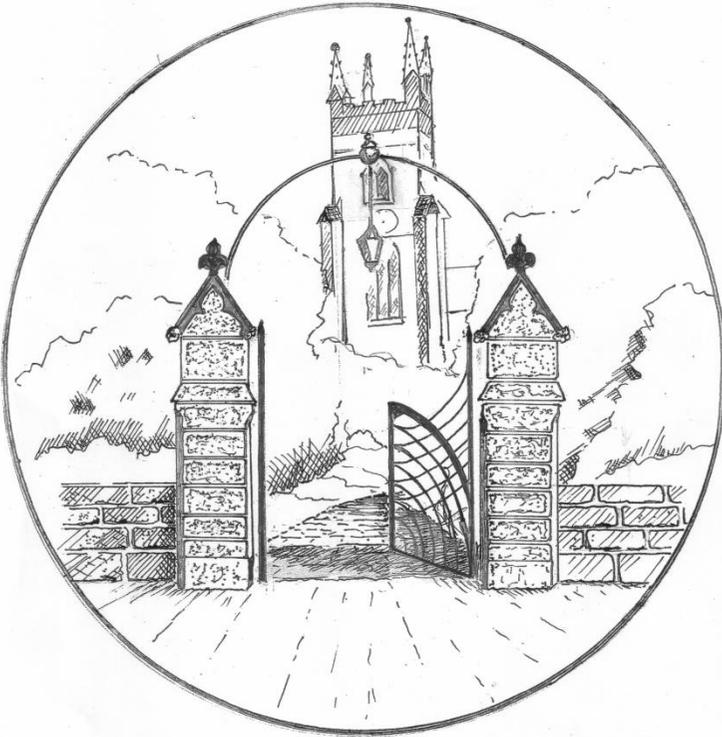


Christ Church Lichfield



**Parish Eucharist
in Epiphany**

Welcome to Christ Church

We hope that you will enjoy our worship today.
The hymns, readings and prayers specific to the day
can be found on the service sheet.

**Please join in with the congregational responses which are
printed in bold type**

Disability and other useful information
is given inside the back cover of this booklet.

If you need any further information please ask a sidesperson
or one of our Church Wardens who will be happy to help.

Please leave this service book behind at the end of the service

The Gathering

Welcome and notices

We keep a time of silence to prepare for worship

Opening hymn

please stand

during which the choir and ministers enter

In the name of the Father;
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit
Amen



The Greeting

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe

**From the rising of the sun to its setting
your name is proclaimed in all the world**

The Lord of glory be with you.

The Lord bless you

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 himself for us to purify a people as his own.
Let us confess our sins.

cf Titus 2.11-14

Confession

**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.**

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.

PERUVIAN GLORIA (we stand to sing)

Choir

1 Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Fa - ther.
2 Glory to God, glory to God, Son of the Fa - ther.
3 Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spi - rit.

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1 Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Fa - ther.
2 Glory to God, glory to God, Son of the Fa - ther.
3 Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spi - rit.

Choir

To him be glory for ev-er, To him be glory for ev-er,

Choir

Al-le-lu-ia, A-men, Al-le-lu-ia, A-men, Al-le-lu-ia, A-men, Al-le-lu-ia, A-men.

OR **SING TO GOD** (we stand to sing)

1 Sing to God a song of glo-ry, peace he brings to all on earth.
2 Sing to Christ, the Lord and Saviour, seat-ed there at God's right hand.
3 Glo-ry sing to God the Father, glo-ry to his on -- ly Son,

Worship we the King of heaven; praise and bless his ho-ly name.
Hear our prayer; O Lord have mer-cy, you a-lone the ho-ly one.
Glo-ry to the Ho - ly Spi-rit, Glo-ry to the Three in One.

Glory, glory, sing his glo-ry; Glory be to God on high.

The Collect

A short time of silent prayer precedes the Collect of the day

The Liturgy Of The Word

Readings

A reading from either the Old or the New Testament

at the end of the reading

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual hymn

Please stand

Gospel Reading

We remain standing

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

The gospel reading

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

which may be followed by a time of silent reflection

SONG OF FAITH
(we stand to sing)



1 We believe in God the Father, ma-ker of the un-i--verse,
 2 We believe he sends his Spi-rit on his Church with gifts of power;



and in Christ his Son, our Saviour, come to us by vir-gin birth.
 God, his word of truth af-firming, sends us to the nations now.



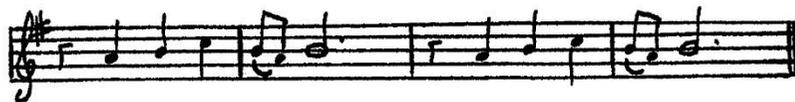
We believe he died to save us, bore our sins, was cru-ci--fied;
 He will come a-gain in glo-ry, judge the li-ving and the dead:



then from death he rose vic-to-rious, as-cen--ded to the Fa---ther's side.
 e--v'ry knee shall bow before him, then must ev'ry tongue con-fess.



JE -----SUS, LORD OF ALL, JE-----SUS, LORD OF ALL; *(NOW SING
 VERSE 2)*



*(AFTER
 VERSE 2)* NAME A-BOVE ALL NAMES, NAME A-BOVE ALL NAMES!

Prayers of Intercession

Please sit or kneel

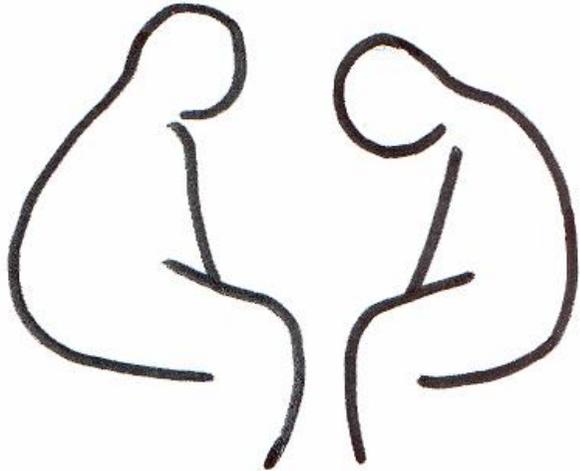
*One of the following responses
or another, as announced, may be used*

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

Lord, hear us
Lord, graciously hear us.

And at the end

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



The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Please stand

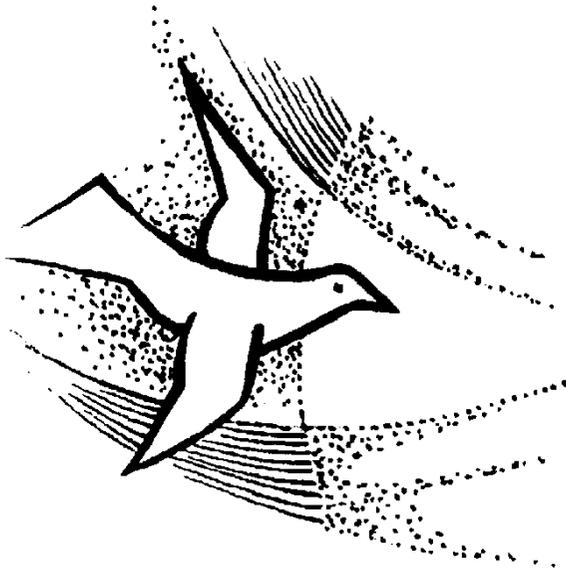
The president introduces the peace using these or other suitable words

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 always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.
Please share the peace with those around you



Preparation of The Table

The offertory hymn

during which the a collection is taken, the bread and wine brought forward and the table prepared

Taking of the Bread and Wine

Lord accept your people's gifts,
not gold, frankincense and myrrh,
but hearts and voices raised in praise
of Jesus Christ our light and salvation
Amen



Eucharistic Prayer

The Eucharist prayer will be announced – the full text of the prayers can be found in the appendix to this booklet.

The president says the Eucharistic prayer and the people join in as follows:

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 president praises God for his mighty acts ending withand sing our joyful hymn of praise

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.

The president recalls the Last Supper, and one of these four acclamations is used

1. Great is the mystery of faith:
**Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again**
2. Praise to you, Lord Jesus:
**Dying
you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory**
3. Christ is the bread of life:
**When we eat this bread
and drink this cup,
we proclaim your death,
Lord Jesus,
until you come in glory**
4. Jesus Christ is Lord:
**Lord, by your cross
and resurrection
you have set us free.
You are the Saviour
of the world**

The Prayer continues and leads into the doxology, ending with ... for ever and ever.

Amen

For Eucharistic Prayer A

... in songs of everlasting praise

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever.**

Amen.



The Lord's Prayer

Please kneel or sit

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us

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 this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

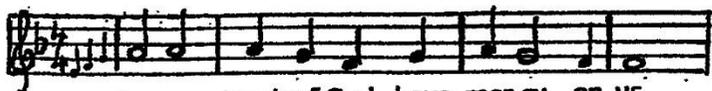
**Though we are many,
we are one body,
because we all share in one bread**

or Every time we eat this bread
and drink this cup.

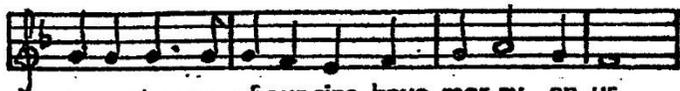
**We proclaim the Lord's death
until he comes**

Agnus Dei

The Agnus Dei is sung



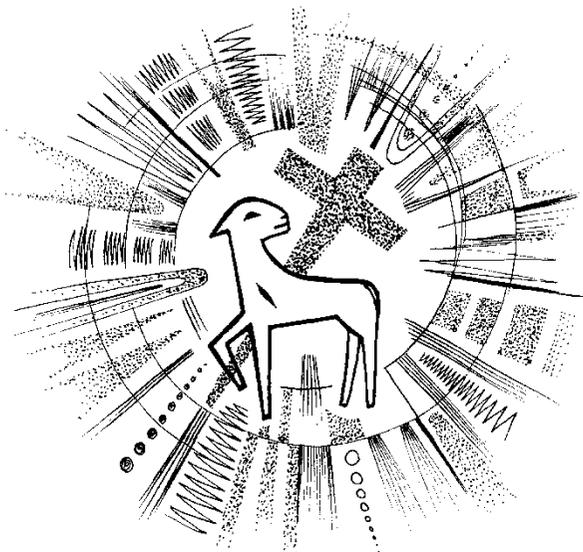
Je-sus, Lamb of God, have mer-cy on us.



Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mer-cy on us.



Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us — peace.



Giving of Communion

One of these invitations to communion is used

Draw near with faith.

Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ
which he gave for you,
and his blood which he shed for you.

Eat and drink

in remembrance that he died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts
by faith with thanksgiving

or

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

or

God's holy gifts
for God's holy people.

**Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father**

We receive communion during which hymns or songs may be sung

Authorised words of distribution are used and the communicant replies

Amen

*We invite all those who receive communion in their own churches to
come forward for communion.*

*If you do not wish to receive communion please feel free to
come forward for a blessing. You may indicate this by keeping
your hands at your side.*

*Because the chalices are deep, please help the chalice assistant
by guiding the chalice when receiving the wine.*

The choir may sing an anthem after the distribution of communion

Prayer After Communion

A Post Communion Prayer is said.

**Father of all,
we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

The Dismissal

Final Hymn

Blessing

The president gives a final blessing using these or other suitable words

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
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you
always.
Amen.

Go in peace to love
and serve the Lord.
**In the name of Christ.
Amen.**



Appendix

Eucharistic Prayers

Eucharistic Prayer A

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.

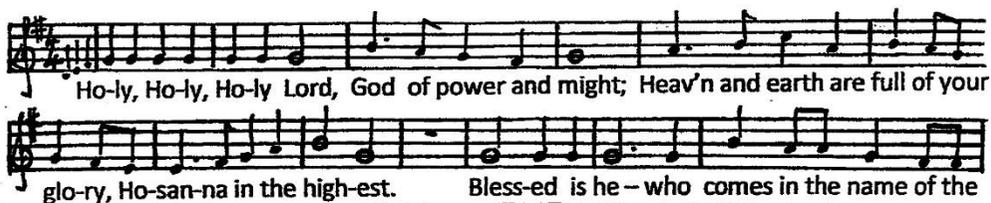
All honour and praise be yours always and everywhere,
mighty creator, ever-living God,
through Jesus Christ your only Son our Lord:
for at this time we celebrate your glory
made present in our midst.

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:



Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho-ly Lord, God of power and might; Heav'n and earth are full of your
glo-ry, Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he - who comes in the name of the

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and as we follow his example and obey his command,
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us his body and his blood:



Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.



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.

Therefore, heavenly Father,
we remember his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross;
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;
we look for the coming of your kingdom,
and with this bread and this cup
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

1. Great is the mystery of faith:
**Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again**
2. Praise to you, Lord Jesus:
**Dying
you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our
life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory**
3. Christ is the bread of life:
**When we eat this bread
and drink this cup,
we proclaim your death,
Lord Jesus,
until you come in glory**
4. Jesus Christ is Lord:
**Lord, by your cross
and resurrection
you have set us free.
You are the Saviour
of the world**

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Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts
in the presence of your divine majesty,
renew us by your Spirit,
inspire us with your love
and unite us in the body of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty,
in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever.
Amen.**

the service continues with the Lord's Prayer on page 10



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Eucharistic Prayer B

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.

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glo-ry, Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he - who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.



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;
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which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
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Lord Jesus,
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4. Jesus Christ is Lord:
**Lord, by your cross
and resurrection
you have set us free.
You are the Saviour
of the world**



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 [N and] 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.

Amen.

the service continues with the Lord's Prayer on page 10



Eucharistic Prayer E

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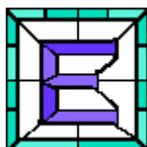
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glo-ry, Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he – who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.



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.

1. Great is the mystery of
faith:

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

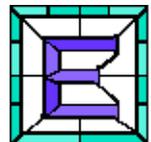
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**When we eat this bread
and drink this cup,
we proclaim your death,
Lord Jesus,
until you come in glory**

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you destroyed our death,
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4. Jesus Christ is Lord:
**Lord, by your cross
and resurrection
you have set us free.
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of the world**

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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.

Amen

the service continues with the Lord's Prayer on page 10



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