

The Parish Church of St George the Martyr
Waterloo village



The Eucharist for Christmastide, Epiphany and
Candlemas

INTROIT HYMN:

INTRODUCTION AND GREETING

From Christmas Day to the eve of Epiphany

Priest: I bring you good news of great joy
a Saviour has been born to you. Alleluia!

People: Unto us a child is born, a son is given. Alleluia!

Priest: He is the Christ the Lord, Alleluia!

People: We worship and adore him, Alleluia!

Priest: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Priest: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you.

From the Feast of the Epiphany to Candlemas

Priest: Three wonders mark this holy day, as the Church is joined to her heavenly Bridegroom. This day a star leads the wise men to the manger:

People: Alleluia!

Priest: This day water is made wine at the wedding feast.

People: Alleluia!

Priest: This day Jesus is revealed as the Christ in the waters of baptism.

People: Alleluia! Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Priest: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Priest: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you.

THE PRIEST INTRODUCES THE LITURGY (Remain standing)

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

Priest: As we stand with the shepherds and magi before the Christ child, we open our hearts in penitence and faith.

A brief period of silence is kept.

You were born for our Salvation.

Lord have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

You came as Saviour to bring wholeness and peace.

Christ have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

You came to bring light into the darkness of our lives.

Lord have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

May Almighty God, who sent his Son into the world to save sinners, bring you his pardon and peace, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE GLORIA (*This or an alternative version is used*)

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
You are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

THE OPENING PRAYER

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

All sit for the readings and psalm (on the separate sheet)

At the end of each reading the reader says:
This is the word of the Lord.
To which all reply:
Thanks be to God.

We stand for the Gospel Acclamation and the reading of the Gospel

We sing an ‘Alleluia’ acclamation

Deacon/priest: The Lord be with you

All: And also with you

Deacon/priest: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to *N*

All: Glory to you O Lord

At the end of the Gospel

Deacon/priest: This is the Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you O Christ

We sing the ‘Alleluia’ acclamation once more

All sit for the Homily

[On the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord the renewal of Baptismal vows replaces the Nicene Creed and is found towards the back of this booklet]

We stand and say the Nicene Creed

**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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Response to ‘Lord in your mercy’: ‘Hear our prayer’.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

We Stand for THE PEACE

OFFERTORY HYMN:

[On the Feast of the Epiphany the gifts of gold; frankincense and myrrh are processed to the crib before the bread and wine – for responses see the back of this booklet]

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

At the Offering of the gifts:

Priest: Blest are you, Lord, God of all creation, thanks to your goodness this bread we offer. Fruit of the earth, work of our hands, it will become the bread of life.

People: **Blessed be God! Blessed be God! Blessed be God forever,**
Amen, Blessed be God! Blessed be God! Blessed be God forever,
Amen.

Priest: Blest are you, Lord, God of all creation, thanks to your goodness this wine we offer, Fruit of the vine, work of our hands, it will become the cup of life.

People: **Blessed be God! Blessed be God! Blessed be God forever,**
Amen, Blessed be God! Blessed be God! Blessed be God forever,
Amen.

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.

Father, we give you thanks and praise

through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living word, through whom you have created all things; who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh; as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin, he lived on earth and went about among us; he opened wide his arms for us on the cross; he put an end to death by dying for us; and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life; so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

A seasonal preface may be inserted here

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and singing:

***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.***

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness; grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you 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.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
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.

Great is the mystery of Faith:

All: **Christ has died:**
 Christ is risen:
 Christ will come again.

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St George,
and all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

People: Amen.

Please kneel or be seated

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray for the coming of the Kingdom in the words our Saviour gave us:

**All: 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 Priest breaks the consecrated bread.

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.**

The Agnus Dei is sung

**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**

Priest: 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**

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POST COMMUNION HYMN:

CONCLUSION (Please remain standing)

Post-Communion prayer

THE BLESSING

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: and also with you

Priest: *A seasonal blessing may be used*

And the blessing of God Almighty

Deacon/Priest: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: In the name of Christ. Amen.

THE RECESSIONAL HYMN:

ADDITIONAL MATERIAL FOR EPIPHANY; THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST AND CANDLEMAS

EIPHANY

The gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh are brought up at the offertory. The following acclamations are used:

At the offering of Gold

Blessed are you, Lord or God, King of the Universe:
to you be praise and glory for ever!
As gold in the furnace is tried
and purified seven times in the fire,
so purify our hearts and minds
that we may be a royal priesthood
acceptable in the service of your kingdom.

Blessed be God for ever!

At the offering of Frankincense

Blessed are you, Lord or God, King of the Universe:
to you be praise and glory for ever!
As our prayer rises up in your presence as incense,
so may we be presented before you
with penitent hearts and uplifted hands
to offer ourselves in your priestly service.

Blessed be God for ever!

At the offering of Myrrh

Blessed are you, Lord or God, King of the Universe:
to you be praise and glory for ever!

As you give medicine to heal our sickness
and the leaves of the tree of life
for the healing of the nations,
so anoint us with your healing power
that we may be the first fruits of your new creation.

Blessed be God for ever!

THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST

After the homily the priest and reader process to the font where we will renew our baptismal vows.

Water is poured into the font and the priest says the following words:

The springs of water were made holy
when Christ appeared on earth.

Draw water from the wells of salvation;
for, by his baptism, Christ our God
has made the whole creation one.

THE RENEWAL OF THE COVENANT

The congregation stands as we affirm the promises made at our baptism, responding with the words in bold print

At your baptism you turned to Christ, repented of your sins, and renounced evil. Do you now renew your allegiance to Christ?

I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Saviour and Lord.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He 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,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

And will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all people, loving your neighbour as yourself?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you recognise Christ's authority over human society, by prayer for the world and its leaders, by defending the weak, and by seeking peace and justice?

With the help of God, I will.

The priest and reader return to the Chancel for the prayers of intercession.

Candlemas

After communion the priest says the following:

This child is destined for the fall and for the rising of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is rejected. And a sword shall pierce you own soul also.

The priest and reader process to the font, the congregation stand and face the font as candles are lit.

Priest: Lord God, the springing source of everlasting light, pour into the hearts of your faithful people the brilliance of your eternal splendour, that we, who by these kindling flames light up this temple to your glory, may have the darkness of our souls dispelled, and so be counted worthy to stand before you in that eternal temple where you live and reign, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The following responsory is said (congregation say the words in bold type):

**A light to lighten the nations
and the glory of your people Israel.**

Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace:
your word has been fulfilled.

**A light to lighten the nations
and the glory of your people Israel.**

My own eyes have seen the salvation:
which you have prepared in the sight of every people.

**A light to lighten the nations
and the glory of your people Israel.**

A light to reveal you to the nations:
and the glory of your people Israel.

**A light to lighten the nations
and the glory of your people Israel.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen.

**A light to lighten the nations
and the glory of your people Israel.**

FINAL RESPONSORY

Father, here we bring to an end our celebration of the Saviour's birth.
Help us, in whom he has been born, to live his life that has no end.

Here we have offered the Church's sacrifice of praise.
**Help us, who have received the bread of life,
to be thankful for your gift.**

Here we have rejoiced with faithful Simeon and Anna.

Help us, who have found the Lord in his temple, to trust in your eternal promises.

Here we have greeted the Light of the world.

Help us, who now extinguish these candles, never to forsake the light of Christ.

All now extinguish their candles.

Here we now stand near the place of baptism.

Help us, who are marked with the cross, to share the Lord's death and resurrection.

Here we turn from Christ's birth to his passion.

**Here us, for whom Lent is near,
to enter deeply into the Easter mystery.**

Here we bless one another in your name.

Help us, who now go in peace, to shine with your light in the world. Thanks be to God! Amen.

The ministers and people depart.

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