

The Season of Epiphany

Rite I



The Liturgy of the Word

Please stand as you are able.

(Music may be played)

The Opening Acclamation

Priest: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Priest: Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

(Music may be played)

All: **Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Collect

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Priest: Let us pray.

The priest reads the collect of the day. The people respond “Amen”.

The Lessons

Please be seated. Refer to your lectionary insert for the Old Testament Reading, the Psalm or Canticle, the Epistle, and the Gospel.

Lector: A Reading from _____.

The lector concludes the Old Testament.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Lector: Let us pray together the words of the Psalm (or Canticle).

(Music may be played)

Vested Lector: A Reading from _____.

The lector concludes the Epistle.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Music may be played)

Please remain standing for the Gospel.

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to _____.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The deacon announces the Gospel.

The deacon concludes the gospel

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily

The Nicene Creed

Spoken by all, please stand as you are able.

**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:
By the power of the Holy Spirit
He became incarnate from 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.**

**With the Father and the Son
He is worshiped and glorified.
He 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 the People - Form VII, adapted

We pray for the sick or suffering, for those seeking prayer or guidance, and for the departed. You can also say the name aloud or silently during the prayers themselves.

In the power of the Holy Spirit and in union with Jesus Christ, let us pray to the Father.

We pray for the health of the Church; for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Jeff, our own Bishop; for Jim, our Rector and for Dan, our deacon. We pray for our wardens, vestry and ministry leaders. Guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that we who profess faith in Jesus may be filled with His love and truth.

Lord, in your mercy,
HEAR OUR PRAYER

We pray for all in positions of authority; for Donald, our President; JB, our Governor; James, our mayor; and for all elected and appointed leaders in our community, state and nation. Direct this and every nation in the ways of justice and peace.

Lord, in your mercy,
HEAR OUR PRAYER

We pray for those working to bring mercy, disaster relief, food, medicine and the message of Christ to those in need around the world. For missionaries, aid workers, justice-seekers and peace-makers, we pray...

Lord, in your mercy,
HEAR OUR PRAYER

We pray for those are ill or in any way distressed, that you would give them patience, peace and healing. We pray for... (*read names*)

Lord, in your mercy,
HEAR OUR PRAYER

We pray for those in need of wisdom and guidance. For... (*read names*)

Lord, in your mercy,
HEAR OUR PRAYER

We pray for those who have died and for our loved ones who now rest in the Presence of Christ. (*read names if there are any*)

Lord, in your mercy,
HEAR OUR PRAYER

We pray for all requests in our Book of Intentions.

HEAR OUR PRAYER

The celebrant adds a concluding collect...

Priest: O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Confession and Absolution

Please kneel as you are able to do so.

Priest: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**People: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee
In thought, word and deed, by what we have done,
And by what we have left undone.
We have not loved thee with our whole heart;
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,
Have mercy on us and forgive us;
That we may delight in thy will,
And walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy name. Amen.**

Priest: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

(Music may be played)

The Holy Communion

Please stand as you are able to do so.

Eucharistic Prayer I

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Priest: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People: **It is meet and right so to do.**

Priest: It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

The priest continues with a Proper Preface.

Priest: Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

All: **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Priest: All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

Please kneel as you are able to do so.

The priest continues:

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake 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."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.
AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

Please kneel as you are able to do so.

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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The priest breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Priest: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

All: **O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.**

Prayer of Humble Access

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whole property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

(Music may be played)

Post Communion Prayer

Priest: Let us pray.

All: **Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

The Blessing

The Dismissal

Priest: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

(Music may be played)