

## **Breaking of the Bread**

*The president breaks the consecrated bread.*

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

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

## **The Agnus Dei**

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

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

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

## **The Giving of Communion**

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

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

*While only the priest can physically receive the consecrated bread and wine, you are all invited to say together this prayer of Spiritual Communion, inviting Jesus to enter your deepest being.*

**My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.**

**I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul.**

**Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.**

**I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you.**

**Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.**

*A post communion prayer is said, from the Grapevine*

## **We ask God's grace for the week ahead**

Heavenly Father, sustain us in our joys and in our anxieties. Enfold us in your peace in our waking and in our sleeping, and may we know your presence with us now and always: in the name of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## **The Blessing**

Christ the Son of God perfect in you the image of his glory and gladden your hearts with the news of his kingdom; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among us and remain with us always.

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

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## **SAFFRON WALDEN AND VILLAGES TEAM MINISTRY Order of service for Holy Communion at 9.30am on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January to 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2021 Epiphany**

*The feast of Epiphany falls upon 6 January, which will be our first Wednesday of Holy Communion after Christmas. The season then ends with the Feast of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple on 2<sup>nd</sup> February, a theme we will pick up on the 3<sup>rd</sup> February. In this time, our focus moves from the baby in the stable to the ways in which Jesus was shown forth and recognised – by the Kings, then at his Baptism, by his disciples, in his first miracle and finally by Simeon and Anna in the Temple. All the readings during this period will be from the Grapevine.*

## **Introduction**

We gather together, united in purpose though separate in place, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

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

*We prepare for worship by saying together:*

**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.**

## **Prayers of Penitence**

**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**

## **Hearing God's forgiveness**

May the God of love and power draw you to himself, that you may behold the glory of his Son, the Word made flesh, and be cleansed from all your sins, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **Readings**

**Weds 6 January (Epiphany):** Isaiah 60:1-6; Matthew 2: 1-12

**Weds 13 January (Baptism of Christ):** Genesis 1: 1-5; Mark 1: 4-11

**Weds 20 January (Epiphany 2):** 1 Samuel 3: 1-10 (11-20); John 1: 43-51

**Weds 27 January: (Epiphany 3):** Genesis 14: 17-20; John 2: 1-11

**Weds 3<sup>rd</sup> February (Presentation):** Malachi 3: 1-5; Luke 2: 22 – 40

*Before the Gospel reading:*

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *N*

**Glory to you, O Lord**

*After the Gospel reading:*

This is the gospel of the Lord **Praise to you, O Christ**

### **Reflection**

#### **Prayers of Intercession**

*Our prayers of intercession will be led by the preacher using the customary responses, unless otherwise stated:*

Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer**

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

#### **Sharing Christ's Peace**

Our Saviour Christ is the Prince of Peace.

Of the increase of his government and of peace, there shall be no end.

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

*The altar and elements are prepared, with a suitable prayer.*

#### **The Eucharistic Prayer**

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 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 as 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 join in our joyful hymn of praise:

**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.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ our Lord;  
and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit,  
that broken bread and wine outpoured  
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died, he had supper with his friends  
and, taking bread, he praised you.

He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:

Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended, he took the cup of wine.

Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:

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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,

in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death  
and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith

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

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day

when your kingdom comes, and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms

and bring us with all the saints to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever. **Amen**

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

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**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.**