

**A Liturgy for  
Sunday Morning  
in Epiphany Season  
during Lockdown**



Welcome to our Service this morning..

We meet this morning in many places  
In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**All Amen.**

*The president greets the people*  
The Lord be with you  
**All and also with you.**

### *Prayer of Preparation*

God of God, Light of Light, true God of true God,  
**We bless you.**

Object of the Magi's search, subject of an old man's song, fulfilment of the  
Baptist's preaching.

**We bless you.**

Mary's son, Joseph's son, God's only son,

**We bless you.**

Gladly, O God, we come together, here in this place, to seek your deeper  
presence. *Silence*

We bring before you our wounds and our weariness from the journey.  
**Together we look with hopeful expectation to find the star which signals  
your arrival.**

Thankfully, we come forward to kneel and to receive the glory of your  
presence.

**With our little gifts we are humbled before you.**

And we find among the straw, in the misty breath of the animals, in the waters of the Jordan, in the wedding feast at Cana, in the temple with his family,

That you have come more humanly than we can imagine.

### *Prayers of Penitence*

The grace of God has dawned upon the world with healing for all. Let us come to him, in sorrow for our sins, seeking renewal and salvation

.All     Eternal God, maker of the skies above,  
Lowly Christ, born amidst the growing earth,  
Spirit of life, wind over the flowing waters,  
In earth and sky, you are there.  
O hidden mystery, sun behind all suns,  
Soul behind all souls, in everything we touch, in everyone we meet,  
Your presence is around us, and we give you thanks.

But when we have not touched but trampled you in creation,  
When we have not met but missed you in one another,  
When we have not received but rejected you in the poor,  
Forgive us, and hear now our plea for mercy.

### *Absolution*

May the God of all healing and forgiveness draw us to himself, and cleanse us from all our sins that we may behold the glory of his Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All     Lead us now, O God, to acknowledge your costly  
Generosity by living as forgiven people, until heaven and  
Earth rejoice and the whole earth cries Glory!

## *The Collect*

### *Readings;*

This is the Word of the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God

### *Gospel*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All** Praise to you, O Christ.

### *Sermon*

#### *Affirmation of Faith*

Let us declare our faith in God.

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.

#### *Prayers of Intercession*

*At the end:*

Merciful Father

accept these prayers, for the sake of your Son our  
Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

As Jesus taught us at his last supper, let us celebrate as Christians together in this benefice and with our brothers and sisters around the world.

## *The Celebration*

Let us lift up our hearts.

**All** We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us offer praise and thanksgiving to the Lord our God

**All** Living God, our loving parent, you cherish your creation, and we praise you,

With earth, air and fire in our element, as your children we praise you,

With our lips and with our lives, in all our diversity, each one made in your image, we praise you.

Because in Jesus you came to share our human life, our sorrow and our joy, we praise you.

Because your Spirit is at work today, encouraging, enabling, surprising us, we praise you.

Poor as we are, you give us hope, salt of the earth, you give us meaning and purpose, we praise you. Amen

*The following passage is read;*

### **Matthew 26: 26-30**

The Institution of the Lord's Supper

While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, 'Take, eat; this is my body.' Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, 'Drink from it, all of you; for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.' When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

All Everyone on earth now tremble,  
worship the Lord, majestic and holy.  
Announce to the nations, 'The Lord is King!'

Everyone on earth now tremble.

Tell the heavens and the earth to be glad and celebrate!

Worship the Lord, majestic and holy.

The world stands firm, never to be shaken, and he will judge its people  
with fairness.

Everyone on earth now tremble,  
Worship the Lord, majestic and holy.

As our Saviour taught us so we pray...

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.

HYMN:

*Blessing;*

As the Magi followed the star to the Christ-child

may we find you in unexpected places.

As John baptised you with water,  
may you baptise us with the Spirit.

As you turned water into wine,  
may we turn sorrow into joy.

As Anna and Simeon recognised you in the temple  
may we recognise you in those we meet.

As Jesus grew and became strong and wise may we grow in wisdom and wonder.

And the blessing.....

### *Sending Out*

let us go in peace to love and serve the lord

**All** In the name of Christ Amen

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