

Good Shepherd with St. Peter's



Epiphany Service Booklet
For services in the season of Epiphany

All the words you need for this service are in this booklet. Please join in the parts in bold. The service leader will invite you to stand and sit.

Welcome

The service begins with a welcome from the service leader

The Greeting

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

**To you be glory and praise
for ever.**

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

**To you be glory and praise
for ever.**

The Lord of glory be with you.
The Lord bless you.

An opening hymn is sung here

Prayer of Preparation

**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.**

Confession

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.

Lord Jesus, illuminate the
darkness in our hearts:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, open our eyes to
your saving love:

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, unstop our ears to
hear your living word:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

May the God of love and power
forgive us and free us from our
sins, heal and strengthen us by
his Spirit, and raise us to new life
in Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

The words of the Gloria may be said or sung. An alternative version of the Gloria may be used on occasion.

**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 (prayer for the day) is usually said here.

The children may leave the service at this point to go to their own activities. The service leader will tell people where to go.

Bible Reading

At the end the reader will say:

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

A hymn is usually sung here

Gospel Reading

When the Gospel reading is announced the reader will say:

Alleluia, alleluia.

Christ was revealed in flesh,
proclaimed among the nations
and believed in throughout the
world.

Alleluia.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord
Jesus Christ according to N.
Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end the reader will say:

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

Sermon

After the sermon there may be opportunity for quiet reflection.

Affirmation of Faith

We proclaim the Church's faith in Jesus Christ.

We believe and declare that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is both divine and human.

God, of the being of the Father, the only Son from before time began; human from the being of his mother, born in the world; **fully God and fully human; human in both mind and body.**

As God he is equal to the Father, as human he is less than the Father.

Although he is both divine and human he is not two beings but one Christ.

One, not by turning God into flesh, but by taking humanity into God; **truly one, not by mixing humanity with Godhead, but by being one person.**

For as mind and body form one human being so the one Christ is both divine and human.

The Word became flesh and lived among us; we have seen his glory, the glory of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Prayers of Intercession

At the end of the prayers, please join in with these words:

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.

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

We greet one another, and offer one another a sign of peace.

A hymn is usually sung here. During this hymn an offering may be taken for those who wish to give to the work of the church.

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.**

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:

**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.

Lord, by your cross and resurrection you have set us free. You are the Saviour of the world.

Lord of all life, 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 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.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**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.**

The following response may be sung:

**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.**

God's holy gifts
for God's holy people.
**Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the
Father.**

*Communion is shared. You will be
invited to come forward to receive.*

Prayer after communion

**Lord God,
the bright splendour whom
the nations seek:
may we, with the wise men,
be drawn by your light,
and discern the glory of your
presence in your Son,
the Word made flesh,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

*News and notices are shared
A final hymn will be sung*

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 Almighty
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
be with you, this day and always.
Amen.

We have seen his glory, the
glory revealed to all the nations.

Go in peace to love
and serve the Lord.
**In the name of Christ.
Amen.**

*You're warmly invited to stay for
tea and coffee after the service*