



Sharing the Feast of Life Epiphany Season

Introductory music, followed by welcome by ministry team member

Centring chant

**The Lord is my light,
my light and salvation:
in God I trust,
in God I trust.**

Gathering

My singing heart, my days' doxology, my gold
I bring for celebration

My stillness, my glimpses of serenity, my frankincense
I bring for meditation

My brokenness, my tears of rage and sorrow, my myrrh
I bring for sacrifice.

Opening hymn

Reconciliation

Hear the words of the prophet Isaiah:

'Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of God has risen upon you.'

Therefore let us seek the renewing light of God
through Jesus, who leads us in the way of liberation.

We have wounded your love:
O God, forgive and heal us.

We stumble in the darkness:
Light of the world, transfigure us.

We forget that we are your home:
Spirit of God, dwell in us.

2-minute silence, begun & ended by the sounding of a bell

Forgiveness

The prophet Isaiah said:

'Can a woman forget the infant at her breast,
Or a mother the child of her womb?
As a mother comforts her child,
So I will comfort you, says the Lord.'

Sisters and brothers, Christ sets you free:
journey on with hope.

**We live in God's love, healing and forgiveness.
Let us forgive and love ourselves:
Let us forgive and love others, and seek peace.
In the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Gloria

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to our Maker.
Glory to God, glory to God, glory to our Maker.
To God be glory for ever.
To God be glory for ever.
Alleluia, Amen.
Alleluia, Amen.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to our Saviour.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to our Saviour.

To Christ be glory for ever.

To Christ be glory for ever.

Alleluia, Amen.

Alleluia, Amen.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory Holy Spirit.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory Holy Spirit.

Give us your freedom for ever.

Give us your freedom for ever.

Alleluia, Amen.

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Prayer for the Day

... after which the president lights the Kids' Church lamp and the children go to Kids' Church, to return later for the Communion.

Ministry of the Word

First reading

At the end of the first reading the reader says:

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual hymn

The Gospel

Before the Gospel reading the reader says:

The Gospel reading is from ...

Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end of the Gospel reading the reader says:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon or other reflection

5-minute silence, begun & ended by the sounding of a bell

Affirmation of Faith

We believe you are creating,

Animating all that lives.

Universal grace pulsating,

You, O God, the one who gives.

You are meaning, mystery, glory,

You are the fire, you the dove;

You in Jesus live your story,

Risk the nature of your love.

Jesus is divine engaging

With the pain of human strife.

Jesus is divine upstaging

Of our death by risen life –

Life your inexhaustible Spirit

Wills to ignite in what we do:

Willing us to each inherit

Justice-laden peace with you.

Prayers of thanksgiving and intercession

The Peace

We sing:

Come and fill our hearts with your love:

You alone, O God, are holy.

Come and fill our hearts with your love: Alleluia!

We continue singing as the children return and bring up the bread and wine for the celebrant.

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.

And also with you.

We share a sign of Peace and gather round the altar.

The Preparation of the Gifts

Generous God, creator, redeemer, sustainer,
at your table we present this money,
symbolic of all our giving,
and of the work you have given us to do:
use it, use us, in the service of your world
to the glory of your name. **Amen.**

The minister thanks God for the bread and wine and for ourselves. At the end of each prayer we say together:

Blessed be God for ever.

Thanksgiving Prayer

May God be with you.

And also with you.

Open up your hearts.

We open them to God.

Let us give thanks to the God of all.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The minister offers our thanks and praise, after which we sing:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of heaven and earth adored,
Ceasing never, God for ever,
Holy, holy Lord.**

The minister says the words of institution.

**Christ the light shines for all:
he has become one with us
that we may become one with him.**

The prayer of thanksgiving continues. When it ends, we sing:

**Amen siakadumisa! Amen siakadumisa!
Amen bawo, Amen bawo,
Amen siakadumisa!**

[Amen: praise the name of the Lord!]

The Lord's Prayer

O God in heaven,

**Mother and Father of us all,
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 the Bread

We break this bread ... [x4]

The bread we break

is a sharing in the body of Christ.

**We who are many are one body,
for we all share the one bread.**

Jesus, Lamb of God

We sing:

Jesus, Lamb of God:

have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins:

have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world:

give us your peace.

Invitation

The minister invites all to receive Communion.

The Communion

As each person receives the bread and wine:

The body of Christ, the bread of life: **Amen**

The blood of Christ, the cup of blessing: **Amen**

After receiving, anyone who wishes may go to receive prayer for healing and then return to the circle or to their seat.

We remain around the altar until everyone has received communion, and then return to our seats. We wait in silence or with chanting/music until the prayers for healing are finished.

Prayer after Communion

O God our Creator, in you alone are the riches of life. We come from the East and we come from the West, believing we follow, on our different roads, the same star to the same place.

May we share what we know of its light, so that we learn from each other the way to the stable, to worship you our only wealth, and serve the world with Gospel gold. Amen.

Kids' Church may share what they have been doing.

Final hymn

Blessing

May the one who chooses to live among us and within us fill us with light and love. And as God our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer blesses us, may we be a blessing to all we meet. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Notices