

THE GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you

And also with you

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

The feast of Epiphany gives us the occasion to reflect on a distinction that is much in vogue today between spirituality on the one hand and faith on the other. The Magi represent all that is good and true and beautiful in religious seeking. But they come to the tradition of Israel to find the right focus for their spiritual quest.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

**Loving God, you have led us to this place,
not to shield us from difficulties in human life,
but to heal us and inspire us,
till we see the world as you do
and love it with your love
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end,
They are new every morning; great is his faithfulness

Lord Jesus, you are mighty God and Prince of peace:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you are Son of God and Son of Mary:

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you are Word made flesh

and splendour of the Father:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

ABSOLUTION

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon *you*, pardon and deliver *you* from all *your* sins,
confirm and strengthen *you* in all goodness,
and keep *you* in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE COLLECT

The **COLLECT** (is the prayer for the day) is said

Almighty God,
in the birth of your Son
you have poured on us the new light of your incarnate Word,
and shown us the fullness of your love:
help us to walk in his light and dwell in his love
that we may know the fullness of his joy;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

HYMN

CHOIR led

THE READING

At the beginning of the reading you may like to say

The reading is from the Gospel of Saint ... Chapter verses ...to

At the end of the reading you may like to say

For the word of God in Scripture **ALL: Thanks be to God**

SERMON

THE CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by
the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us pray

The prayers are then said. This response may be used:

Lord in your mercy **ALL: Hear our prayer**

At the end, the intercessor may say:

Merciful God **ALL: accept these prayers for the sake of your son our Saviour Jesus Christ.**

THE LORDS PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into
temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE CONCLUSION & THE FINAL BLESSING

Rejoice and pray in the Spirit

Be with us Lord, as we go out into the world.

May the boldness of your Spirit transform us.

May the gentleness of your Spirit lead us.

May the gifts of your Spirit equip us

To serve and worship you

Now and always.

And the Blessing of God Almighty ,

the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit

be amongst you and remain with you always. Amen