



EPIPHANY SEASON

Order of Service
for
Holy Communion
20.1.21

ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome (by service leader)

The Greeting

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

All and also with you.

Prayer of Preparation

**All 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.**

Prayer of Penitence

From the Epiphany to Candlemas

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.

cf Titus 2.¹¹⁻¹⁴

**All Father, we have sinned
against heaven and against you.
We are not worthy to be called your children.
We turn to you again.
Have mercy on us, bring us back to yourself
as those who once were dead
but now have life through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen**

cf Luke 15

Absolution

May God our Father forgive us our sins,
and bring us to the fellowship of his table
with his saints forever.

All Amen

The Collect

Almighty God,
in Christ you make all things new:
transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your
grace,
and in the renewal of our lives
make known your heavenly glory;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

1st Reading

Hebrews 7: 1-3; 15-17

¹ This Melchizedek was king of Salem and priest of God Most High. He met Abraham returning from the defeat of the kings and blessed him, ² and Abraham gave him a tenth of everything. First, the name Melchizedek means 'king of righteousness'; then also, 'king of Salem' means 'king of peace'. ³ Without father or

mother, without genealogy, without beginning of days or end of life, resembling the Son of God, he remains a priest for ever. ¹⁵ And what we have said is even more clear if another priest like Melchizedek appears, ¹⁶ one who has become a priest not on the basis of a regulation as to his ancestry but on the basis of the power of an indestructible life. ¹⁷ For it is declared:

'You are a priest for ever,
in the order of Melchizedek.'^[a]

At the end of the reading we say

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm 110: 1-4

¹ The LORD says to my lord:^[a]

'Sit at my right hand
until I make your enemies
a footstool for your feet.'

² The LORD will extend your mighty sceptre from Zion, saying,
'Rule in the midst of your enemies!'

³ Your troops will be willing
on your day of battle.

Arrayed in holy splendour,
your young men will come to you
like dew from the morning's womb.^[b]

⁴ The LORD has sworn
and will not change his mind:

'You are a priest for ever,
in the order of Melchizedek.'

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

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

cf 1 Timothy 3.¹⁶

All Alleluia

Gospel

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Mark 3: 1-6

Another time Jesus went into the synagogue, and a man with a shrivelled hand was there. ² Some of them were looking for a reason to accuse Jesus, so they watched him closely to see if he would heal him on the Sabbath. ³ Jesus said to the man with the shrivelled hand, 'Stand up in front of everyone.'

⁴ Then Jesus asked them, 'Which is lawful on the Sabbath: to do good or to do evil, to save life or to kill?' But they remained silent.

⁵ He looked around at them in anger and, deeply distressed at their stubborn hearts, said to the man, 'Stretch out your hand.' He stretched it out, and his hand was completely restored. ⁶ Then the Pharisees went out and began to plot with the Herodians how they might kill Jesus.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

At the end of the sermon, a short silence is kept.

Please stand for the Creed.

The Creed

My brothers and sisters in Christ, let us declare our faith in God

**All We believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist.**

**We believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again.**

**We believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world.**

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

**We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Authorised Baptismal Creed

We sit or kneel for the Prayers of Intercession .

Prayers of Intercession

In faith let us pray to God our Father, his Son Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit.

For the Church of God throughout the world

let us invoke the Spirit

All Lord, hear our prayer

For the leaders of the nations,
that they may establish and defend justice and peace

let us pray for the wisdom of God

All Lord, hear our prayer

For those who suffer oppression or violence

let us invoke the power of the Deliverer

All Lord, hear our prayer

That the churches may discover again their visible unity
in the one baptism which incorporates them in Christ

let us pray for the love of Christ.

All Lord, hear our prayer

That the churches may attain communion
in the Eucharist around one table

let us pray for the strength of Christ.

All Lord, hear our prayer

That the churches may recognize each other's ministries
in the service of their one Lord

let us pray for the peace of Christ.

All Lord, hear our prayer

A time of quiet follows.

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

Please stand for the sharing of the Peace

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

The Peace

From The Epiphany to Candlemas

Our Saviour Christ is the Prince of Peace.
Of the increase of his government and of peace there shall
be no end.

cf Isaiah 9.^{6,7}

The peace of the Lord be with us all.

Preparation of the Table

Taking of the Bread and Wine

Gracious God, accept the offering of your Church,
the hearts of your people joined in praise and
thanksgiving, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord

All Amen

Eucharistic Prayer (A)

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.

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise, holy Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

From The Epiphany to Candlemas

And now we give you thanks because, in the incarnation of the Word, a new light has dawned upon the world, that all the nations may be brought out of darkness to see the radiance of your glory.

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.**

Please sit or kneel

Lord God, you are the most holy one, enthroned in splendour and light, yet in the coming of your Son Jesus Christ you reveal the power of your love made perfect in our human weakness.

Embracing our humanity, Jesus showed us the way of salvation; loving us to the end, he gave himself to death for us; dying for his own, he set us free from the bonds of sin, that we might rise and reign with him in glory.

On the night he gave himself for us, he 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.

Therefore we proclaim the death that he suffered on the cross, we celebrate his resurrection, his bursting from the tomb, we rejoice that he reigns at your right hand on high and we long for his coming in glory.

Gather your people from the ends of the earth to feast with [*N and*] all your saints at the table in your kingdom, where the new creation is brought to perfection in 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.

We keep a time of quiet.

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**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, saying:

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.**

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.**

Prayers after Communion

Post Communion Collect

God of glory,
you nourish us with your Word
who is the bread of life:
fill us with your Holy Spirit
that through us the light of your glory
may shine in all the world.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

We spend a moment or two in quiet dwelling in God's vision for St John's, before praying together

**All God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
whose faithfulness is unchanging and ever abiding;
let the radiance of your Spirit warm our hearts and
give light to our minds
that, in joyful obedience and firm faith,
we will be strengthened for service
so that your Church may be renewed,
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

(Please stand)

The Blessing

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

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and
the Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

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