

Holy Communion
for
Christmas and Epiphany

Come let us
Adore
Him



Christ Church, Nailsea
with
St. Quiricus & St. Julietta, Tickenham

'To know Christ and to make Him known'

The Welcome and the Gathering

Hymn

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

All **Amen**

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

All **and also with you**

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

President 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.

President Let us return to the Father saying:

All **Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly,
love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.
Amen**

President 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.

All **Amen**

President As a forgiven people we stand to praise God in the words of the *Gloria*:

**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 Liturgy of the Word

Readings from Scripture

Reader This is the word of the Lord
All **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn

The Gospel Reading

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

All **Alleluia.**

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

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

President This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ**

Sermon

The Nicene Creed

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

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Intercessor Lord, in your mercy,

All **hear our prayer**

Intercessor Merciful Father,

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

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

President Our Saviour Christ is the Prince of Peace.
Of the increase of his government and of peace
there shall be no end.

President The peace of the Lord be always with you

All **and also with you.**

President Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

The Preparation of the Table

Hymn

Prayer over the bread and wine

President Blessed are you, Lord God of all Creation, for through your goodness we
have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of
human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.

All **Blessed be God for ever**

President Blessed are you, Lord God of all Creation, for through your goodness we
have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of
human hands, it will become our spiritual drink.

All **Blessed be God for ever**

Eucharistic Prayer

President The Lord be with you

All **and also with you**

President Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them up to the Lord.**

President Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

President Father, we give you thanks and praise through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word, through whom you have created all things; who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh;
as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin,
he lived on earth and went about among us;
he opened wide his arms for us on the cross;
he put an end to death by dying for us;
and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life;
so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

And now we give you thanks
because, in the incarnation of the Word,
a new light has dawned upon the world,
that all the nations may be brought out of darkness
to see the radiance of your glory.
Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and *saying*:

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.**

President 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.

President Great is the mystery of faith:

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

President 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 *[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.

All **Amen**

The Lord's Prayer

President 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)

President 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

President We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

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

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

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

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

Giving of Communion

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

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

Prayer after Communion

All **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 Dismissal

Christ the Son of God perfect in you the image of his
glory and gladden your hearts with 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

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

Meekness and Majesty by Graham Kendrick (b.1950)

*Wisdom unsearchable,
God the invisible,
Love indestructible
In frailty appears;
Lord of infinity,
Stooping so tenderly,
Lifts our humanity
To the heights of His throne.

O what a mystery,
Meekness and majesty!
Bow down and worship
For this is your God.*

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