

Holy Communion Service

for

Christmas and Epiphany



St. Mary's Church
Caterham

The Gathering

Hymn

The president may say

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

All Amen.

The president greets the people

The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

Words of welcome or introduction may be said.

Prayers of Penitence

The Invitation to confession:

Christmas Day until the eve of Epiphany:

Hear the words of the angel to Joseph:
'You shall call his name Jesus,
for he will save his people from their sins.'
Therefore let us seek the forgiveness of God
through Jesus the Saviour of the world.

cf Matthew 1.21

The Epiphany until the eve of The Presentation:

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.

cf Titus 2.11-14

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.

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.

All Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

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 president introduces the collect with the words 'Let us pray'
The Collect is said.*

All Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

Readings

Hymn or song

Gospel Reading

Christmas Day until the eve of Epiphany:

Alleluia, alleluia.

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us,
and we have seen his glory.

John 1.14

All Alleluia.

The Epiphany until the eve of The Presentation:

Alleluia, alleluia.

Christ was revealed in flesh,

proclaimed among the nations

and believed in throughout the world.

All Alleluia.

The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

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.

And at the end:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The Creed

The president says

Let us declare our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**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

A Litany for the World for Christmas Day:

Unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given.
Let us bring before God the needs of the world.

Wonderful counsellor,
give your wisdom to the rulers of the nations.
Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

Mighty God,
make the whole world know
that the government is on your shoulders.
Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

Everlasting father,
establish your reign of justice
and righteousness for ever.
Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

Prince of peace,
bring in the endless kingdom of your peace.
Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

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

Amen.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Christmas Day until the eve of Epiphany:

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

cf Isaiah 9.6

The Epiphany until the eve of The Presentation;

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

All The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.
Let us offer one another the sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Preparation of the Table

Taking of the Bread and Wine

Hymn

*The gifts of the people may be gathered and presented.
The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.*

Christmas Day until the eve of Epiphany:

Word made flesh, life of the world,
in your incarnation you embraced our poverty:
by your Spirit may we share in your riches.
Amen.

The Epiphany until the eve of The Presentation:

Lord, accept your people's gifts,
not gold, frankincense or myrrh,
but hearts and voices raised in praise
of Jesus Christ, our light and our salvation.
Amen.

The president takes the bread and wine.

The Eucharistic Prayer

One of the authorised Eucharistic Prayers is used:

All The Lord be with you
and also with you.

All Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

All 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 and all respond:

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.

The president recalls the Last Supper, and this acclamation may be used:

All Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.

The Eucharistic Prayer ends with

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

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,
for ever and ever.
Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

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.

The Agnus Dei may be used as the bread is broken

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.

Giving of Communion

The president says the invitation to 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.

The president and people receive communion.

Authorised words of distribution are used

and the communicant replies

Amen.

During the distribution hymns and anthems may be sung.

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.

The post communion prayer is said followed by:

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 and Banns

The Dismissal

The Blessing – *(Please stand)*

All Amen.

Hymn

The ministers and people depart.

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