



Choral Eucharist

Epiphany
Season



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You are very welcome to All Saints today. At certain times in the service, the Choir sings on behalf of the congregation; this allows us to think more deeply about our relationship with God in our lives, through meditating on the words and music chosen for the day. The words that they sing are either in this booklet or in the weekly service sheet.

Children are very welcome here and are invited to take part in our Children's Church which meets in the choir vestry. This involves a bible reading and a creative activity to help them reflect on the story. Towards the end of the first hymn they come forward to the altar where they collect reminders of God's presence in our lives – a cross and a Bible – to take to their activities elsewhere. We all come back together later in the service for Communion.

A note on the Epiphany Season

In the Western churches, the Epiphany ('manifestation') became an occasion to celebrate one element in the story of Christ's birth, the visit of the far-travelled magi, understood as the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles. In this perspective, Epiphanytide is an apt season to pray for the worldwide mission of the Church. The feast of the Conversion of St Paul, the Apostle to the Gentiles, appropriately falls in the Epiphany season (on January 25th), as does the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (January 18th-25th).

In the Eastern churches, the Epiphany is, rather, the celebration of Christ's baptism at the hands of John, when the heavens were opened and a voice from heaven declared Jesus to be God's beloved Son. The miracle of Cana in Galilee, where Jesus 'first manifested his glory', follows immediately. The arrangement of the Sundays of Epiphany in the Revised Common Lectionary deliberately draws out these aspects.

The season of joyful celebration that begins at Christmas now continues through the successive Sundays of Epiphany, and the festal cycle ends only with the Feast of the Presentation (Candlemas) on February 2nd. The child who has been manifested to the magi at his birth is now recognised by Simeon and Anna, when he comes to be presented in the Temple according to the Law of Israel. He is both 'a light to lighten the Gentiles' and 'the glory of God's people Israel'.

Welcome

The Celebrant welcomes the congregation and then invites those who can to stand for the opening hymn.

Processional Hymn

During the last verse of the hymn, parents are invited to bring their children forward to the altar before taking them to Children's Church in the choir vestry.

Greeting

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

All Amen.

The Lord be with you.

All and also with you.

The Celebrant then prays for the Children's Church:

Teach us, good Lord,
to know you more clearly,
love you more dearly,
and follow you more nearly,
day by day.

All Amen.

**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. *(cf Titus 2.11-14)*

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.**

Gloria

The Choir sings the Gloria.

Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.
Laudamus te, benedicimus te,
adoramus te, glorificamus te.
Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam.
Domine Deus, rex cælestis, Deus Pater omnipotens.
Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe.
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris.
Qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

Suscipe deprecationem nostram.
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis.
Quoniam tu solus sanctus. Tu solus Dominus.
Tu solus altissimus, Jesu Christe.
Cum sancto Spiritu in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

*Glory be to God on high,
and in earth peace, good will towards men.
We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee, we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only begotten Son Jesu Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.
For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

The Collect

*We say together the special prayer for this Sunday, which is on
the front of the day's service sheet.*

Sit for the readings.

The text of the readings is in the service sheet.

Old Testament Reading

At the end of the reading:

For the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God

Psalm

Sung by the Choir.

New Testament Reading

At the end of the reading:

For the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn

Gospel Acclamation

Cantor



Al-le-lu-ia Al-le lu-ia Al-le-lu-ia

All



Al-le-lu-ia Al-le lu-ia Al-le-lu-ia

Cantor



Christ was revealed in flesh, proclaimed among the nations



and believed in throughout the world

All




Al-le-lu-ia Al-le lu-ia Al-le-lu-ia

Gospel Reading

The Gospel reading is announced:

Cantor



A reading from the Holy Gospel according [to] Mat - thew
to Mark
to Luke
to John


All



Glory to you, O Lord

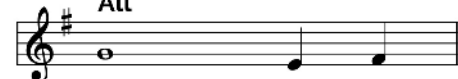
At the end of the reading:

Cantor



This is the Gospel of the Lord

All



Praise to you, O Christ

Sit.

Sermon

Silence may be kept.

Stand. If there are baptisms, please turn to page 13.

The Creed

(This is omitted if there is a baptism.)

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.

Sit.

Prayers of Intercession

The prayers are led by a member of the congregation after the Celebrant has introduced them with these words:

In the power of the Spirit, and in union with Christ,
let us pray to the Father.

During the prayers this or another 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.**

Silence may be kept.

The Peace

Stand

Our Saviour Christ is the Prince of Peace.
Of the increase of his government and of peace there
shall be no end. *(cf Isaiah 9.6-7)*

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn

During which the bread and wine are brought to the altar and a collection is taken for the work the church. If giving in cash, please enclose in a gift aid envelope, available from the welcome desk. If giving by card, please use the card reader by the welcome desk at the end of the service.

Preparation of the Table

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.

The Eucharistic Prayer

Celebrant All

The Lord is here. His spi-rit is with us.

Celebrant All

Lift__ up your hearts We lift them to__ the Lord

Celebrant

Let us give thanks to the Lord__ our God

All

It is right to givethanks and praise__

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:

Sung by the Choir.

*Holy, holy, holy,
Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high!
Blessed is he that cometh 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.

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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 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, for ever and ever.

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

We keep a short time of silence.

All Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour taught us:
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.

Breaking of the Bread

The priest breaks the consecrated bread.

We break the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.

**All God here among us,
 light in the midst of us,
 bring us to light and life.**

Giving of Communion

The priest invites everyone to receive 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.**

*Everyone is welcome to come to the altar to receive communion
or a blessing. The sidespeople will direct you.*

Agnus Dei

The Choir sings:

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.*

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.*

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.*

Communion Motet

*The Choir sings a motet as the congregation receives communion.
The text for the motet is in the service sheet.*

Prayer after Communion

The priest prays the post communion prayer and then we say together:

All **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.
Amen.**

Notices

Final Hymn

Blessing

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

All **Amen.**

Dismissal

We have seen his glory, the glory revealed to all the nations. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

Please remain standing as the Choir and altar party process to the vestry.

Please stay for refreshments in the café at the East End of the Church.

The Liturgy of Baptism

Following the sermon the children to be baptised are presented to the congregation in front of the altar.

The Presentation

The Minister addresses the whole congregation:

Faith is the gift of God to his people. In baptism the Lord is adding to our number those whom he is calling. People of God, will you welcome these children and uphold them in their new life in Christ?

All With the help of God, we will.

The Minister then says to the parents and godparents:

Parents and godparents, the Church receives these children with joy. Today we are trusting God for their growth in faith. Will you pray for them, draw them by your example into the community of faith and walk with them in the way of Christ?

With the help of God, we will.

In baptism these children begin their journey in faith. You speak for them today. Will you care for them, and help them to take their place within the life and worship of Christ's Church?

With the help of God, we will.

The Decision

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him. Therefore I ask:

Do you turn to Christ?

I turn to Christ.

Do you repent of your sins?

I repent of my sins.

Do you renounce evil?

I renounce evil.

Signing with the Cross

The Minister makes the sign of the cross on each child's forehead with the Oil of Baptism:

Christ claims you for his own. Receive the sign of his cross. Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

**All Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ
 against sin, the world and the devil,
 and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.**

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness,
and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ.

All Amen.

The Minister and baptism party process to the font.

Prayer over the Water

Praise God who made heaven and earth
All who keeps his promise for ever.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

Loving Father, we thank you for your servant Moses,
who led your people through the waters of the Red
Sea to freedom in the Promised Land.

We thank you for your Son Jesus, who has passed
through the deep waters of death and opened for all
the way of salvation.

Now send your Spirit, that those who are washed in
this water may die with Christ and rise with him, to find
true freedom as your children, alive in Christ for ever.

All Amen.

Profession of Faith

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?
**All I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?
**All 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.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?
**All 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.**

Baptism

N, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

May God, who has received you by baptism into his Church, pour upon you the riches of his grace, that within the company of Christ's pilgrim people you may daily be renewed by his anointing Spirit, and come to the inheritance of the saints in glory.

All **Amen.**

Prayer for Parents

Faithful and loving God, bless those who care for these children and grant them your gifts of love, wisdom and faith. Pour upon them your healing and reconciling love, and protect their home from all evil. Fill them with the light of your presence and establish them in the joy of your kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

The baptism party return to their seats as prayers are led by a member of the congregation.

The Welcome and Peace

The newly baptised children and their parents stand in front of the altar with the Minister. The congregation also stand.

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:
N and N, by one Spirit we are all baptized into one body.

**All We welcome you into the fellowship of faith;
we are children of the same heavenly Father;
we welcome you.**

We are all one in Christ Jesus. We belong to him through faith, heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

The service continues with the Offertory Hymn, during which our collection is taken.

After communion the newly baptised children are presented with a candle.

Giving of a lighted Candle

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and has given us a place with the saints in light. You have received the light of Christ; walk in this light all the days of your life.

**All Shine as a light in the world,
to the glory of God the Father.**



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