

Holy Communion for the Epiphany Season

The Greeting

The light of Christ, who is our peace and salvation, be with you all.

And also with you.

Prayers of Penitence

Turning to Christ, the Light, who has dispelled the darkness of our world, let us rejoice in his power to save.

Though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples,

let your glory shine upon us.

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

All nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness.

Let your glory rise above us.

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

The riches of the sea will flow to you and the wealth of the nations come to you.

Let your glory shine in our midst.

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you. Through the Gospel, the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus, according to his eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. Therefore you are forgiven of all your sin in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen!**

Gloria

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

First Reading

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Alleluia, alleluia!

I bring you news of great joy:

today a Saviour has been born for us,
Christ the Lord.

Alleluia!

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

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

The Nicene Creed

**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.

Intercessions

Dear brothers and sisters, the light of Christ's glory has risen upon the world. Let us pray together for the world he has come to redeem, praying that the church will be a light to the nations.

Let us pray for all the nations and leaders of the world: may the Lord scatter the darkness that covers the earth and divides the people, and gather us all into his fold.

R. Lord of glory **Hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for those who do not know Christ: that, at his appearing, their hearts will overflow with joy. **R.**

Let us pray for the church throughout the world: that we may be a radiant light, leading others to the Lord. **R.**

Let us pray for our own parish community: that the promises of God may be fulfilled in us that we may bring the peace and light of Jesus to all who live in this place. **R.**

Eternal God, by the light of a star you guided the nations to the dawning brightness of your Son, and the Magi's gifts unfold the riches of his mission. Listen to the prayers we offer in his name, that all may be gathered into one to enjoy for ever the glory of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Preparation of the Table

Blessed be God,
by whose grace creation is renewed,
by whose love heaven is opened,
by whose mercy we offer our sacrifice of praise.

Blessed be God for ever.

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.

And now we celebrate the revelation
of your glory

made manifest through the Word made
flesh.

The wise men worshipped him as king
of all the nations.

At the River Jordan you commanded us
to listen to your beloved Son

as he emerged from the waters of
baptism.

At Cana he revealed his power to
restore the new creation

in the water made wine.

You have anointed him as your
Messiah,

Who brings hope and salvation to the
world.

**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.**

Father of all, we give you thanks
for every gift that comes from heaven.
To the darkness Jesus came as your light.
With signs of faith and words of hope
he touched untouchables with love and
washed the guilty clean.
This is his story. This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.

The crowds came out to see your Son,
yet at the end they turned on him.
On the night he was betrayed
he came to table with his friends
to celebrate the freedom of your people.
This is his story.
This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.



Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food;
he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and
said: This is my body, given for you all.
Jesus then gave thanks for the wine;
he took the cup, gave it and said:
This is my blood, shed for you all
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this in remembrance of me.

This is our story.
This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this
cup we celebrate the cross
on which he died to set us free.
Defying death he rose again
and is alive with you to plead for us and all
the world.

This is our story.
This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.

Send your Spirit on us now
that by these gifts we may feed on Christ
with opened eyes and hearts on fire.
May we and all who share this food
offer ourselves to live for you
and be welcomed at your feast in heaven
where all creation worships you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever.
Amen.**

Invitation to the Lord's Prayer

Led by the light of faith, let us lift up our
eyes to heaven, and call out to God our Father.

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

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.**

Agnus Dei

**Jesus, Lamb of God,
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins,
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, redeemer of the world,
grant us peace.**

Giving of Communion

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

Prayer After Communion

**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;
May 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

God the Father, who reigns in highest heaven,
bring you the grace and truth of the Word made
flesh.

Amen.

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

Amen.

God the Holy Spirit, by whose power Mary
conceived, dwell in your hearts in love.

Amen.

And the blessing ...

Enlightened by Christ and anointed by
the Spirit,

go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.