

**Holy Communion
for the season of Epiphany
St Mary's Church, Chartham**

Welcome and Greeting

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

And also with you.

The Opening Hymn

Invitation to 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.
Let us confess our sins.

cf Titus 2.11-14

Silence is kept.

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 all healing and forgiveness

draw you to himself,

that you may behold the glory of his Son,

the Word made flesh,

and be cleansed from all your sins,

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

*Please stand to sing **The Gloria***

**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.**

*Please remain standing for **The Collect***

New Testament Reading

At the end

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All say: Thanks be to God.

The Gradual Hymn

Gospel Reading

Reader: Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

All sing: Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All sing: Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

The Creed

Let us declare our faith in God.

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

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

Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Responses

Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy

All: hear our prayer.

And at the end

Intercessor: Merciful Father,

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

The Peace

Christ is our peace.

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation.

The old has passed away: behold, everything has become new.

2 Corinthians 5.17

The peace of the Lord be always with you

And also with you.

The Offertory Hymn

Preparation of the table

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.

Amen.

The Communion

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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:

We sing together

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessèd 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.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

Dying you destroyed our death,

rising you restored our life:

Lord Jesus, come in glory.

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 Mary 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 are yours, O loving Father,
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Believing the promises of God,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

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

*We sing **The Agnus Dei***

**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.**

Sharing of Communion

The body and blood of Christ

Amen

Prayer after Communion

We say together:

**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**

The Final Hymn

The Blessing

May the Father
who has loved the eternal Son
from before the foundation of the world,
shed that love upon you, his children.

Amen

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 amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.