

# **Holy Communion**

**The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany**

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2021**



**Welcome**

In the Church of England Christmas lasts for a full forty days, ending with the Feast of the Presentation of Christ on 2nd February.

During lockdown we gather as church via the internet, but more than that, we gather as The Church because Christ calls us, and in him we are one.

**The Introit Hymn** *recorded remotely by the Choral Scholars of St Martin-in-the-Fields in their homes, and edited together.*

**1 Alleluia, sing the Jesus!**

**His the sceptre, his the throne;**

**alleluia, his the triumph, his the victory alone:**

**hark, the songs of peaceful Sion thunder like a mighty flood;**

**Jesus out of every nation**

**hath redeemed us by his blood.**

**2 Alleluia, not as orphans**

**are we left in sorrow now;**

**alleluia, he is near us,**

**faith believes, nor questions how:**

**though the cloud from sight received him,**

**when the forty days were o'er,**

**shall our hearts forget his promised,**

**'I am with you evermore'?**

**3 Alleluia, bread of angels,**

**thou on earth our food, our stay;**

**alleluia, here the sinful**

**flee to thee from day to day:**

**Intercessor, Friend of sinners,  
earth's Redeemer, plead for me,  
where the songs of al the singles  
sweep across the crystal sea.**

**4 Alleluia, King eternal,  
thee the Lord of lords we own;  
alleluia, born of May,  
earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne,  
thou within the veil hast entered,  
robed in flesh, our great High Priest:  
thou on earth both Priest and Victim  
in the eucharistic feast.**

*William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898)*

In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**All Amen.**

*The president greets the people with the words*

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe.

**All From the rising of the sun to its setting  
your name is proclaimed in all the world.**

The Lord of glory be with you.

**All The Lord bless you.**

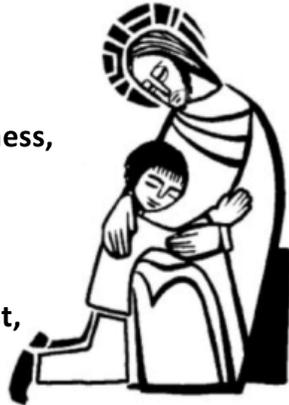
*Words of welcome*

*The collect for purity:*

**All 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.**

*The president invites the people to confession, and then we all say:*

**All Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you  
and against our neighbour  
in thought and word and deed,  
through negligence, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We are truly sorry  
and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
who died for us,  
forgive us all that is past  
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life  
to the glory of your name.  
Amen.**



*The president gives the absolution*

**The Gloria** *sung by St Martin's Voices*

**All Glory to God, Glory to God  
Glory to God in the highest**

**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  
Glory to God, Glory to God  
Glory to God in the highest**

**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.  
Glory to God, Glory to God  
Glory to God in the highest.  
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 the God the Father.  
Glory to God, Glory to God,  
Glory to God, in the highest.**

## **The Collect**

Let us pray

*After a period of silence the Collect is said*

Almighty God,  
in Christ you make all things new:  
transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace,  
and in the renewal of our lives  
make known your heavenly glory;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*All* **Amen.**

## **The Bible Reading**

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' and he said, 'Here I am!' and ran to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call; lie down again.' So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, 'Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call, my son; lie down again.' Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' Then Eli

perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, 'Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' And Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.'

*1 Samuel 3.1-10*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

**The Gradual hymn** *recorded remotely by the Choral Scholars of St Martin-in-the-Fields in their homes, and edited together.*

**1 Will you come and follow me  
if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know  
and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown,  
will you let my name be known,  
will you let my life be grown,  
in you and you in me?**

**2 Will you leave yourself behind  
if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind  
and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare  
should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer  
in you and you in me?**

- 3** Will you let the blinded see  
if I but call your name?  
Will you set the prisoners free  
and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean,  
and do such as this unseen,  
and admit to what I mean  
in you and you in me?
- 4** Will you love the 'you' you hide  
if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside  
and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found  
to reshape the world around,  
through my sight and touch and sound  
in you and you in me?
- 5** Lord, your summons echoes true  
when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you  
and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go  
where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow  
in you and you in me.

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## **The Gospel**

Alleluia, alleluia.

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

*cf John 1.14*

**All Alleluia.**

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

**All Glory to you, O Lord.**

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.' Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.' Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.' When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

*John 1.43-end*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **The Sermon**

## The Creed

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

*All* **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.**  
**With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.**  
**He 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

*These responses may be used*

Lord, in your mercy

**All hear our prayer.**

*And at the end*

Merciful Father,

**All accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
Amen.**

## The Peace

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

**All and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*A sign of peace is shared*

## The Offertory Hymn

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**1 I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin  
my hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?**

*Here I am, Lord.  
Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.*

**2** I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them.  
They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them.  
Whom shall I send?

*Chorus*

**3** I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them.  
My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide  
till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send?

*Chorus*

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The president takes the bread and wine and says  
Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:  
through your goodness we have this bread and wine, to set before  
you which earth has given and human hands have made.  
They will become for us the bread of life and the cup of salvation.  
**All Blessed be God for ever.**

The Lord be with you

*All* **and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

*All* **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*All* **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

All honour and praise be yours always and everywhere,  
mighty creator, ever-living God,  
through Jesus Christ your only Son our Lord:  
for at this time we celebrate your glory  
made present in our midst.

In the coming of the magi  
the King of all the world was revealed to the nations.

In the waters of baptism  
Jesus was revealed as the Christ,  
the Saviour sent to redeem us.

In the water made wine  
the new creation was revealed at the wedding feast.  
Poverty was turned to riches, sorrow into joy.  
Therefore with all the angels of heaven  
we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name  
and sing our joyful hymn of praise:

*All* **Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.**

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,  
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
and as we follow his example and obey his command,  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us his body and his blood;  
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
    Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
    do this in remembrance of me.

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

    Drink this, all of you;  
    this is my blood of the new covenant,  
    which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
    Do this, as often as you drink it,  
    in remembrance of me.



Therefore, heavenly Father,  
we remember his offering of himself  
made once for all upon the cross;  
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;  
we look for the coming of your kingdom,  
and with this bread and this cup  
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith:

*All* **Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

Accept through him, our great high priest,  
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,  
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts  
in the presence of your divine majesty,  
renew us by your Spirit,  
inspire us with your love  
and unite us in the body of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

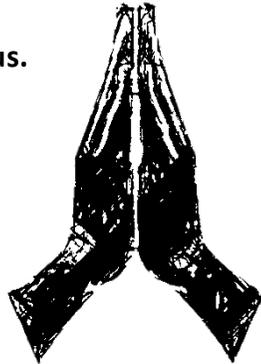
Through him, and with him, and in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,  
we worship you, Father almighty,  
in songs of everlasting praise:

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

## **The Lord's Prayer**

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

*All* **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.**



*The president breaks the consecrated bread saying:*

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

*All* **Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

*The president holds up the broken bread and wine and invites everyone to receive Holy Communion with the words*

God's holy gifts  
for God's holy people.

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

The Body and blood of Christ keep you in eternal life.

*All* **Amen.**

*The president receives Holy Communion on behalf of all the people at home.*

*Those at home might wish to hold out their hands and say:*

**Lord Jesus Christ, King and Saviour,**

**you endlessly give yourself to us.**

**By the power of the Holy Spirit**

**Help us to receive your eternal life and the promise of your kingdom,**

**that we might live, surrounded by the angels and saints,**

**to the glory of God the Father.**

**Amen.**

## **Communion Hymn**

1. *Agnus Dei, Sung by St Martin's Voices*

**Lamb of God,**

**you take away the sins of the world,**

**have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,**

**you take away the sins of the world,**

**have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,**

**you take away the sins of the world,**

**grant us peace.**

*After Communion*

Let us pray

*After a period of silence the Post Communion prayer is said:*

God of glory,  
you nourish us with your Word  
who is the bread of life:  
fill us with your Holy Spirit  
that through us the light of your glory  
may shine in all the world.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

*All* **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.**

## **The Notices**

*The President gives the Blessing*

*All* **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

**The Final Hymn** *sung by St Martin's Voices*

- 1** Ye holy angels bright,  
who wait at God's right hand,  
or through the realms of light  
fly at your Lord's command,  
assist our song,  
for else the theme  
too high doth seem  
for mortal tongue.
  
- 2** Ye blessèd souls at rest,  
who ran this earthly race,  
and now, from sin released,  
behold the Saviour's face,  
his praises sound, as in his sight  
with sweet delight  
ye do abound.
  
- 3** Ye saints, who toil below,  
adore your heavenly King,  
and onward as ye go  
some joyful anthem sing;  
take what he gives and praise him still,  
through good and ill,  
who ever lives.
  
- 4** My soul, bear thou thy part,  
triumph in God above,  
and with a well-tuned heart  
sing thou the songs of love;  
let all thy days till life shall end,  
whate'er he send,  
be filled with praise.

*Richard Baxter (1615-1691) and John Hampden Gurney (1802-1862)*

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