

## THE SEASON OF EPIPHANY

### GATHERING

#### Opening Hymn

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**People: And also with you.**

Kyrie (sung pg. 184, red book)

*Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way. Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.*

**For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all;**

**For this holy house, for all who worship and praise,**

*let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. Kyrie eleison...*

**That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor;**

**that we may live out truth and justice and grace, let us pray to the Lord...**

**For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family;**

**For life and for love, for our work and our play, let us pray to the Lord...**

**For your Spirit to guide; that you centre our lives in the water and the Word;**

**That you nourish our souls with your body and blood, let us pray to the Lord...**

Prayer of the Day

### STORY

1<sup>st</sup> Reading

Psalm - sung

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

We will hear your word, one in love; we will live your word, one in love;

We will spread your word, one in love.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Reader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

**People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*Matthew*

Reader: The Gospel of Christ

**People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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We will spread your word, one in love.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

### RESPONDING

Homily

Creed:

One: We believe in God above us

**All: maker and sustainer of all life,**

**Of sun and moon, of water and earth, of male and female.**

**We believe in God beside us, Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, Born of a woman's womb, servant of the poor. He was tortured and nailed to a tree. A man of sorrows, he died forsaken. He descended into the earth to the place of death. On the third day, he rose from the tomb. He ascended into heaven to be everywhere present, and his Kingdom will come on earth.**

**We believe in God within us,**

**The Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire, life-giving Breath of the Church, Spirit of healing and forgiveness, source of resurrection and of life everlasting. Amen.**

### OFFERING

Offertory Hymn

*As we sing, gifts of our community – bread, wine, money – are brought forward to the table.*

Leader: Prayer over the Gifts

### BLESSING & BREAKING

Leader The Lord be with you.

**People And also with you.**

Leader Lift up your hearts.

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

Leader Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth, because in the mystery of the Word made flesh you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to show us your great love through the human face of Jesus. Now with Mary and Joseph, the shepherds and magi, with your choirs of angels, and your servants in all times and places, we lift our voices to sing to join in their unending hymn,

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

Leader Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life: Blessed are you for the birth of creation. Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light. Blessed are you for your promise to your people. Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams. Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will. Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**People Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.**

*Celebrant* With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

**People Come, Lord Jesus.**

Leader: Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

**All: Come, Holy Spirit.**

Leader: All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

Leader: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray singing,

**All Our Father in heaven, hallowed by your name,  
Your Kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread. Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever.  
Amen.**

Fraction Anthem: #181 (red book)

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,  
and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.

Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,  
that we may be fed with the bread of life.

Gather the hopes and the dreams of all;  
unite them with the prayers we offer.

Grace our table with your presence,  
and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

### SHARING

Leader: This is the table at which God is host and all are welcome guests.  
The gifts of God for the whole people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God**

*All are welcome regardless of religious background, to share in the bread and wine. You may be seated until the sidespeople indicate it is your turn to come forward and receive.*

Communion Hymns

(Please stand) Leader: Prayer after Communion

**All: Amen. Glory to God, whose power working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God, from generation to generation, in the church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Blessing

### SENDING

**Recessional Hymn**

Leader: The peace of God be always with you.

**All: And also with you.**

*We share signs of Christ's peace*