



The Eucharist Christmas and Epiphany Seasons

10.30am

Welcome to this service of Holy Communion. Thank you for your patience as we seek to make this occasion as safe as possible for everyone, both for those in the congregation and for those leading the worship. The service will be shorter than usual, with no congregational singing, but we hope no less of an offering to God of ourselves in worship.

Receiving Communion

In this service you will be offered the Communion bread only because the sharing of the chalice is currently prohibited. We receive this following Jesus' command to do this in remembrance of him. **Please wait in your seat until a steward asks you to go to the front of the church or the bread is brought to you.**

Gluten-free wafers

If you wish to receive a gluten-free wafer during communion please indicate this when you approach the Priest or administrant.

Induction Loop

An induction loop is available in the church for those who are hard of hearing. Please turn your hearing aid to the 'T' setting.

Retiring Collection

A collection for the work of the church will be taken at the back of the church on your way out. Please leave your gifts on the plate by the door. Rotherham Minster has the Goodbox facility if you prefer to give electronically.

Children

If you have small children, do not worry if they make a bit of noise during the service. Unfortunately, we are unable to open our children's area at this time.

Toilets

The toilets are open for one person to use at a time in a Covid secure way. At St. Paul's they are near the entrance where you came in. At the Minster, please make your way through the Jesus Chapel, across the front of the high altar to the vestry and turn left to the toilets.

At the end of the service

Please wait in your seat until a steward indicates for you to leave, by the main entrance. Please put this service sheet on the table at the back as you leave.

Large print versions of this sheet are available.

**Please let us know if you or anyone else
would benefit from using one.**

The Gathering

Please stand as the procession enters.

We meet in the presence of God
**who knows our needs,
hears our cries,
feels our pain,
and heals our wounds.**

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

The President welcomes the congregation.

**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.**

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.

You were born for our salvation:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

You came as Saviour to bring wholeness and peace:
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

The Greeting

Prayer of Preparation

Prayers of Penitence

You come to bring light into the darkness of our lives:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

The President announces the Absolution.

May God who loved the world so much
that he sent his Son to be our Saviour
forgive you your sins
and make you holy to serve him in the world,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Gloria

We listen to the choir sing the Gloria.

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.

Silence is kept.

The President prays the Collect and all say
Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

Readings

One or two readings from Scripture precede the Gospel reading.

At the end of each the reader says

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*If there are two readings, **a Psalm** may be said or sung between them.*

Gospel Reading

Please stand.

Alleluia, alleluia.

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

Alleluia.

cf 1 Timothy 3.16

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel is read.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Please sit after the opening prayer.

The Creed

Please stand.

Let us affirm our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**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

Please sit.

This response may be said

**Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.**

or

**Lord of glory,
hear our prayer.**

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.

Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace
to all in whom he delights.

Luke 2.14

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.
We offer one another an acknowledgment of peace. Please do not shake hands!

Please sit as the table is prepared.

Preparation of the Table

Word made flesh, life of the world,
in your incarnation you embraced our poverty:
by your Spirit may we share in your riches.
Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

Please stand.

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 and all say

**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.

Great is the mystery of faith
Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.

The Prayer continues and ends with

...for ever and ever.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Please sit.

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:
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.

Breaking of Bread

The president breaks the consecrated 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.

We say or listen to the Agnus Dei

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

Please stay seated until the priest comes to you or you are invited to come to the communion rail to receive either the bread or a blessing. If you would like a blessing, please bring this booklet with you. If you would like a gluten free wafer, please ask for one when you come to the ministrant.

Prayer after Communion

Please stand.

The President prays the Post Communion prayer and all say
Amen.

**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.**

Please sit. Notices are read.

The Dismissal

Please stand.

May Christ,
who by his incarnation gathered into one
things earthly and heavenly,
fill you with joy and peace.
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.

Organ Voluntary

All remain standing as the Clergy recess.

Please remain in your seat until a steward asks you to leave by the main door.

If you are new amongst us please introduce yourself to a member of the clergy at the door.

***Thank you for attending this service.
You are very welcome to come again.***

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