

The Parish Church of
St. John the Baptist, Wakefield

Holy
Communion
at
Christmas
and
Epiphany

SONG

The Lord of glory be with you.
And also with you.

**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

Please sit.

Christ the light of the world has come
to dispel the darkness of our hearts.
In his light let us examine ourselves and confess our sins.

Silence is kept

God our Father,
you sent your Son full of grace and truth:
forgive our failure to receive him.

Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Jesus our Saviour,
you were born in poverty and laid in a manger:
forgive our greed and rejection of your ways.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Spirit of love,

your servant Mary responded joyfully to your call:

forgive the hardness of our hearts.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

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.

THE GLORIA *Please stand. We sing*

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

*We remain standing. The president introduces a period of silent prayer and then says the special prayer for today. At the end we say **Amen.***

The Liturgy of the Word

FIRST BIBLE READING

Please sit. At the end the reader says:
This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Alleluia!
The Word became flesh and dwelt among us,
and we have seen his glory. **Alleluia.**

THE GOSPEL READING *Please remain standing.*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N.
Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end the reader says:
This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Please sit. The sermon may be followed by a period of silent reflection.

THE CREED *Please stand*

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

**Though he was divine,
he did not cling to equality with God,
but made himself nothing.**

**Taking the form of a slave,
he was born in human likeness.**

**He humbled himself
and was obedient to death,
even the death of the cross.**

**Therefore God has raised him on high,
and given him the name above every name:
that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bow,
and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

Amen.

THE PRAYERS

Please sit for the prayers of intercession. This or another response may be used

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

The prayers may end with this response:

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 and then says,

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

The congregation shares the Peace.

SONG *during which the collection is taken*

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER *Please remain standing.*

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. Then we sing

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 then recalls the Last Supper Jesus had with his friends. This acclamation is said

Great is the mystery of faith

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The prayer continues. At the end of the Eucharistic Prayer we say or sing:

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

OR we say Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Please sit.

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

We sing

**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.

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

LAMB OF GOD *We sing*

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

Lord, give us this bread always.

The president and people receive communion.

If you are not receiving communion, you are invited to come forward to receive a prayer of blessing during communion.

SONGS will be sung during communion

AFTER COMMUNION

Please remain seated. The Post Communion prayer is said, then

**Lord, we have broken your bread
and received your life.**

**By the power of your Spirit
keep us always in your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

NOTICES

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The Sending Out

THE BLESSING & DISMISSAL

The president blesses the people after which:

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

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