPARATION**:

Lord, speak to us

All that we may hear your word.

Move among us

All that we may behold your glory.

Receive our prayers

All that we may learn to trust you.

Amen.

We pray for the **CHILDREN** as they go out to their groups.

We have a time of **CONFESSION**, a time when we acknowledge our failings before God and ask and receive his forgiveness.

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.

All Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name.
Amen.

May almighty God,
who sent his Son into the world to save sinners,
bring *you* his pardon and peace, now and for ever.

All Amen.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

We **stand** as we sing the GLORIA.

Glory to God, glory in the highest,
peace to his people, peace on earth.

**All Glory to God, glory in the highest,
peace to his people, peace on earth.**

Lord God, heavenly King, Almighty God and Father.

**All Glory to God, glory in the highest,
peace to his people, peace on earth.**

We worship you, **glory in the highest.**
Give you thanks, **glory in the highest.**
Praise you for your glory.

**All Glory to God, glory in the highest,
peace to his people, peace on earth.**

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.

All Have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father;
receive our prayer.

All Receive our prayer.

Glory to God, glory in the highest,
peace to his people, peace on earth.

**All Glory to God, glory in the highest,
peace to his people, peace on earth.**

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 glory of God the Father.

**All Glory to God, glory in the highest,
peace to his people, peace on earth.
Amen, Amen.**

THE COLLECT

*We remain **standing** as the COLLECT, the church's special
prayer for the day, is prayed.*

The Word of God

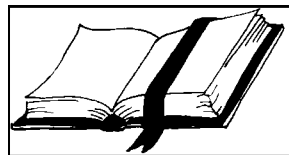
We sit to hear our first BIBLE READING.

At the end of the reading:

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

We stand to sing our next HYMN.



*We remain **standing** for our GOSPEL READING.*

Alleluia, alleluia.

Christ was revealed in flesh, proclaimed among the nations
and believed in throughout the world.

All Alleluia.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *N.*

All Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end of the reading:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

We sit to hear the SERMON.

THE CREED

*We stand to affirm our faith in the words of the APOSTLES'
CREED.*

**All I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

We *sit* or *kneel* for our PRAYERS.

Our response to the prayers may be:

Lord in your mercy

All Hear our prayer.

At the conclusion of our prayers, we may pray:

Merciful Father,

All accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Eucharist

THE PEACE

We *stand* to share the PEACE.

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

All and also with you.

We share with one another a sign of peace, such as a handshake.

THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

We remain *standing* to sing our OFFERTORY HYMN, during which a collection is taken for the work of the church, and the bread and wine are brought forward and placed on the holy table.

At the end of the hymn the minister prays:

Gracious God,
accept the offering of your Church,
the hearts of your people



joined in praise and thanksgiving,
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

All Amen.

We remain *standing* for the EUCHARISTIC PRAYER.

The Lord is here.

All His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right,
it is our duty and our joy,
at all times and in all places
to give you thanks and praise,
holy Father, heavenly King,
almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

And now we give you thanks
because, in the wonder of the incarnation,
your eternal Word has brought to the eyes of faith
a new and radiant vision of your glory.
In him we see our God made visible
and so are caught up in love of the God we cannot see.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and singing:

All Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full, heaven and earth are full,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest;
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

Blest is He who comes, blest is he who comes,

**blest is He who comes, blest is he who comes,
in the name of the Lord, in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest;
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.**

Please sit or kneel.

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and as we follow his example and obey his command,
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us his body and his blood;
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
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.

Therefore, heavenly Father,
we remember his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross;
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;
we look for the coming of your kingdom,
and with this bread and this cup
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**All Christ has died, alleluia!
Christ has risen, alleluia!
Christ will come again in glory. Alleluia!
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest;
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.**

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts
in the presence of your divine majesty,
renew us with your Spirit,
inspire us with your love
and unite us in the body of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty,
in songs of everlasting praise:

**All Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest;
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us, as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**All Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

BREAKING of THE BREAD

The president BREAKS THE BREAD, and says:

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.

THE GIVING OF COMMUNION

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

All Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

The choir sings the AGNUS DEI.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, lamb of God, lamb of God
you take away the sins of the world:

All Grant us peace.

Please come up for communion as directed. If you don't normally receive communion you are welcome to come up for a prayer of blessing—you can indicate this by holding this booklet in your hand when you come forward. You are welcome to bring children up for a prayer of blessing too.

Please do join in the hymns sung during communion.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

At the end of communion, the minister may pray a prayer, and then we all pray:

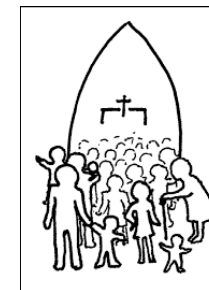
All Father of all, we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.

May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Sending Out

We hear back from the CHILDREN.

We stand to sing our FINAL HYMN, and turn to face the door as the cross passes.



THE BLESSING

We remain standing for a final BLESSING.

May God the Father, who led the wise men by the shining of a star to find the Christ, the Light from light, lead you also in your pilgrimage to find the Lord.

All Amen.

May God the Son, who turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana, transform your lives and make glad your hearts.

All Amen.

May God the Holy Spirit, who came upon the beloved Son at his baptism in the river Jordan, pour out his gifts on you who have come to the waters of new birth.

All Amen.

And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

Go in the joy and peace of Christ.

All Thanks be to God.

