



Common Worship
Holy Communion
Epiphany Season



Structure

The people and the priest

- ✠ greet each other in the Lord's name
- ✠ confess their sins and are assured of God's forgiveness
- ✠ keep silence and pray a Collect
- ✠ proclaim and respond to the word of God
- ✠ pray for the Church and the world
- ✠ exchange the Peace
- ✠ prepare the table
- ✠ pray the Eucharistic Prayer
- ✠ break the bread
- ✠ receive communion
- ✠ depart with God's blessing

The Gathering

Words of welcome

Hymn

The Greeting

The president greets the people

The Lord be with you

All **and also with you.**

God in Christ has revealed his glory.

All **Come let us worship.**

From the rising of the sun to its setting

All **the Lord's name is greatly to be praised.**

Give him praise, you servants of the Lord.

All **O praise the name of the Lord!**

Prayers of Penitence

The deacon invites the people to confess their sin.

Epiphany to the Eve of the Presentation

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

Baptism of Christ

Because God was merciful,
he saved us through the water of rebirth
and the renewing power of the Holy Spirit.
But through sin we have fallen away
from our baptism.
Let us return to the Lord
and renew our faith in his promises
by confessing our sins in penitence.

Titus 3.5

The Presentation of Christ in the Temple

Hear the words of our Saviour Jesus Christ:
'I am the light of the world.
Whoever follows me shall never walk in darkness
but shall have the light of life.'
Let us therefore bring our sins into his light
and confess them in penitence and faith.

cf John 8.12

All **God our Father,
long-suffering, full of grace and truth,
you create us from nothing and give us life.
You give your faithful people
new life in the water of baptism.
You do not turn your face from us,
nor cast us aside.
We confess that we have sinned
against you and our neighbour.
We have wounded your love
and marred your image in us.
Restore us for the sake of your Son,
and bring us to heavenly joy,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

The president says

Almighty God,
who in Jesus Christ has given us
a kingdom that cannot be destroyed,
forgive us our sins,
open our eyes to God's truth,
strengthen us to do God's will
and give us the joy of his kingdom,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis

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

The president introduces a period of silent prayer

Let us pray that we may know
and share the light of Christ.

Silence is kept

The Collect is said, and all respond

All **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

Readings

At the end of the Scripture readings

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn

Gospel Reading

When the Gospel is announced the deacon says

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to N.

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

The Creed

The deacon says

Let us stand to declare our faith in God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit

All **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.**

Prayers of Intercession

These responses may be used

All Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

And at the end

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

¶ *The Liturgy of the Sacrament*

The Peace

The president introduces the Peace

Epiphany to the Eve of the Presentation

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

Baptism of Christ

God has made us one in Christ.
He has set his seal upon us and,
 as a pledge of what is to come,
has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts.
Alleluia.

cf 2 Corinthians 1.22

The Presentation of Christ in the Temple

In the tender mercy of our God
the dayspring from on high has broken upon us,
to give light to those who dwell in darkness
and in the shadow of death
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

cf Luke 1.78,79

All The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

The deacon says

Let us offer one another a sign of peace

All exchange a sign of peace.

Hymn

Preparation of the Table

Taking of the Bread and Wine

The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.

The gifts of the people are gathered and presented.

Father,
in Christ there has sprung up
a light for the righteous;
accept the gifts we bring before you
and grant that Christ may shine in us
to the praise and glory of your name.

All **Amen**

The president takes the bread and wine.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you
All **and also with you.**

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.**

A) *Epiphany to the Eve of the Presentation*

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:

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.**

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B) *Baptism of Christ*

It is truly right and just,
our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.
You celebrated your new gift of baptism
in signs and wonders at the Jordan.
Your voice was heard from heaven
to awaken faith in the presence among us
of your Word made flesh.
Your Spirit was seen as a dove,
revealing Jesus as your servant,
and anointing him with the oil of gladness
to preach the good news to the poor.
Therefore, as we celebrate the union of earth
and heaven,
we rejoice to echo the song of the angels
in heaven
for ever praising you and *singing*:

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.**

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C) Presentation of Christ in the Temple

It is indeed right and good,
always and everywhere to give you
 thanks and praise
through Jesus Christ,
 who is one with you from all eternity.
For on this day he appeared in the Temple
in substance of our flesh
to come near to us in judgement.
He searches the hearts of all your people
and brings to light the image of your splendour.
Your servant Simeon acclaimed him
 as the light to lighten the nations
while Anna spoke of him to all
 who looked for your redemption.
Destined for the falling and rising of many,
he was lifted high upon the cross
and a sword of sorrow
 pierced his mother's heart
when by his sacrifice
 he made our peace with you.
And now we rejoice and glorify your name
that we, too, have seen your salvation
and join with angels and archangels
in their unending hymn of praise:

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.**

Lord, you are holy indeed,
the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us
the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
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.

All **Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

And so, Father,
calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once
for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection
and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise
and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through 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.**

Silence is kept

The Lord's Prayer

Seeing the salvation of the world, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us.

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

Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

We break the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.

All God here among us,
light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.

**All Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
grant us, grant us peace.**

Giving of Communion

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.
Amen.**

The president and people receive communion. Please come forward, as invited, to receive communion. If you are a visitor and have been baptised you are very welcome to take communion with us here. If you do not receive communion then we invite you to come for a blessing.

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.

The Post Communion or another suitable prayer is said.

Notices may be read

¶ *The Dismissal*

The president prays

Epiphany to the Eve of the Presentation

Christ the Son of God

perfect you in the image of his glory
and gladden you 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.

All **Amen.**

Baptism of Christ

May God, who in Christ gives us a spring of water
welling up to eternal life,
perfect you in the image of his glory;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

Presentation of Christ in the Temple

Keep your eyes fixed on Jesus,
who was wounded for our sins,
that you may bear in your life the love and joy
and peace which are the marks of his disciples;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

The deacon says

Let us go in peace.

All **We go into the world
to walk in God's light,
to rejoice in God's love
and to reflect God's glory.
Amen.**

The ministers and people depart.

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