

# Holy Communion



**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after  
Epiphany**

**St. Peter's Tewin**

## Opening Hymn

### The Greeting

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

**And also with you**

### Hymn

1 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;  
His the scepter, His the throne.  
Alleluia! His the triumph,  
His the victory alone.  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion  
thunder like a mighty flood;  
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation  
has redeemed us by His blood.

2 Alleluia! Not as orphans  
are we left in sorrow now.  
Alleluia! He is near us;  
faith believes, nor questions how.  
Though the cloud from sight received Him  
when the forty days were o'er,  
shall our hearts forget His promise,  
"I am with you evermore"?

3 Alleluia! Bread of heaven,  
here on earth our food, our stay.  
Alleluia! Here the sinful  
flee to You from day to day.  
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,  
earth's Redeemer, hear our plea  
where the songs of all the sinless  
sweep across the crystal sea.

## Prayer of Preparation

**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.**

*Epiphany:* The grace of God has dawned upon the world through our Saviour Jesus Christ, who sacrificed himself for us to purify a people as his own. Let us confess our sins.

*Silence is kept*

God our Father,  
you sent your Son full of grace and truth:  
forgive our failure to receive him.  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

Jesus our Saviour,  
you were born in poverty and laid in a manger:  
forgive our greed and rejection of your ways.  
Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

Spirit of love,  
your servant Mary responded joyfully to your call:  
forgive the hardness of our hearts.  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

## **Absolution**

May the God of all healing and forgiveness  
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.**

## **The Gloria**

**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 sins 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 Collect**

*Silence is kept, then the priest says Let us pray...*

Almighty God,  
in Christ you make all things new:  
transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace,  
and in the renewal of our lives  
make known your heavenly glory;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## Readings

### Revelation 5:1-10

5 Then I saw in the right hand of the one seated on the throne a scroll written on the inside and on the back, sealed<sup>[a]</sup> with seven seals; <sup>2</sup> and I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?" <sup>3</sup> And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it. <sup>4</sup> And I began to weep bitterly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. <sup>5</sup> Then one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep. See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals." <sup>6</sup> Then I saw between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders a Lamb standing as if it had been slaughtered, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. <sup>7</sup> He went and took the scroll from the right hand of the one who was seated on the throne. <sup>8</sup> When he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb, each holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. <sup>9</sup> They sing a new song: "You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed for God saints from<sup>[b]</sup> every tribe and language and people and nation;<sup>10</sup> you

have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving<sup>[c]</sup> our God, and they will reign on earth.”

*At the end of each the reader says*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **The Gospel**

*The reader may introduce the gospel reading:*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

### **John 1:43-end**

<sup>43</sup> The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” <sup>44</sup> Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. <sup>45</sup> Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.” <sup>46</sup> Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” <sup>47</sup> When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, “Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!” <sup>48</sup> Nathanael asked him, “Where did you get to know me?” Jesus answered, “I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.” <sup>49</sup> Nathanael replied, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” <sup>50</sup> Jesus answered, “Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.” <sup>51</sup> And he said to him, “Very truly, I tell you,<sup>[m]</sup> you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”

*At the end of the gospel reading:*

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ**

## **The Sermon**

## **The Creed**

**We believe in one God, the Father 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

*The prayers may use the response:*

Lord in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

## The Peace

*Epiphany:* 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.**

*We share with our neighbours a sign of peace*

## Preparation of the Table

Word made flesh, life of the world,  
in your incarnation you embraced our poverty:  
by your Spirit may we share in your riches.  
**Amen.**

## Eucharistic Prayer A

The Lord is here  
**His Spirit is with us**

Lift up your hearts  
**We lift them to the Lord**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God  
**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right,  
it is our duty and our joy,  
at all times and in all places  
to give you thanks and praise,  
holy Father, heavenly King,  
almighty and eternal God,  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

*Epiphany:* And now we give you thanks because, in the  
incarnation of the Word, a new light has dawned upon the  
world, that all the nations may be brought out of darkness to  
see the radiance of your glory.

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.**

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,  
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
and as we follow his example and obey his command,  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us his body and his blood;

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.

Therefore heavenly Father,  
we remember his offering of himself made once for all upon  
the cross;  
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;  
we look for the coming of his kingdom,  
and with this bread and this cup  
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died,**  
**Christ is risen,**  
**Christ will come again.**

Accept through him, our great high priest,  
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,  
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts  
in the presence of your divine majesty,  
renew us by your Spirit,  
inspire us with your love  
and unite us in the body of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him and with him and in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,  
we worship you Father Almighty,  
in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours forever and ever Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**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**

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.**

## **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.

## **Invitation to Communion**

Christ is the true bread which has come down from heaven.  
**Lord, give us this bread always.**

## **Prayer of Spiritual Communion**

**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.**

## **Post Communion Prayer**

*A post-communion prayer may be said.*

God of glory,  
you nourish us with your Word  
who is the bread of life:  
fill us with your Holy Spirit  
that through us the light of your glory  
may shine in all the world.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## Final Hymn

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown? Will you let my name be known,  
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?  
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean and do such as this unseen,  
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world  
around,  
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

Lord your summons echoes true when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.  
In Your company I'll go where Your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

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## The Dismissal

*Epiphany:* 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...

**Amen.**

Go in peace. Proclaim the Word made flesh.

**Glory, thanks and praise to God.**

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