**The Benefice of the Staughtons with Hail Weston**

**Parish Eucharist for Christmas and Epiphany**

**Hymn**

The Lord be with you

*All****and also with you*.**

*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.**

*A minister*

*(In Christmastide)*

Hear the words of the angel to Joseph:

‘You shall call his name Jesus,

for he will save his people from their sins.’

Therefore let us seek the forgiveness of God

through Jesus the Saviour of the world.

*(In Epiphanytide)*

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.

Lord of grace and truth,

we confess our unworthiness

to stand in your presence as your children.

We have sinned:

*All* **forgive and heal us.**

The Virgin Mary accepted your call

to be the mother of Jesus.

Forgive our disobedience to your will.

We have sinned:

*All* **forgive and heal us.**

Your Son our Saviour

was born in poverty in a manger.

Forgive our greed and rejection of your ways.

We have sinned:

*All* **forgive and heal us**

The shepherds left their flocks

to go to Bethlehem.

Forgive our self-interest and lack of vision.

We have sinned:

*All* **forgive and heal us.**

The wise men followed the star

to find Jesus the King.

Forgive our reluctance to seek you.

We have sinned:

*All* **forgive and heal us.**

May the God of all healing and forgiveness

draw *you* to himself

and cleanse *you* from all *your* sins,

that *you* may behold the glory of his Son,

the Word made flesh,

Jesus Christ our Lord.

**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

Let us Pray

*All* **Amen.**

**Readings**

*Either one or two readings from Scripture precede the Gospel reading.*

*At the end of each the reader may say*

This is the word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn**

**Gospel Reading**

*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.**

**Sermon**

**The 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**

*These responses may be used*

Lord, in your mercy

*All* **hear our prayer.**

*(or)*

Lord, hear us.

*All* **Lord, graciously hear us.**

*And at the end*

Merciful Father,

*All* **accept these prayers**

**for the sake of your Son,**

**our Saviour Jesus Christ.**

**Amen.**

**The Peace**

*(Chrismastide)*

Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given,and his name shall be called the Prince of Peace.

*(Epiphanytide)*

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

The peace of the Lord be always with you

*All* **and also with you.**

*Minister*

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*All may exchange a sign of peace.*

***Offertory Hymn***

**Preparation of the Table**

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

**The Eucharistic Prayer**

*The president says*

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.**

***(Christmastide)***

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,

mighty creator, ever-living God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son,

our Saviour Jesus Christ,

who for love of our fallen race humbled himself,

and [on this night] was born of the Virgin Mary

by the power of your Spirit,

and lived as one of us.

In this mystery of the Word made flesh

you have caused his light to shine in our hearts,

to give knowledge of your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.

In him we see our God made visible

and so are caught up in the love of the God we cannot see.

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:

*(Epiphany)*

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.]**

**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,

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*

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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.*

*Minister*

Jesus Christ is Lord

All **Lord by your cross and resurrection you have set us free. You are the Saviour of the world.**

All **Amen.**

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.

All **Amen**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

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 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.**

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

*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.**

**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**

**Prayer after Communion**

*Silence is kept.*

*The Post Communion or another suitable prayer is said.*

*All may say one of these prayers*

*All* **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.**

**Hymn**

The Lord be with you

*All* **And also with you**

Christ, who by his incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with peace and goodwill and make you partakers of the divine nature.

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 minister says*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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