

An Order for Common Worship Communion

Welcome and candle lighting

Preachers - no text

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

All: and also with you.

Full screen text or EW Music

Hymn: As with gladness, men of old

Preachers with text

Confession.

When the Lord comes, He will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness, And will disclose the purposes of the heart. Therefore, in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

God be gracious to us and bless us, And make your face shine upon us: Lord have mercy.

All: Lord have mercy.

May your ways be known on the earth Your saving power among the nations: Christ have mercy.

All: Christ have mercy.

You, Lord, have made known your salvation And reveal your justice in the sight of the nations:

Lord have mercy.

All: Lord have mercy.

Preachers - no text

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.

All Amen.

Collect for the Epiphany

Lectern with text

Reading: Isaiah 60. 1-6

Full screen text or EW Music

Hymn The Lord is my light, sung three times

Lectern with text

Gospel Reading: Matthew 2. 1-12

Preachers - no text

Talk

Preachers with text

Affirmation of Faith

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the son of God

All: Though he was divine he did not cling to equality with God, but made himself nothing. Taking the form of a slave, he was born in human likeness. He humbled himself and was obedient to death, even the death of the cross. Therefore God has raised him on high, and given him the name above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord, To the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

Lectern - no text

Our prayers of Intercession

Full screen text

The Lord's Prayer

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as 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 for ever.

Amen.

Preachers - no text

The Peace

Christ came and proclaimed the Gospel, Peace to those who are far off And peace to all those who are near:

Preachers with text

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

Full screen text or EW Music

Hymn : Brightest and best

Preachers with text

Collection dedication

We bring this bread and this wine to the table of Jesus. With them we bring ourselves, all that we are and all that we own. May the ordinary become holy, and heaven be opened to the people of earth.

Preachers with text

May God be blessed forever!

All: May God be blessed forever!

Preachers - no text

Invitation

Jesus was often a guest. He shared many meals with his friends, and they long remembered his words at the table. Though some disapproved of the company he kept, Jesus ate and drank with all

kinds of people and showed everyone the love of God. Wherever people met together Jesus was glad to be welcomed and to be fed. Today, we are the guests of Jesus. He welcomes us, whoever we are and whatever we bring, and he will feed us at his table. Old or young, rich or poor, joyful or in sorrow, Jesus invites us to share bread and wine with him, to remember the story of his life and death, and to celebrate his presence with us today.

On the night before he died, Jesus shared a meal with twelve of his disciples in an upstairs room in Jerusalem. The Gospel writer Mark tells us what happened that night.

At supper while they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said, 'Take; this is my body'. Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. He said to them, 'This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly, I tell you, I will never again drink the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.'

We are the friends and disciples of Jesus today. He invites us to break bread together, to remember him and to pray that God's Kingdom will come.

Preachers with text

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

Preachers - no text

We share bread and wine.

Eat this bread. It is the bread of life. Drink this wine. It is the cup of blessing.

Full screen text or EW Music

Dorothy may prefer this on screen rather than playing

Hymn: Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us

Preachers with text

Thanksgiving Prayer

Jesus said, 'Go home to your friends, and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and what mercy he has shown you.'

Glory to God

Glory to God

Glory in the highest

Glory in the highest

Today and always

Today and always

Amen

Preachers - no text

Blessing

The blessing of God be upon you, the One who loves you, the Christ who calls you, the Spirit who makes you holy, today and always.

Amen.

Lectern - no text

[Notices]

Full screen text or EW Music

Hymn: We three kings

Preachers with text

Let us go in peace

**All: we go into the world to walk in God's light To rejoice in God's love and to reflect God's glory.
Amen.**