

Parish Communion for Christmas and Epiphany

The Gathering

A hymn is sung

Priest In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

Priest Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

All **and also with you.**

All **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 Confession

In Christmastide

Leader The sun of righteousness has dawned
with healing in his wings.
Let us come to the light of Christ,
confessing our sins in penitence and faith

In Epiphanytide

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.**

Priest 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.

All **Amen.**

All **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.**

Priest Let us pray

The Collect

The Liturgy of the Word

The Old Testament Reading

At the end the reader says

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

The New Testament Reading

At the end the reader says

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

A hymn is sung

Gospel Reading

When the Gospel is announced the reader says

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

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

The Creed

All 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

This response may be used

Lord, in your mercy
All hear our prayer.

and at the end

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

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

In Christmastide

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

In Epiphanytide

Priest 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.

Offertory Prayer

Priest Gracious God,
accept the offerings of your Church:
the hearts of your people
joined in praise and thanksgiving
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord

All Amen

Eucharistic Prayer

Priest The Lord is here

All his Spirit is with us.

Priest Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

In Christmastide

Priest 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:

Epiphanytide

Priest All honour and praise be yours
always and everywhere,
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:

Christmastide and Epiphanytide

All **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.

Leader Great is the mystery of faith:
All **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 St. Nicholas,
St Thomas 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,
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.**

The Lord's Prayer

Leader 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.**

The priest breaks the consecrated bread.

Priest 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.**

As the bread is broken we say together

All **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.**

Priest Draw near with faith,
receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ
which he gave for you.
Eat and drink in remembrance
that he died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts
by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Communion

Prayer after Communion

The Priest says the Post-communion Prayer.

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.**

Notices

Blessing

In Christmastide

Priest Christ the Son of God, born of Mary,
fill you with his grace to trust his promises and
obey his will;
and the blessing ...

In Epiphanytide

Priest Christ the Son of God perfect in you the image
of his glory
and gladden your hearts with the good news
of his kingdom;
and the blessing ...

Leader Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

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