



The Eucharist



For the

Christmas-Epiphany Season

From the first Sunday of Christmas to Candlemas

Welcome to this Church, grace and peace be with you.

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Anglican worship includes a number of **physical** as well as **verbal** responses. When *italics* indicate, the congregation is invited to join in with any physical or verbal response as they find most appropriate and helpful for worshipping God. Be assured you remain part of the worship by your presence, whether sitting, standing in person and online.

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The Eucharist

Our service includes a celebration of the Eucharist where we are invited to join in the shared meal, offering our lives to God, receiving forgiveness which heals the past and grace which gives us hope for the future.

We have processions because we believe we are God's pilgrim people; some wear robes because they have been set aside for particular roles in the service. We read the Bible because, in reading it together, we encounter our living God. We sing to offer praise and worship; we pray to be open to the relationship of love God invites us to be within.

We have developed conventions for when we sit or stand and these are indicated in the order of service as an invitation to all. If these do not reflect your custom or preference, do follow your own practice and know that you remain within the heart of our worship.

Language in Worship

Anglicanism is founded on scripture, tradition and reason and hence we read ancient scripture, sing traditional hymns and share in familiar prayers. God is beyond gender or any other differences which make up the beauty and diversity of our human family. So, while honouring the poetry of beloved texts and rejoicing in our historic understandings of God known as Father, Son and Holy Spirit we recognise that God is both beyond gender and embracing all gender. In God's creation, all men and women reflect God's image and so we seek to reflect that in our language about humankind.

Opening Worship

The Welcome. The congregation is invited to STAND for a hymn, processional music, or choir introit.

*Please join in with the parts in **bold**. The President says.*

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.**

Prayers of Penitence

The Deacon invites the congregation to make their confession using this or another suitable invitation.

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.

A short silence is kept.

A confession is said

**Father eternal, giver of light and grace,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour,
in what we have thought,
in what we have said and done,
through ignorance, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We have wounded your love,
and marred your image in us.
We are sorry and ashamed,
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 lead us out from darkness
to walk as children of light.
Amen.**

This confession may be used.

Lord of grace and truth,
we confess our unworthiness
to stand in your presence as your children.
We have sinned:

All **forgive and heal us.**

The Virgin Mary accepted your call
to be the mother of Jesus.
Forgive our disobedience to your will.
We have sinned:

All **forgive and heal us.**

Your Son our Saviour
was born in poverty in a manger.
Forgive our greed and rejection of your ways.
We have sinned:

All **forgive and heal us.**

The shepherds left their flocks
to go to Bethlehem.
Forgive our self-interest and lack of vision.
We have sinned:

All **forgive and heal us.**

The wise men followed the star
to find Jesus the King.
Forgive our reluctance to seek you.
We have sinned:

All **forgive and heal us.**

The Priest uses these words of absolution.

May God who loved the world so much
that he sent his Son to be our Saviour
forgive us our sins
and make us holy to serve him in the world,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

**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 Collect of the day is prayed, and all respond.

All Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

Reading

Please SIT.

At the end of each the reader says

Hear the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Please STAND for the gradual hymn or music.

Gospel Reading

An acclamation is said or sung.

Alleluia, alleluia.

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

All Alleluia.

When the Gospel is announced the reader says

The Lord be with you.

All and also with you.

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Please SIT.

A short time of stillness and reflection follows the sermon.

Prayers of Intercession

These responses may be used.

Lord, in your mercy

All hear our prayer.

(or)

Lord, hear us.

All Lord, graciously hear us.

At the end we say

Trusting God who listens to those who pray, we say together.

**All Jesus, Saviour, child of Mary,
you know us and love us,
you share our lives
and hear our prayer.
Glory to you for ever. Amen.**

Please *STAND*.

The Creed

The President leads the Nicene Creed or an affirmation of faith.

**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.**

An affirmation of our faith.

All Because you made the world, and intended it to be a good place, and called its people your children; because, when things seemed at their worst, you came in Christ, to bring out the best in us; so, gracious God, we gladly say: **Goodness is stronger than evil; Love is stronger than hate; Light is stronger than darkness; Life is stronger than death. Because confusion can reign inside us, despite our faith; because anger, tension, bitterness and envy distort our vision; because our minds sometimes worry small things out of all proportion; because we do not always get it right, we want to believe: Goodness is stronger than evil; Love is stronger than hate; Light is stronger than darkness; Life is stronger than death. Victory is ours through Him who loves us. Amen.**

Archbishop Desmond Tutu

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

The President offers an introduction to the peace.

We are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, that we may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called us out of darkness into his marvellous light. Gathered as his people we share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

The Deacon says.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

An offertory hymn is sung as the gifts brought up and altar prepared, a collection is also taken.

Preparation of the Table

The President offers a prayer.

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.

All Amen.

One of the following is used. Please STAND.

Prayer E on page 10.

Prayer B on page 12.

Prayer Two on page 14.

The Eucharistic Prayer

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER E

The Lord is here.

All **His Spirit is with us.**

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.**

Here follows a Seasonal Preface or the following.

And now we give you thanks
because, in the incarnation of the Word,
a new light has dawned upon the world;
you have become one with us
that we might become one with you in your glorious kingdom.

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.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.
On the night before he died he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.

He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:
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.
So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

The Deacon says.

Christ is the bread of life.

All **When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
We proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,
until you come in glory.**

Help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.
Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with St. Mary and all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.
Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,
for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

Please SIT.

The service continues with the Lord's Prayer on page 16.

EUCCHARISTIC 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.

A Short Proper Preface may be used when appropriate

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.

The Deacon says

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 St Mary 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,
for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

Please SIT. The service continues with the Lord's Prayer on page 16.

Eucharistic Prayer Two

The question-and-answers may be said by two members of the congregation.

The Lord is here

All **His Spirit is with us.**

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.**

Question Why is it right to give thanks and praise?

Answer Listen, and we will hear.

Lord of all life,
you created the universe,
where all living things reflect your glory.
You give us this great and beautiful earth,
to discover and to cherish.

A Short Proper Preface may be used.

You made us all,
each wonderfully different,
to join with the angels
and sing your praise:

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.**

We thank you, loving Father,
because, when we turned away,
you sent Jesus, your Son.
He gave his life for us on the cross
and shows us the way to live.
Send your Holy Spirit
that these gifts of bread and wine
may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

Question Why do we share this bread and wine?

Answer Listen, and we will hear.

On the night before he died,
when darkness had fallen,
Jesus took bread.
He gave thanks, broke it,
and shared it with his disciples, saying:
'This is my body, given for you.
Do this to remember me.'

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine,
gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying:
'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many,
for the forgiveness of sins.'
So Father, with this bread and this cup
we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life.

As you feed us with these gifts,
send your Holy Spirit,
and change us more and more
to be like Jesus our Saviour.

Question How do we follow Jesus Christ?

Answer Listen, and we will hear.

Help us, Father, to love one another,
as we look forward to that day
when suffering is ended,
and all creation is gathered in your loving arms.
And now with St Mary and all your saints
we give you glory,
through Jesus Christ,
in the strength of the Spirit,
today and for ever.

All **Amen.**

Please SIT.

The service continues with the Lord's Prayer on page 16.

The Lord's Prayer

The service continues following the Eucharistic Prayer.

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray
**All 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

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.**

**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 offers an 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. All are welcome to receive communion or a blessing as is your practice.

A choir anthem may be sung.

Following the communion, a period of stillness and reflection is kept. A post communion prayer may be used.

The President may also say.

We join together in a Prayer of Thanksgiving for our shared experience of this Eucharistic Feast, whether at home or in church.

Prayer after Communion

All **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;
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.

Notices are given and banns of marriage read.

The Dismissal

Please STAND.

The Lord be with you.

All and also with you.

The President may use this or another suitable blessing.

May the joy of the angels,
the eagerness of the shepherds,
the perseverance of the wise men,
the obedience of Joseph and Mary,
and the peace of the Christ-child
be yours this Christmas;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

The final hymn is sung.

The Deacon says.

The bread of God is he who comes down from heaven
and gives life to the world.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

The ministers depart as a voluntary is played.

Alternative wording for Sunday 26th December, Boxing Day The Feast of St Stephen

Prayers of Penitence

The Deacon invites the congregation to make their confession using this or another suitable invitation.

As Stephen rebuked God's people
for not listening to the word of God,
let us confess our stubbornness and sin which resist the Holy Spirit.

Silence is kept. The Deacon leads the confession.

You call us to listen to your voice
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

You command us to flee from idolatry.
Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

You ask us to forgive our persecutors.
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

The President uses these words of absolution.

The Lord enrich *you* with his grace,
and nourish *you* with his blessing;
the Lord defend *you* in trouble and keep *you* from all evil;
the Lord accept *your* prayers,
and absolve *you* from *your* offences,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Saviour.

All Amen.

The Collect

Gracious Father, who gave the first martyr Stephen
grace to pray for those who took up stones against him:
grant that in all our sufferings for the truth
we may learn to love even our enemies
and to seek forgiveness for those who desire our hurt,
looking up to heaven to him who was crucified for us,
Jesus Christ, our mediator and advocate,
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

All **Merciful Lord,**
we thank you for the signs of your mercy
revealed in birth and death:
save us by the coming of your Son,
and give us joy in honouring Stephen,
first martyr of the new Israel;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Notices are given and banns of marriage read.

The Dismissal

Please STAND.

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

Blessing

God give you grace to be faithful witnesses,
to see heaven opened
and the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
All **Amen.**

The final hymn is sung.

The Deacon says.

Stephen, full of grace and power,
All **did great wonders and signs among the people.**
Precious in the sight of the Lord
All **is the death of his saints.**
We go into the world
to walk in God's light,
All **to rejoice in God's love**
and to reflect God's glory.

The ministers depart as a voluntary is played.

Gloria

Con moto



Glo-ry to God in the high-est and peace to his peo-ple on_ earth.



Lord God, hea-ven-ly king, Al-migh - ty God and Fa-ther. We



wor-ship you, we give_ you thanks, we praise_ you for your glo-ry,



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us.



You are sea-ted at the right hand of the Fa-ther, re - ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a - lone are the



Lord, you a - lone are the most high Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi-rit,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Sanctus

Richard Quesnel (2021)

[1. Choir 2. All] [Choir]

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might. Hea-ven and earth are

6 [All] [Choir]

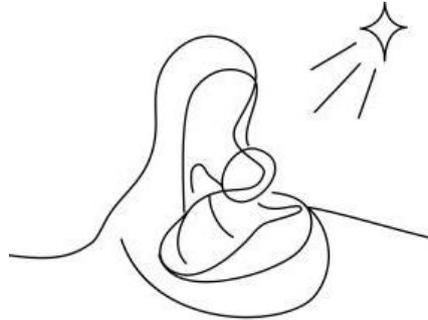
full of your glo - ry. Hea-ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san-na in the high -

10 [All] [Choir]

est! Ho-san-na in the high - est! Bless-ed is he, bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the

15 [All]

Lord, Ho-san-na in the high - est, Ho-san-na in the high- est.



*For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders;
and he is named
Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace*
Isaiah 9.6

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