



Spiritual Communion During Epiphany Season



The Gathering

Words of welcome are given and we are invited to join in the hymn.

Hymn

**O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!
Bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
with gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness,
kneel and adore him: the Lord is his Name!**

**Fear not to enter his courts in the slenderness
of the poor wealth thou wouldst reckon as thine;
for truth in its beauty, and love in its tenderness,
these are the offerings to lay on his shrine.**

**These, though we bring them in
trembling and fearfulness,
he will accept for the Name that is dear;
mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness,
trust for our trembling and hope for our fear.**

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The Greeting

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe.

**From the rising of the sun to its setting
your name is proclaimed in all the world.**

The Lord of glory be with you.

The Lord bless you.

Let us pray

Prayer of Preparation

**Almighty God, as we gather in worship
we pray for your blessing on the church in this place.
Here may the faithful find salvation,
and the careless be awakened.
Here may the doubting find faith,
and the anxious be encouraged.
Here may the tempted find help,
and the sorrowful find comfort.
Here may the weary find rest,
and the strong be renewed.
Here may the aged find consolation
and the young be inspired;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Please kneel.

Prayers of Penitence

Do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink. Seek first God's kingdom and his righteousness. Let us confess our sins and our failure to make God's will our priority.

Silence is kept

'I was hungry and you gave me no food
I was thirsty and you gave me no drink.'

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

'I was a stranger and you did not welcome me,
naked and you did not clothe me.'

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

'I was sick and you did not visit me,
In prison and you did not come to me.'

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

The President says

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. **Amen.**

I invite you to stand with me and praise God in the words
of the Gloria.

The 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

Heavenly Father, at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your
Son: may we recognise him as our Lord and know
ourselves to be your beloved children; through Jesus Christ
our Saviour. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

Reading

The first reading of the day is read.

At the end

Hear the word of the Lord **Thanks be to God.**

At the end of the reading we stand.

Gospel Reading

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

We say: Glory to you, O Lord

At the end: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

We say: Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

Please sit when invited to do so.

We stand when invited to say The Creed together.

The Apostles Creed

**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.**

Please kneel for the prayers if you are able.

Prayers of Intercession

This or another prayer response may be used:

Jesus, Lord of the Church, in your mercy hear us.

At the end:

**God of mercy you know us and love us
and hear our prayer: keep us in the eternal
fellowship of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen**

Please sit.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Offertory

***We are unable to pass a collection plate at present, but
please make a donation to the church today if you can –
donations can be sent electronically via our web page –
please contact the office for support in making your
donation.***

Hymn

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
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Prayer at the Preparation of the Table

Faithful God, receive all we offer you this day. May we so love the life of Christ that your Church may be a sign of salvation to all the nations of the world.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

Please stand.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here. **His spirit is with us**

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.

The President praises God for his mighty acts.

The choir sings

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.**

The President recalls the Last Supper.

Great is the mystery of faith:

We say: **Christ has died, Christ is risen
Christ will come again**

***The prayer continues and at the end we all respond boldly
Amen.***

We kneel of bow or heads and silence is kept.

The Lord's Prayer

In faith and trust we pray as Jesus taught us:

**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 the bread of life, and that life
is the light of the world.

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

Agnus Dei

The choir sings:

**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.**

The Sharing of Spiritual Communion

As I receive these gifts on behalf of all God's people gathered in worship near and far today we pray together:

**Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
for all you have given me,
and for all the pains and insults
you have borne for me.
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
I ask you to come spiritually into my heart.
O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,
may I know you more clearly,
love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly,
day by day. Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

The President says the Post Communion prayer. At the end we join in the Amen

We say together

**Almighty God, we thank you that through this
spiritual communion you have united us with
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.**

The Dismissal

Further community notices may be given.

We are invited to sing our final hymn.

Hymn

**Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne.
Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.**

**Crown him the virgin's Son, the God incarnate born,
whose arm those crimson trophies won
which now His brow adorn;
fruit of the mystic rose, as of that rose the stem;
the root whence mercy ever flows,
the Babe of Bethlehem.**

**Crown him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.
all hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou has died for me;
thy praise and glory shall not fail
throughout eternity.**

The Blessing

May God the Father,
who led 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. **Amen**

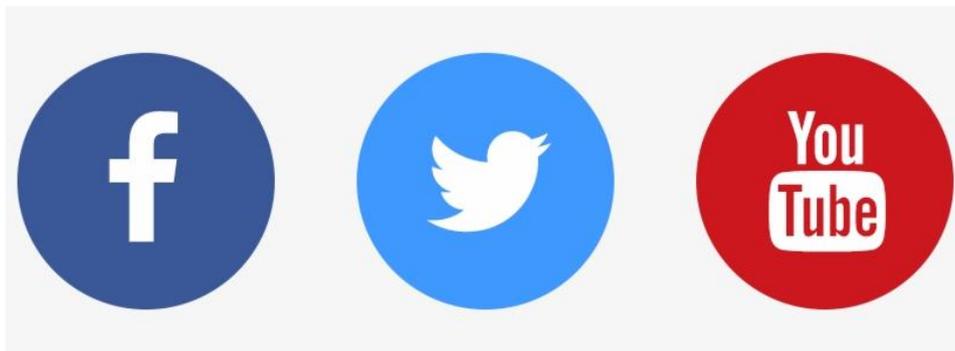
May God the Son,
who turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana,
transform your lives and make glad your hearts. **Amen**

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. **Amen.**

And the blessing..... **Amen.**

The Dismissal

We have seen his glory, the glory revealed to all the
nations. Go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God. Amen.



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