

Parish Eucharist for Epiphany (10am)



Welcome to St Peter's Church!

The days after Christmas until Candlemas make up the season of Epiphany. The word Epiphany is a Greek word meaning manifestation or revelation. It is a time of reflection on the incarnation of Jesus as God with us. It is therefore a period to reflect on how God is revealed in Word and Sacrament amidst the life of the church and the world.

Particular events are recalled which help us as Christians to understand more of the significance of the birth and life of Jesus. These stories include the visit of the Magi, the baptism of Christ as God's Beloved, and the miracle of water made wine at Cana of Galilee.

The themes point us to contemplate on the mystery of God made flesh in Jesus. But they also point us to reflect on how the life of Jesus can now be made known in our world and community through worship, service and mission.

If you are new, we are delighted to see you! Please do make yourself known to one of the sidespeople. At the time of communion everyone is warmly invited to come to the altar to receive communion or a prayer of blessing. All who usually take communion are most welcome to receive it here. If you need a gluten-free wafer, please tell one of the sidespeople.

At our 10am service in term-time we have worship and activities for children. We usually keep the third Sunday of the month as a service for all ages. On other Sundays, children are invited to the St Peter's Rooms behind the church for a time of worship, followed by creative activities suitable for their age group. They return to church in time for communion or a blessing towards the end of the service. Of course if you prefer to stay in the main church with your children you are most welcome to do so. A selection of toys are available in the children's area straight ahead from the main church door.

Setting: Rizza

Welcome and Greeting

The priest welcomes the congregation before the first hymn is sung.

Hymn

(please stand)

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

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Prayer of Preparation

(please be seated or kneel)

**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.
In his light, let us confess our sins.

God be gracious to us and bless us,
and make your face shine upon us.
Lord, have mercy,
Lord, have mercy.

May your ways be known upon the earth,
your saving power among the nations.

Christ, have mercy,

Christ, have mercy.

You, Lord, have made known your salvation,
and reveal your justice in the sight of the nations.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

May the Father of all mercies cleanse you from your sins,
and restore you in his image,
to the praise and glory of his name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria in excelsis

(please stand)

**Glory, glory to God, glory to God in the highest,
peace to his people on earth,
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.**

**Glory, glory to God, glory to God in the highest,
peace to his people on earth,
peace to his people on earth.**

**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, receive our prayer, receive our
prayer.**

**You alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory, the glory,
the glory of God the Father.
Amen, amen, amen, amen, amen, amen.**

The Collect

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

(please be seated)

At the end of the reading the reader says:

For the gift of the Word
Thanks be to God.

Hymn or Psalm

Second Reading

At the end of the reading the reader says:

For the gift of the Word
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

(please stand)

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

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

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

We sing
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sermon

(please be seated)

The Creed

(please stand)

**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

(please be seated or kneel)

We may use one of the following responses:

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**
or Lord, hear us, **Lord, graciously hear us**

After the final prayer we may say:

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

Liturgy of the Eucharist

The Peace

(please stand)

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.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Hymn

A collection is taken during this hymn to support the work of the church. If for any reason this is impractical, a collection plate can be found at the back of the church.

Offering Bread and Wine

Blessed be God,
by whose grace creation is renewed,
by whose love heaven is opened,
by whose mercy we offer our sacrifice of praise.
Blessed be God for ever.

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 pow'r and God of might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest;
hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest;
hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he, blessed is he,
blessed is he who comes in the name,
he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.
hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest;
hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father, *(please be seated or kneel)*
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 a 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, as we remember all that Jesus did,
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.

Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

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 N 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 be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Believing in the promises of God, 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 the Bread

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.
**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

**Jesus, Lamb of God, Jesus, Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, Lamb of God, Jesus, Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, Lamb of God, Jesus, Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world:
grant us your peace, grant us your peace.**

Invitation to Communion

Everyone is invited to the altar to receive communion or a prayer of blessing. All who usually take communion are most welcome to receive it here. The president may use these words or another invitation:

**Christ is the true bread which has come down from heaven.
Lord, give us this bread always.**

Anthem

Hymn

(please remain seated)

Prayer after Communion

The prayer for the day, then:

**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

Hymn

(please stand)

The 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.
Amen.

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

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