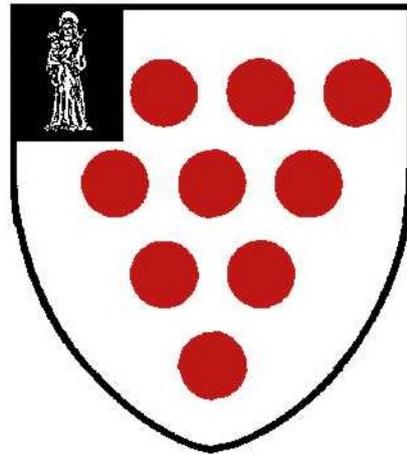


The Cathedral Church of Christ  
and the Blessed Mary the Virgin of Worcester



**Sung Eucharist for  
Epiphanytide**

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## Welcome



to everyone worshipping in Worcester Cathedral at this service.

If you are here for the first time, please contact Canon Stephen Edwards ([stephenedwards@worcestercathedral.org.uk](mailto:stephenedwards@worcestercathedral.org.uk)) who can give you a **welcome booklet**.

We regret that under current guidance, we are unable to offer **Junior Church** provision.

All baptised, communicant members of churches in which God the Holy Trinity is worshipped are welcome to receive **communion** if they wish.

Those who are not receiving communion are warmly invited to come forward with those who are receiving communion, if they wish, to receive instead a silent prayer of  **blessing**. Please hold something in your hands as a sign that you wish to receive a blessing, and the minister will bless you without touching you.

Please speak to a steward or verger before the service if you wish to receive **gluten-free consecrated bread**, or to have communion brought to you in your seat.

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You may like to use this **prayer** privately before the service begins:

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 Gathering

*The people stand at the entry of the ministers.*

## The Greeting

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

*All* **Amen.**

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

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

*The president welcomes the people and introduces the service.*

## Prayers of Penitence

*The president invites the people to confess their sins.*

*All* **Father eternal, giver of light and grace,  
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour,  
in what we have thought,  
in what we have said and done,  
through ignorance, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We have wounded your love,  
and marred your image in us.  
We are sorry and ashamed,  
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 lead us out from darkness  
to walk as children of light.  
Amen.**

*Or, with suitable penitential sentences, the Kyrie confession may be used*

Lord, have mercy.

*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

Christ, have mercy.

*All* **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy.

*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

*President* May the God of all healing and forgiveness  
draw us to himself  
and cleanse us from all our sins,  
that we may behold the glory of his Son,  
the Word made flesh,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

## **Gloria in Excelsis**

*Choir* Glory be to God on high,  
and in earth peace, good will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee,  
we worship thee, we glorify thee,  
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,  
O Lord God, heavenly King,  
God the Father almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ:  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,  
have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy;  
thou only art the Lord;  
thou only, O Christ,  
with the Holy Ghost,  
art Most High  
in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.

*The Collect is said, and all respond*

**All Amen.**

## *The Liturgy of the Word*

*The people sit for the readings and psalm.*

### **Readings**

*Two readings precede the Gospel reading.*

*At the end of each, the reader says*

**All For the word of the Lord,  
thanks be to God.**

*A psalm or canticle follows the first reading.*

### **Gospel Reading**

*The people stand.*

*An acclamation heralds the Gospel reading, to which all respond*

**All Alleluia.**

*When the Gospel is announced the reader says*

**All Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N.  
Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the end*

**All This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
Praise to you, O Christ.**

## The Nicene Creed

*The people stand.*

**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,  
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

*The people sit, and a minister leads them in prayers of intercession.*

*These responses may be used*

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

*(or)*

*All* Lord, hear us.  
**Lord, graciously hear us.**

*And at the end*

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

## *The Liturgy of the Sacrament*

### **The Peace**

*The people stand.*

*The president introduces the peace, and then says*

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

*The people remain standing.*

# Taking of the Bread and Wine

*The president places bread and wine on the altar.*

*The president takes the bread and wine and says a prayer to which all respond*

*All*      **Amen.**

## The Eucharistic Prayer

*President*      The Lord be with you  
*All*              **and also with you.**

*All*              Lift up your hearts.  
*All*              **We lift them to the Lord.**

*All*              Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*All*              **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

*The president praises God for his mighty acts.*

*Choir*        Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,  
                  heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
                  Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.  
                  Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
                  Hosanna in the highest.

*The president recalls the Last Supper, and this acclamation is used*

*President*      Jesus Christ is Lord:  
*All*              **Lord, by your cross and resurrection**  
                  **you have set us free.**  
                  **You are the Saviour of the world.**

*The Prayer continues and leads into the doxology, to which all respond boldly*

**All**        **Amen.**

*(or)*

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

*The people sit.*

## **The Lord's Prayer**

**President**    Believing the promises of God,  
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.**

# Breaking of the Bread

*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.**

## Giving of Communion

*The president invites the people to communion, saying*

Jesus is the Lamb of God  
who takes away the sin of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

*All* **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*The president receives communion and says to those intending to receive communion*

The body of Christ. *(or)* The body of Christ keep you in eternal life.

*Those intending to receive communion respond*

**Amen.**

*The people receive communion in one kind (consecrated bread only) from a standing station. All baptised members of churches in which God the Holy Trinity is worshipped are welcome to receive communion if they wish.*

*Those who are not receiving communion are warmly invited to come forward with those who are receiving communion, if they wish, to receive instead a silent prayer of blessing. Please hold something in your hands as a sign that you wish to receive a blessing, and the minister will bless you without touching you.*

*Those coming forward are asked to form a single line, socially distanced from one another, and return to their seats via the side-aisles, as directed by the stewards and vergers.*

*Choir*      O Lamb of God,  
that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God,  
that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God,  
that takest away the sins of the world,  
grant us thy peace.

*During the distribution, the choir may also sing an anthem.*

## **Prayer after Communion**

*President*    Let us pray.

*The people stand.*

*The president says the Post Communion prayer, and then the people join in this prayer*

*All*            **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 peoples.  
Amen.**

## *The Dismissal*

*President* The Lord be with you  
*All* **and also with you.**

*The president blesses the people, ending*

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

*The president dismisses the people, saying*

*All* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*(or)*

*All* Go in the peace of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*The ministers and people depart. Please follow any direction of the stewards or vergers.*

*The offerings of the people are collected as they leave.*

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