



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY COMMUNION

8:00 AM Service Bulletin

Season after Epiphany



Please leave this booklet in the basket in the entryway as you leave; it will be reused throughout the next weeks.

Welcome to The Episcopal Church of the Holy Communion, a welcoming and diverse community seeking to walk in the way of Jesus and to reveal Christ's reconciling love in our city, nation, and world.

Children are especially welcome at Holy Communion, wiggles, noises, and all. There is a soft space at the back of the church, where little ones may play quietly during the service. Our chapel is a good place to bring a crying infant, with windows into the church and speakers broadcasting the sound from the service.

If you have any questions about the liturgy, the hymns, the location of restrooms, or anything else – feel free to ask a neighbor.

Liturgical Changes During Epiphany

- 1) Green frontal color and matching vestments. The “ordinary time” color most often used during the year, green reminds us that we are in the space between great feasts and fasts, when we focus on the challenges of faith in daily life.
- 2) *Enriching Our Worship* a collection of supplemental prayers approved by the General Convention of The Episcopal Church. Holy Communion has chosen to use these prayers in ordinary time as our “default mode,” because they are more inclusive of diverse perspectives and balance feminine and masculine pronouns for God.

The Ministry of the Word

Please stand as the ministers enter

Opening Acclamation

The congregation is invited to respond using the words in bold

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

Glory to God for ever and ever.

Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: 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.**

Canticle

Anselm of Canterbury

Jesus, as a mother you gather your people to you; *
you are gentle with us as a mother with her children.
Often you weep over our sins and our pride, *
tenderly you draw us from hatred and judgment.
You comfort us in sorrow and bind up our wounds, *
in sickness you nurse us and with pure milk you feed us.
Jesus, by your dying, we are born to new life; *
by your anguish and labor we come forth in joy.
Despair turns to hope through your sweet goodness; *
through your gentleness, we find comfort in fear.
Your warmth gives life to the dead, *
your touch makes sinners righteous.
Lord Jesus, in your mercy, heal us; *
in your love and tenderness, remake us.
In your compassion, bring grace and forgiveness, *
for the beauty of heaven, may your love prepare us.

The Collect of the Day

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The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

*The presider prays the prayer of the day. The People respond: **Amen.***

1st Lesson *Please be seated*

see insert

After the Lesson the Reader says:

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm *We read the psalm responsively, the congregation reading the verses in bold.* see insert

2nd Lesson

see insert

After the Lesson the Reader says:

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel *Please stand as the Gospel reader and acolyte process to the middle of the assembly.*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to _____.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After the Lesson the Gospeller says:

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon *Please be seated at the invitation of the Preacher.*

The Nicene Creed

Please stand as we recite a modern translation of the ancient formula for faith.

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 of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped 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.

The Prayers of the People *please stand or kneel*

The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For Donald our president, the members of Congress and the Supreme Court, for Eric our governor, and all who are in authority; for this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble,

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For the Church in El Salvador; [*here the leader prays for a church or ministry in the cycle of prayer of Diocese of Missouri*]; for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, for George Wayne, our bishop, and for all bishops and other ministers.

For all who serve God in the Church.

For those on our prayer list and for the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

The people may add their own petitions silently or aloud,

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

For *those* celebrating a birthday this week; we thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life;

The people may add their own petitions silently or aloud.

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, [*especially...*] that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

The people may add their own petitions silently or aloud.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them; **Who put their trust in you.**

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Celebrant

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
Amen.

The Peace *please stand*

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

You are invited to greet those around you by saying "Peace be with you" or simply "Peace."

Welcome and Announcements *please be seated for a few brief announcements*

Presentation of the Offering

All things come of thee, O Lord.

And of thine own have we given thee.

The Holy Communion

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The presider offers our thanks to God for the grace and mercy made available to us in Christ. In response 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 presider gives thanks to God for the reconciling work of Christ's passion and resurrection and prays over the bread and wine.

we acclaim you, O Christ:

Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

The presider concludes with prayer for the coming of God's reign.

We worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

**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, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Administration of the Sacrament

You are invited to receive the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist, the consecrated bread and wine. If you would rather receive a blessing, please come forward to the altar rail during communion and cross your arms across your chest. Gluten free wafers are available, on request, from the minister.

Post Communion Prayer *please kneel or stand*

**God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one
with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of
your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and
continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

The Epiphany Blessing *The people stand or kneel as the presider proclaims the final blessing.*

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world;
And the blessing of the Triune God, Eternal Majesty, Incarnate Word, and Abiding Spirit
rest upon you this day and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

Please stand as the altar party processes out

The Dismissal: *our worship has ended, our service in the world continues*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



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