

St Andrew's Church, Bedford
COMMON WORSHIP



ORDER FOR THE EUCHARIST IN
EPIPHANY SEASON

Welcome to this service.

Children at St Andrew's

Crèche facilities are available in the Quiet Room near the baby changing facilities (follow the aisle to the left behind the organ). The service can be heard here through the speaker system on the wall.

Children go to their groups after the opening hymn:

the *Jigsaw* group (3+)

the *Jam* group (6+)

the *Jump* group (11+)

These groups meet in the Church Centre and return to the church at the Peace.

This Service

The posture directions in this order of service are optional: please stand, sit or kneel as you feel comfortable. Equally, if you need to stand at the altar rail to receive communion, please do so. Please tell a sidesperson if you need to receive communion or a blessing in the pews.

The musical notation for the sung parts of this order of service (indicated with a note - ♪) can be found on the cards in each pew.

A collection often is received during the service (page 7). UK taxpayers are requested to complete a *GiftAid* envelope or join the stewardship scheme to enhance the value of their giving.

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The Gathering

A period of quiet prayer precedes the service as the organ is played.

The Greeting

The president greets the people

The Lord be with you
All and also with you.

Notices may be given.

A Hymn is sung. Hymn numbers are on the boards and in the Notice Sheet.

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.**

Prayers of Penitence

A minister uses these or other suitable words

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

Lord Jesus, you are mighty God and Prince of peace:
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you are Son of God and Son of Mary:
Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you are Word made flesh
and splendour of the Father:

Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

The president says

May the God of love and power
forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis

All ♪ **Glory to God, Glory to God
Glory to God in the highest.**

*Repeated as a refrain **

**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

Following a moment of quiet, the president says the Collect, and all respond

All Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

Readings

*Please sit. The readings are usually found on the weekly notice sheet.
At the end of each the reader may say*

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

A hymn is sung.

Gospel Reading

We stand for the Gospel which is introduced with these or similar words.

Alleluia, alleluia.

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

All Alleluia.

When the Gospel is announced the reader 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. (Alleluia.)

Sermon

Please sit after the opening prayer

The Creed

Please stand

**All I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Please sit or kneel. These responses may be used

Father, by your Spirit (or) Lord, in your mercy.
All bring in your kingdom. hear our prayer.

At the end

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

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Stand. The president introduces the Peace with these or other words,

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

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

A minister may say

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

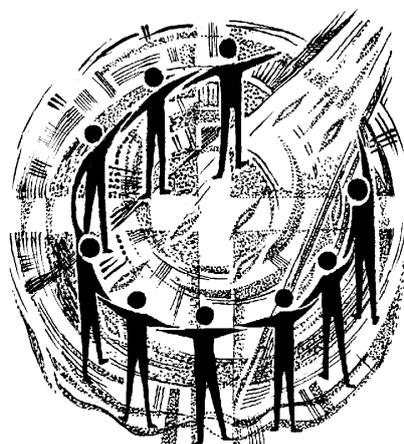
During the Peace the children and young people return from their groups and may share their learning with us.

Preparation of the Table Taking of the Bread and Wine

A hymn is sung.

The gifts of the people may be gathered and presented.

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



Eucharistic Prayer

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.**



The Lord be with you (or) The Lord is here.
All ♪ **and also with you.** **His Spirit is with us.**

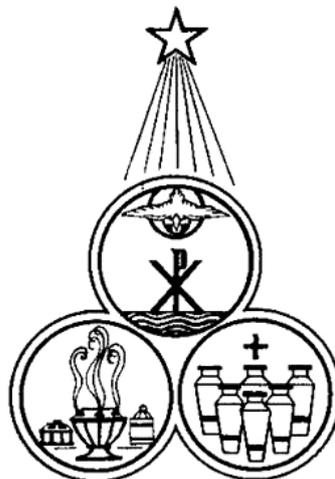
Lift up your hearts.
All ♪ **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All ♪ **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Either the following ...

*Father, you made the world and love your creation.
You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour.
His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death.
And so we gladly thank you,
with saints and angels praising you, and saying:*

All ♪ **Holy, holy, holy ...** (see next page)



Or the extended preface for Epiphany is said or sung.

*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.**

*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.

Christ is the bread of life:

All **When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,
until you 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 [N 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.

All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Sit or kneel

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

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.**

(or)

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

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

Every time we eat this bread
and drink this cup,

**All we proclaim the Lord's death
until he comes.**

Giving of Communion

The president says this invitation to communion

Christ is the true bread
which has come down from heaven.

All Lord, give us this bread always.

This prayer may be said before the distribution

**All Most merciful Lord, your love compels us to come in.
Our hands were unclean, our hearts were unprepared;
we were not fit even to eat the crumbs
from under your table.
But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation,
and share your bread with sinners.
So cleanse and feed us
with the precious body and blood of your Son,
that he may live in us and we in him;
and that we, with the whole company of Christ,
may sit and eat in your kingdom.
Amen.**

The Agnus Dei is said or sung.

**All ♪ 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.**

(or)

**All Jesus, Lamb of God,
have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins,
have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world,
grant us peace.**

*The president and people receive communion.
Communicant members of all Christian churches are welcome to receive
Communion following the directions of the sidespeople. Others, including
children, are also invited to come to the altar-rail to receive a blessing. To
indicate that you would like a blessing, please bring this order of service with you.
During the distribution congregational hymns and choir anthems may be sung.*



Prayer after Communion

*Silence is kept. The Post Communion prayer is said.
All may say this prayer*

**All Fill us, good Lord, with your Spirit of love;
and as you have fed us
with the one bread of heaven,
so make us one in heart and mind,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

The Dismissal

The blessing is given with these or similar words,

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.

All Amen.

A hymn is sung.

A minister says

Go in peace. Proclaim the Word made flesh.

All Glory, thanks and praise to God.

Appendix

Acclamations at the Presentation of the Gifts

At the offering of gold

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe:
to you be praise and glory for ever.

As gold in the furnace is tried
and purified seven times in the fire,
so purify our hearts and minds
that we may be a royal priesthood
acceptable in the service of your kingdom.

All Blessed be God for ever.

At the offering of incense

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe:
to you be praise and glory for ever.

As our prayer rises up before you as incense,
so may we be presented before you
with penitent hearts and uplifted hands
to offer ourselves in your priestly service.

All Blessed be God for ever.

At the offering of myrrh

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe:
to you be praise and glory for ever.

As you give medicine to heal our sickness
and the leaves of the tree of life
for the healing of the nations,
so anoint us with your healing power
that we may be the first-fruits of your new creation.

All Blessed be God for ever.

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