

# The Holy Eucharist

## for the season of Epiphany

*Prayers which may be said before the Service begins*

*Come Lord Jesus, in the fullness of your grace,  
and dwell in the hearts of us your servants;  
that adoring you by faith  
we may with joy receive you,  
and may with love and thankfulness  
abide in you, our Guide,  
our Bread of pilgrims,  
our comrade on the way.*

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*Lord God and heavenly Father,  
you promised that you would come to us;  
be with us in the silence of our hearts,  
in the depths of our imagination,  
at the centre of our lives,  
and fill us with your love,  
now and for evermore.*

## The Greeting

The Lord be with you  
*All* and also with you.

*Words of Introduction are said and an Opening Hymn may be sung.*

## Prayer of Preparation

*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 Penitence

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.**

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.**

## The Gloria

*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.**

## The Collect

*The Priest introduces a period of silent prayer with the words:* Let us pray

*The Collect is said, and all respond:* **Amen.**

## First Reading

*At the end:*

This is the word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

## Second Reading

*At the end:*

This is the word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Reading

*An Acclamation may be sung to introduce the Gospel reading.*

*If used, the priest sings the Alleluia, which is then repeated by the congregation.*



*When the Gospel is announced:*

**All** The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

**All** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to...  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the end:*

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

## Homily

*A brief silence for reflection follows the Homily*

# The Apostles' Creed

Let us affirm our faith in the words of the Creed as we say:

**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

*The response to each prayer is:*

Lord, hear us.

**All Lord, graciously hear us.**

*At the words below please respond:*

According to your promise, look with mercy on those who have walked with Christ in this life and now have passed through death.

**All Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord and let light perpetual shine upon them.**

**All May they rest in peace and rise in glory.**

*A few moments of silence follow for your own prayers or petitions to be offered, after which the priest may say either or both of the following prayers:*

Almighty God,  
you have promised to hear the prayers  
of those who ask in your Son's name;  
we pray that what we have asked faithfully  
we may obtain effectually;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

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

## The Peace

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

*All* The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

## The Preparation of the Altar

*The altar is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.*

## The Prayer over the Gifts

*The priest, raising the paten slightly, says:*

Blessèd 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.

*All* **Blessèd be God forever.**

*The priest, raising the chalice slightly, says:*

Blessèd 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.

*All* **Blessèd be God forever.**

# The Great Thanksgiving

## Eucharistic Prayer B

The Lord be with you.  
*All* **and also with you.**

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.**

Father, we give you thanks and praise through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word, through whom you have created all things; who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh;  
as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin,  
he lived on earth and went about among us;  
he opened wide his arms for us on the cross;  
he put an end to death by dying for us;  
and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life;  
so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

And now we give you thanks for, by the leading of a star,  
you have revealed your only Son to the world,  
that in following him we are led from darkness into his marvellous light

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

*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.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

*All* **Christ has died:**  
**Christ is risen:**  
**Christ will come again.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,  
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;  
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming in glory,  
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.  
As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,  
we bring before you this bread and this cup  
and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people  
and gather into one in your kingdom  
all who share this one bread and one cup,  
so that we, in the company of Mary, the mother of Jesus,  
St. Peter, St. Mary Magdalene and all the saints,  
may praise and glorify you for ever,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be yours,  
almighty Father, forever and ever.

*All* **Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**All** **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,**  
**forever and ever.**  
**Amen.**

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

Jesus says, I am the bread of life,  
whoever eats this bread will live forever.

**All** **Lord, our hearts hunger for you;**  
**give us this bread always.**

## **Agnus Dei**

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

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**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 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.**

*Although we are able, with this broadcast—as Thomas Cranmer puts it—to “see with our eyes” even if we cannot “smell with our noses, touch with our hands and taste with our mouths.” in physically receiving the Sacrament of the Eucharist, you may wish to make a Spiritual Communion at this point in the service using the following words:*

**All** **My Jesus,  
I believe that you are present in the most holy Sacrament.  
I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart  
I embrace you as if you were already there,  
and unite myself wholly to you.  
Never permit me to be separated from you.  
Amen.**

## Prayer after Communion

*The Priest introduces a period of silent prayer with the words:* Let us pray.

*The Priest then says the Post Communion prayer, followed by:*

**All** **Glory to God,  
whose power, working in us  
can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.  
Glory to God from generation to generation,  
in the Church and in Christ Jesus,  
forever and ever.  
Amen.**

## The Blessing

Christ our Lord,  
to whom kings bowed down in worship and offered gifts,  
reveal to you his glory  
and pour upon you the riches of his grace;  
and the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit  
be with you and remain with you always.

**All** **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

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