

Drink from this, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant poured out for you and for everyone for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, whenever you drink it, for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and this cup we do as our Saviour commands: we celebrate the redemption he has won for us.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Pour out the Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be for us the body and blood of Christ.

Make us one with Him, one with each other, and one in ministry in the world, until at last we feast with Him in the kingdom. Through Your Son, Jesus Christ, in Your holy Church, all honour and glory are Yours, Father almighty, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The bread we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

The cup we take is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

THE COMMUNION

Receive this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ, and feed on Him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We thank You, Lord, that You have fed us in this sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet prepared for all people. **Amen.**

HYMN: 530 *Now Let Us from This Table Rise*

BENEDICTION

The blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen. Amen. Amen.**

Go in peace and know that our Lord is the everlasting light in the darkness.

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The Feast of **EPIPHANY**

ORDER OF SERVICE

First Sunday of the Year

3 January 2021

CALL TO WORSHIP

Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed are those who trust in Him.
Worship the Lord in the splendour of His holiness; tremble before Him,
all the earth.

I rejoiced with those who said to me, *Let us go to the house of the Lord.*
(Psalm 34:8, 96:9 and 122:1)

HYMN: 228 “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

ADORATION

Eternal God, Lord of heaven and earth, we praise You for Your greatness. Your wisdom is seen in all Your works. Your grace and truth are revealed in Jesus Christ Your Son. Your presence and power are given to us through the Holy Spirit. Therefore, blessed Trinity, we worship and adore You for ever and ever. **Amen.**

CONFESSION

In penitence and faith, let us confess our sins to almighty God.

Silent Prayer

Merciful God, our maker and judge, we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed: we have not loved You with our whole heart, we have not loved our neighbour as ourselves; we repent and are sorry for all our sins. Father, forgive us. Strengthen us to love and obey You in newness of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Hear then Christ’s word of grace to us: *‘Your sins are forgiven’.*

Thanks be to God.

HYMN: 447 “Lord Your Almighty Word”

BIBLE READINGS -

Isaiah 60:1-9 (page 738)

Matthew 2:1-12 (page 956)

SERMON: “A Light in the Darkness”

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NOTICES - .

OFFERING - “Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also”.
(Matthew 6:21)

HYMN: 584 (ii) “Just As I Am, Without One Plea”

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

The PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you. *And also with you.*

INVITATION

Christ our Lord invites to His table all who love Him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another.

PRAYER

Be present, risen Lord Jesus, as You were with Your disciples, and make Yourself known to us in the breaking of the bread; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

According to our Saviour’s command, we set this bread and this cup apart for the Holy Supper to which He calls us, and we come to God with our prayers of thanksgiving.

We give You thanks through Your beloved child Jesus, whom You revealed to the whole world as Saviour and Redeemer, the light of all the nations. And so, we praise You with the faithful of every time and place, joining with choirs of angels and the whole creation in the eternal hymn:

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 thank You that You called a covenant people to be a light to the nations. Through Moses You taught us to love Your law, and in the prophets, You cried out for justice.

In the fullness of Your mercy, You became one with us in Jesus Christ, who gave Himself up for us on the cross. You make us alive together with Him, that we may rejoice in His presence and share His peace.

By water and the Spirit, You open the kingdom to all who believe, and welcome us to Your table: for by grace we are saved, through faith.

We bless You, Sovereign God, ruler of the universe, through our Lord Jesus, who on the night of His betrayal took bread, gave You thanks, broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying: Take this and eat it. This is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying: