

The Season of Epiphany

Rite II



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 forever. Amen.**

Priest: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: 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.**

(Music may be played)

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 of the Day

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Priest: Let us pray.

The priest reads the collect of the day.

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.

(Music may be played)

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

Vested Lector: A Reading from _____.

The lector concludes the Epistle.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

(Music may be played)

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.

The Prayers of the People Form III

Leader: Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;

People: That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for our Archbishop of Canterbury, our Presiding Bishop, our Bishops, our priest, and all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for our president, our governor, our mayor, and all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others ...

(Additional prayers are offered for our community and world.)

For all prayers in our Book of Intentions.

Lord, hear our prayer.

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

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

Please kneel as you are able.

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

Priest: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **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

This is Eucharistic Prayer B. Please stand as you are able.

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Priest proceeds:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

The Priest sings or says a Proper Preface from page 377-379 in the Book of Common Prayer.

Then the Priest continues.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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.

Please stand or kneel as you are able. The priest continues:

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Priest 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.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he 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. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**All: We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The priest continues:

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Virgin Mary, St. Philip and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior
Christ has taught us,
We are bold to say:

**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,
Forever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

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

Priest: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore let us keep the feast.

Priest: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The bread and wine are given to the people who may respond: "Amen."

(Music may be played)

Post-Communion Prayer (BCP Page 366)

Priest: Let us pray:

**All: Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious body and Blood
of your son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
To do the work you have given us to do,
To love and serve you
As faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
Be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Blessing

The Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

(Music may be played)