

# Service of Spiritual Communion for Epiphany 2 – 16 January 2022

## ¶ *The Gathering*

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

**Amen.**

## **The Greeting**

The Lord of glory be with you.

**The Lord bless you.**

## **Hymn**

Songs of thankfulness and praise,  
Jesus, Lord, to you we raise,  
manifested by the star  
to the Magi from afar,  
branch of royal David's stem,  
in your birth at Bethlehem.  
Anthems be to you addressed,  
God in man made manifest.

Manifest at Jordan's stream,  
Prophet, Priest, and King supreme,  
and at Cana, wedding guest,  
in your Godhead manifest;  
manifest in pow'r divine,  
changing water into wine.  
Anthems be to you addressed,  
God in man made manifest.

Manifest in making whole  
palsied limbs and fainting soul;  
manifest in valiant fight,  
quelling all the devil's might;  
manifest in gracious will,  
ever bringing good from ill:  
Anthems be to you addressed,  
God in man made manifest.

Sun and moon shall darkened be,  
 stars shall fall, the heavens shall flee.  
 Christ will then like lightning shine;  
 all will see his glorious sign.  
 All will then the trumpet hear,  
 all will see the judge appear.  
 You by all will be confessed,  
 God in man made manifest.

Grant us grace to see you, Lord,  
 mirrored in your holy Word.  
 May our lives and all we do  
 imitate and honour you  
 that we all like you may be  
 at your great epiphany  
 and may praise you, ever blest,  
 God in man made manifest.

Words; Christopher Wordsworth T. St Edmund

### **Prayer of Preparation**

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 him self for us to purify a people as his own.

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned  
 against you and against our neighbour in thought and  
 word and deed, through negligence, through weakness,  
 through our own deliberate fault.**

**We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,  
 forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve  
 you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.**

### **Prayer of Absolution**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*We sing,*

**Glory to God, glory to God,  
glory to God in the highest.**

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.

**Glory to God, glory to God,  
glory to God in the highest.**

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.

**Glory to God, glory to God,  
glory to God in the highest.**

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.

**Glory to God, glory to God,  
glory to God in the highest.**

### **The Collect**

Eternal Lord,  
our beginning and our end:  
bring us with the whole creation  
to your glory, hidden through past ages  
and made known  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## ¶ *The Liturgy of the Word*



### **A reading from the prophet Isaiah (62:1-5) NIV**

The Lord says this,

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,  
for Jerusalem's sake I will not remain quiet,  
till her vindication shines out like the dawn,  
her salvation like a blazing torch.

<sup>2</sup>The nations will see your vindication,  
and all kings your glory;  
you will be called by a new name  
that the mouth of the LORD will bestow.

<sup>3</sup>You will be a crown of splendour in the LORD's hand,  
a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

<sup>4</sup>No longer will they call you Deserted,  
or name your land Desolate.

But you will be called Hephzibah,<sup>[a]</sup>  
and your land Beulah<sup>[b]</sup>;

for the LORD will take delight in you,  
and your land will be married.

<sup>5</sup>As a young man marries a young woman,  
so will your Builder marry you;  
as a bridegroom rejoices over his bride,  
so will your God rejoice over you.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Hymn**

All hail the power of Jesu's name;  
let angels prostrate fall;  
bring forth the royal diadem  
to crown him, crown him, crown him,  
crown him Lord of all.

Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,  
 ye ransomed from the fall,  
 hail him who saves you by his grace,  
 and crown him, crown him, crown him,  
 crown him Lord of all!

Let every tribe and every tongue  
 to him their hearts enthrall,  
 Lift high the universal song  
 and crown him crown him, crown him,  
 and crown him Lord of all.

Words; Edward Perronet (1726-1792) T. Miles Lane.

### **Gospel Reading**

Alleluia, alleluia.

We have seen his star at its rising,  
 and have come to pay him homage.

**Alleluia.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

**Glory to you, O Lord.** (2:1-11)

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Address**

### **The Creed**

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.**

## ¶ *The Liturgy of the Eucharist*

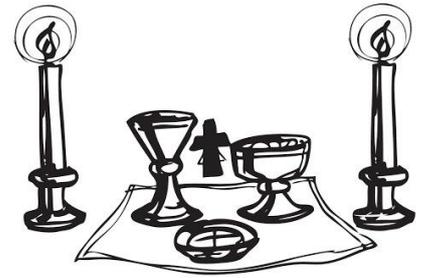
### **The Peace**

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.**

## Preparation of the Table Taking of the Bread and Wine



### Hymn

Come down, O Love divine!  
seek thou this soul of mine  
and visit it with your own ardour glowing;  
O Comforter, draw near,  
within my heart appear,  
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn,  
till earthly passions turn  
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;  
and let thy glorious light  
shine ever on my sight,  
and clothe me round the while my path illuming. make my  
pathway clear, by your illuming.

Let holy charity  
my outward vesture be,  
and lowliness become my inner clothing:  
true lowliness of heart  
which takes the humbler part,  
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong,  
with which the soul will long,  
shall far outpass the power of human telling;  
for none can guess its grace,  
till they become the place  
wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

Words: Bianco da Siena (fl.1367 - 1434) T. Down Ampney  
adapted by Richard F Littledale (1833 - 1890)

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.

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.**

## **The Eucharistic Prayer**

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 power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.**

*We recall the Last Supper,  
and acclaim the mystery of our faith.*

Great is the mystery of faith,

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again:**

*The prayer continues and leads into the doxology,  
to which we respond, **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.**

*The Agnus Dei may be used as the bread is broken.*

**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.**

### **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.**

**Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits  
you have given me, for all the pains and insults you have  
borne for me.**

**Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I ask you  
to come spiritually into my heart.**

**O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I  
know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow  
you more nearly, day by day.**

**Amen.**



*Open to God's loving presence  
around us and within us we keep  
silence for our own act of spiritual  
communion.*

**Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your disciples,  
'I am with you always'.**

**Be with me today, as I offer myself to you.  
Hear my prayers for others and for myself,  
and keep me in your care. Amen.**

### ***Prayer after Communion***

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.**

**Eternal Father, we thank you for nourishing us,  
 may our communion strengthen us in faith,  
 build us up in hope, and make us grow in love;  
 for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **Hymn**

Christ, whose glory fills the skies,  
 Christ, the true, the only light,  
 Sun of righteousness, arise,  
 triumph o'er the shades of night;  
 Dayspring from on high, be near;  
 Daystar, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn  
 unaccompanied by thee;  
 joyless is the day's return,  
 till thy mercy's beams I see,  
 till they inward light impart,  
 glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine,  
 pierce the gloom of sin and grief;  
 fill me, radiancy divine;  
 scatter all my unbelief;  
 more and more thyself display,  
 shining to the perfect day.

## ¶ *The Dismissal*

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.**

### **The Dismissal**

Go in the peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

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