

CHRISTMAS, EPIPHANY



& CANDLEMAS
PARISH COMMUNION

at St. Mary's Barnes

**Whether you are a visitor for the first time
or a regular at St Mary's,
we warmly welcome you to this celebration of our
PARISH COMMUNION.**

On most Sundays there is separate provision for children aged 3-11 at the 10am Parish Communion in our Sunday Club and there is breakout space in The Retreat (room behind the organ).

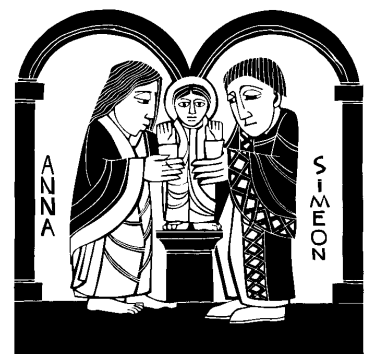
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Christmas – the Christmas season runs for the twelve days from Christmas Day to Epiphany. At the heart of this season is the celebration of the incarnation of Christ. The birth of Jesus marked on Christmas Day starts the cycle of seasons and festivals through which we celebrate his life on earth, culminating with his death and resurrection on Good Friday and Easter.



Epiphany – the word 'epiphany' comes from the Greek and means 'showing' or manifestation. In this season we explore the showing of who Christ was to the world through the revelation of Jesus Christ. Some of the main events in this are: the Magi (wise men) seeking Jesus, the declaration at Jesus' baptism and the demonstration of his power at the wedding at Cana.

Candlemas – otherwise known as 'the presentation of Christ at the Temple', marks the end of the 40 day Christmas/Epiphany season. Jesus is taken to the temple for the customary offerings and purification rites for his mother, and is recognised by Simeon and Anna as the promised Saviour – he who was to be the light of revelation to the gentiles and the glory of God's people Israel.



THE GATHERING

Please stand as the hymn is announced

Hymn

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

All: The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Welcome

The Prayer of Preparation

Priest: Let us pray
Please kneel

All: **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.

The Prayers of Penitence

The Deacon introduces the Confession

All: **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.

Priest: Almighty God who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy on 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.

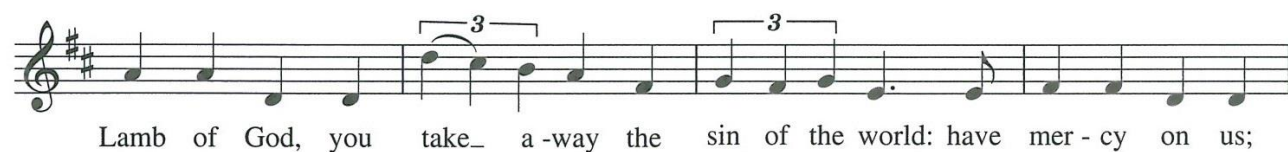
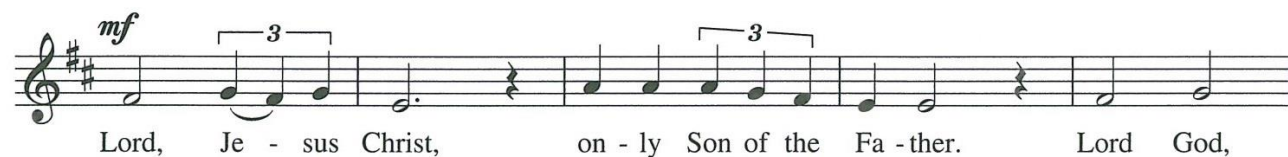
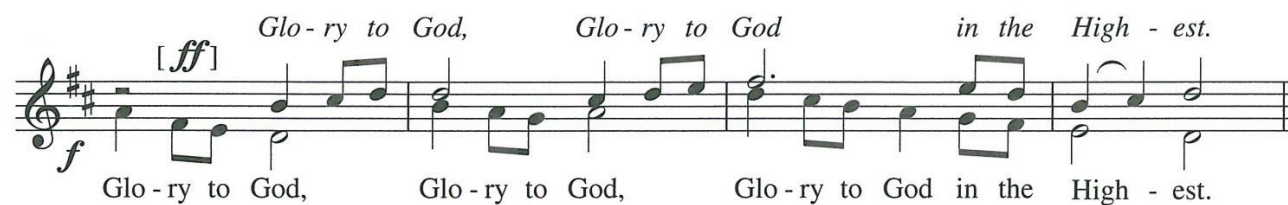
All: **Amen.**

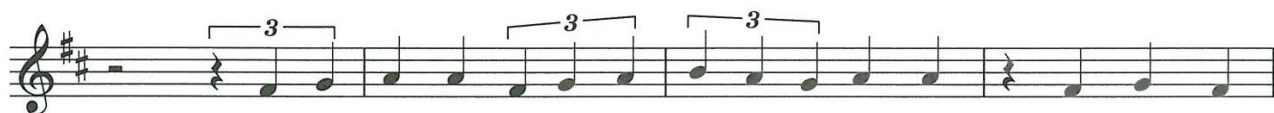


We sing

GLORIA

Moderato ♩ = 116

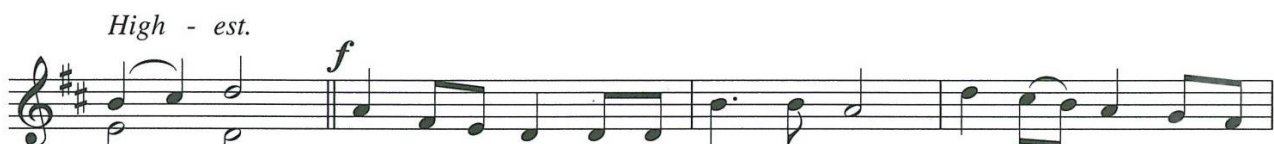




You are sea - ted at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our



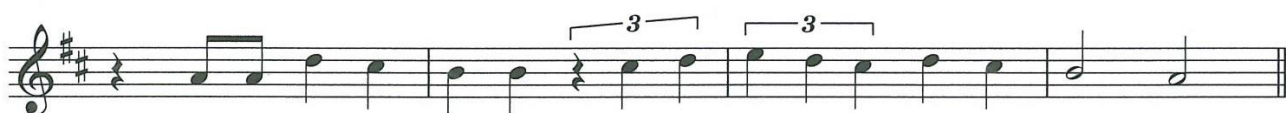
prayer. Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God in the



High - est. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly one, You a - lone are the



Lord, You a - lone are the most high, Je - sus Christ,



with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the Glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.



Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God in the High - est.

The Collect

The unique prayer for the day that is printed on the pewsheets

Priest: Let us pray

The Collect is said, and all respond

All: **Amen.**

Please sit

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The First Reading

At the end of which may be said:

This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

The Gradual Hymn

During which the Gospel Book is processed into the middle of the congregation. We turn to face the reader. Please remain standing.

The Gospel Reading

Deacon: The Lord be with you;

All: **and also with you.**

Deacon: Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N.

All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At the end

Deacon: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please sit for **The Sermon**

THE NICENE CREED

Please stand

All: **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.
Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

We sit or kneel to pray

These responses may be used:

Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy

All: **hear our prayer.**

And at the end:

Intercessor: Merciful Father,

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

The Anthem

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

Please stand

The Peace

Or an alternative seasonal one is used

Priest: We are the body of Christ
in the one Spirit we were all baptised into one body.
Let us then pursue all that makes for peace
and builds up our common life.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
All: **and also with you.**

Deacon: Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace

The Offertory Hymn

The Preparation of the Altar

The gifts of the people are gathered and presented.

The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.

Priest: Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have this bread to offer,
which earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life.

All: **Blessed be God for ever.**

Priest: Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have this wine to offer,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become for us our spiritual drink.

All: **Blessed be God for ever.**

The offertory is presented for a blessing:

**Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,
the glory, the splendour and the majesty;
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.
All things come from you,
and of your own do we give you.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

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

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Priest: All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,
mighty creator, ever-living God.



Christmas

We give you thanks and praise for your Son
our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who for love of our fallen race humbled himself,
was born of the Virgin Mary by the power
of the Holy Spirit, and lived as one of us.
In this mystery of the Word made flesh
you have caused this light to shine in our hearts,
to give knowledge of your glory
in the face of Jesus Christ.

In him we see our God made visible
and so are caught up in the love of the God
we cannot see.

Therefore with all the angels of heaven
we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name,
and sing our joyful hymn of praise:

Or

Priest: All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,
mighty creator, ever-living God.



Epiphany

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 was 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 sing our joyful hymn of praise:

Or

Priest:



Candlemas

It is indeed right and good,
always and everywhere
to give you thanks and praise
through Jesus Christ
who is one with you from all eternity.
For on this day he appeared in the temple
in substance of our flesh
to come near to us in judgement.
He searches the hearts of all your people
and brings to light the image of your splendour.
Your servant Simeon acclaimed him
as the light to lighten the nations
while Anna spoke of him
to all who looked for your redemption.
Destined for the falling and rising of many,
he was lifted high on the cross
and a sword of sorrow pierced his mother's heart
when by his sacrifice he made our peace with you.
And now we rejoice and glorify your name
that we, too, have seen your salvation
and join with angels and archangels
in their unending hymn of praise:

We sing

SANCTUS

Moderato ♩ = 112

[Organ] *mf* Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of po - wer and
might, Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. *f* Ho - san - na,
Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

BENEDICTUS

mf Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. *f* Ho -
- san - na, *ff* Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Priest: 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.

Priest: Great is the mystery of faith:

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

Priest: 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 St. Mary and all your
saints,

may praise and glorify you for ever,
where the new creation is brought to perfection
in 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.

Amen



The Lord's Prayer

Please kneel

Deacon: As our Saviour taught us so we pray:

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 forever.
Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

The Priest breaks the consecrated bread.

Priest: 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

We sing

AGNUS DEI

Andante (♩ = 60)

[Organ] *mp* Lamb of God, you

mf take a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy on us.

mf
Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sin of the world, have mer - cy on us.

mf *Lamb of God,* *Lamb of*
mp Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

God. *non rall.* *p* **2**
world, Grant us peace.

Giving of Communion

Priest: God's holy gifts for God's holy people

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

*All communicant Christians, from whatever tradition,
are welcome to receive communion.*

*The priest and people receive the Eucharist
Authorised words are said to each communicant:*

The body of Christ.

The blood of Christ.

*The communicant replies each time: **Amen.***

The Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.

The Post Communion Collect is read

Then together we say:

**All: Faithful God,
in baptism you have adopted us as your children,
made us members of the body of Christ
and chosen us as inheritors of your kingdom:
we thank you that in this Eucharist
you renew your promises within us,
empower us by your Spirit to witness and to serve,
and send us out as disciples of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

Please stand

Hymn

The Notices

The Blessing

Please stand

A seasonal blessing is given or:

**Priest: Christ the son of God
Perfect in you the image of his glory
and gladden your hearts
with the good news of his kingdom...**

...and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All: **Amen.**

Deacon: Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*The ministers and people depart.
After the service is over, coffee is served.
All are welcome.*





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