

# The Holy Eucharist for Christmastide & Epiphany

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## The Liturgy of the Word

### The Acclamation

#### **During Christmastide**

For unto us a Child is born

*To us a Son is given!*

#### **During Epiphany**

I will make you as a light for the nations,

*that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.*

### The 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.*

### Songs of Praise

### The Collect of the Day

## **The Blessing of the Children**

*Almighty God our heavenly Father, who has committed to the Holy Church the care and nurture of your children; Enlighten with your wisdom those who teach and those who learn, that, rejoicing in the knowledge of your truth, they may worship you and serve you from generation to generation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## **The Lesson(s) of the Day**

- **After OT or NT lesson:** *Thanks be to God*
- **After a Psalm:** *The Gloria Patri (Glory be the Father, to the Son...)*
- **Before the Gospel**
  1.  *Sequence Hymn*
  2. This is the Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ according to \_\_\_\_\_. *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*
- **After the Gospel:** *The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

## **The Sermon/Homily**

### **The Prayers of the People**

#### **During Christmastide:**

Mary said to the angel, Gabriel, "I am the Lord's servant, may it be to me as you have said."

*We come, as Your servants, to seek You and worship You.*

Mary wrapped the baby Jesus in cloths and placed Him in the manger because there was no room at the inn.

*Help us to seek those who live outside our doors and lack shelter in the night.*

Lift up your prayers for those in need...

The angel said to the shepherds, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all people."

*Help us to live out the good news of great joy for all people.*

Lift up your prayers for the whole church...

When the shepherds had seen the baby Jesus, they went out and spread the word, and all who heard it were amazed.

*Amaze and open the hearts of those who do not know you.*

Lift up by name those who need salvation in Jesus...

The Heavenly Hosts sang: "Glory to God in the Highest, and on earth peace, goodwill among men."

*Help us to be instruments of your peace and ministers of reconciliation.*

Lift up your prayers for the world...

Mary treasured all of these things in her heart.

*Open our eyes and hearts to see the wonders of Your love.*

Lift up your thanksgivings to the Lord...

## **Confession**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor...

*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. Amen.*

**During Epiphany:**

We are invited to be part of the kingdom work of the restoration of all things. Let us approach God's throne of grace with confidence to offer prayers for the needs, concerns and hopes of the world.

Jesus, You are the way, the truth and the life.

*Guide all who follow You, deepen our appreciation of Your truth and renew us with Your life.*

Lift up your prayers for the Church...

Jesus, You are the light of the world.

*Bring the light of Your Gospel to the ends of the earth. Please bring into Your kingdom those we now name.*

Lift up by name those who need salvation in Jesus...

Almighty God, You are the King of kings and the whole earth is filled with Your glory.

*Lead all nations to be instruments of Your freedom, justice and peace.*

Lift up your prayers for our community, this nation and the world...

Lord, You are the Good Shepherd who gave your life for the sheep.

*Bind up the injured, feed the hungry, strengthen the weak, bring home the rejected.*

Lift up your prayers for all who are oppressed, in need, sorrow or sickness...

Lord, You are our blessing and our joy. We praise You for all the blessings of this life.

*Make us faithful stewards of Your goodness.*

Lift up your thanksgivings to the Lord...

## **Confession**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor...

*Holy God, forgive us our sins: what we have done and what we have left undone. We have missed opportunities to love others, we have allowed fear and doubt to make us small in our faith. Remind us again of your presence with us and in us. Free us from guilt, shame, and self-doubt. Help us to live with integrity, to act courageously as your people, and to speak the love of God in all of our words and actions. Restore us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.*

## **Absolution**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to Him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## **The Peace**

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*And also with you.*

# **The Liturgy of the Table - The Holy Eucharist**

## **The Offertory**

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for everything in heaven and on earth is yours; yours is the Kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as Head above all. All things come from you, O Lord!

*And of your own have we given you.*

## **Offertory and Doxology**

### **The Sursum Corda**

The Lord be with you.

*And also with you.*

Lift up your hearts.

*We lift them to the Lord.*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

### **Christmastide**

Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the working of the Holy Spirit, was made truly man, taking on the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; and yet without the stain of sin, to make us clean from sin.

## **Epiphany**

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who took on our mortal flesh to reveal His glory; that he might bring us out of darkness and into His own glorious light.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

### **The Sanctus es Benedictus**

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 Prayers of Consecration**

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to Your will, he stretched out His arms upon the cross and offered Himself once for all, that by His suffering and death we might be saved. By His resurrection He broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, He ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when He had given 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."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of Me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again!*

So we celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Send down Your Holy Spirit upon these gifts of your creation (+) and make this bread the holy body of Your Christ and this cup the precious blood of Your Christ. May your Holy Spirit also fall upon us (+), that we might be sanctified in body and soul and empowered to bring forth the fruit of good works. And bring us with all your saints into the fullness of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ:

*By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.*

### **The Lord's Prayer**

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

*Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name*

*Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is 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 forever.*

*Amen.*

## **Agnus Dei**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
*have mercy on us.*

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*have mercy on us.*

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
*grant us your peace.*

## **The Ministration of Communion**

The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on Him in your hearts by faith and with great thanksgiving.

## **Communion Hymn**

### **Post Communion Prayer**

*Heavenly Father, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out into the world to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.*

## **The Kenyan Blessing**

All our problems? *We send to the Cross of Christ!*

All our difficulties? *We send to the Cross of Christ!*

All the devil's works? *We send to the Cross of Christ!*

All our hopes? *We set on the risen Christ!*

I pray that out of his glorious riches He may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge – that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

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

## **The Dismissal**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! Go in Peace to love and serve the Lord.

*Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!*