



THE PARISH CHURCH OF
ST LEONARD, LEXDEN



PARISH EUCHARIST
DURING
EPIPHANY

Welcome to St Leonard's Church.

*In this service booklet the words printed in **bold** are usually said or sung by all. Please stand or sit during the service as you feel comfortable. If you are unsure about what to do or where to be during the service, please ask someone. Our "welcomers" at each church door are there to help you, if you have a question or need assistance.*

Children & Young People – most weeks Junior Church & our creche meet in the Nicholls Room (through the doors at the back left of the church). If you are visiting, please sign your children in.

Hearing loop – our hearing loop works most effectively in the nave (where the pews are). Please select the 'T' position.

Toilets – can be found through the doors at the back left of the church.

Refreshments – after the service we share refreshments together. You are warmly invited to have a drink and a chat - but if you'd rather slip away, that's OK too.

The season of Epiphany is the continuation of the joyful celebration that begins at Christmas. The word Epiphany itself is best understood to mean "truth made real" – and so this is a time when we recall how the full glory and extent of God's love and salvation came to be seen in Jesus. We reflect on some of the key moments of how all this came to be made manifest – the visit of the great, mysterious Magi with their gifts; Jesus's baptism in the River Jordan; and the first of Jesus's miracles or 'signs' at the wedding at Cana.

Before the service begins, you may like to prepare yourself using the words of this prayer:

We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

THE GATHERING

Introit Hymn

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

The Greeting

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

All **and also with you.**

Everyone is welcomed.

Prayer of Preparation

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.**

Prayers of Penitence

This or another introduction is said,

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.

All **Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

(or)

Lord Jesus, illuminate the darkness in our hearts:
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, open our eyes to your saving love:
Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, unstop our ears to hear your living word:
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

May the God of love
bring *us* back to himself,
forgive *us* our sins,
and assure *us* of his eternal love
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis

All **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 Collect

After a period of silent prayer, the collect is said.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Bible Readings

At the end of each passage this response is used:

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

An anthem or psalm may be sung between the readings

Gradual Hymn

Gospel Reading

The Alleluia may be sung to herald the Gospel reading

Alleluia, alleluia,

Christ was revealed in flesh, proclaimed among the nations
and believed in throughout the world.

The Lord be with you

All **and also with you.**

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

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

at the end:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

The Creed

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

Please sit or kneel.

A time of prayer is introduced.

After each intercession this response may be used:

All Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

at the end, we may say

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

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

*The president introduces the **Peace***

Our Saviour Christ is the Prince of Peace.
Of the increase of his government and of peace
there shall be no end.

(or)

Christ is our peace.
If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation.
The old has passed away:
behold, everything has become new.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace

Offertory Hymn

Preparation of the Table

*The gifts of the people are gathered and presented,
the table is prepared, and bread and wine are placed upon it.*

The following prayer, or other suitable words are said:

Lord, accept your people's gifts,
not gold, frankincense or myrrh,
but hearts and voices raised in praise
of Jesus Christ, our light and our salvation.

All **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer now follows:
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Eucharistic Prayer B

The Lord is here. **(or)** The Lord be with you.
All **His Spirit is with us. And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts.
All **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

All honour and praise be yours always and everywhere,
mighty creator, ever-living God,
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:

All **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.**

(or)

Christ is the bread of life:

All **When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,
until you come in glory.**

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 [*N 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.

All **Amen.**

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Eucharistic Prayer D

- The Lord is here. **(or)** The Lord be with you.
All **His Spirit is with us.** **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts.
All **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Almighty God, good Father to us all,
your face is turned towards your world.
We give you thanks
because you have revealed your eternal plan of salvation,
and have shown your Son Jesus Christ
to be the light to the nations.
Your Word goes out to call us home
to the city where angels sing your praise.
We join with them in heaven's song:

- All* **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.**

Father of all, we give you thanks
for every gift that comes from heaven.
To the darkness Jesus came as your light.
With signs of faith and words of hope
he touched untouchables with love & washed the guilty clean.

The crowds came out to see your Son,
yet at the end they turned on him.
On the night he was betrayed
he came to table with his friends
to celebrate the freedom of your people.

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food;
he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said:
 This is my body, given for you all.

Jesus then gave thanks for the wine;
he took the cup, gave it and said:
 This is my blood, shed for you all
 for the forgiveness of sins.
 Do this in remembrance of me.

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup
we celebrate the cross
on which he died to set us free.
Defying death he rose again
and is alive with you to plead for us and all the world.

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

Send your Spirit on us now
that by these gifts we may feed on Christ
with opened eyes and hearts on fire.
May we and all who share this food
offer ourselves to live for you
and be welcomed at your feast in heaven
where all creation worships you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

All **Blessing and honour and glory and power**
 be yours for ever and ever.
 Amen.

Please sit or kneel.

The Lord's Prayer

All 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.**

Breaking of the 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.**

(or)

Every time we eat this bread
and drink this cup,
All **we proclaim the Lord's death
until he comes.**

Agnus Dei

**All 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.**

Giving of Communion

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**

(or)

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.**

*All are invited to come forward to receive Holy Communion or a blessing.
During the distribution hymns and anthems may be sung.*

Prayer after Communion

A post communion prayer may be said, followed by

All **Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

(or)

All **Father of all,
we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Notices

The Blessing

This or another suitable blessing is used

May God the Father,
who led the wise men by the shining of a star
to find the Christ, the light from light,
lead you also in your pilgrimage to find the Lord.

May God the Son,
who turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana,
transform your lives and make glad your hearts.

May God the Holy Spirit,
who came upon the beloved Son
at his baptism in the river Jordan,
pour out his gifts on you
who have come to the waters of new birth.

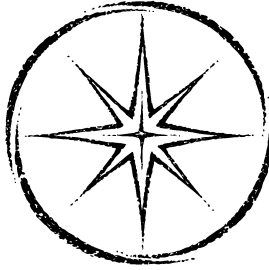
And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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



ARISE, SHINE;
FOR YOUR LIGHT HAS COME,
AND THE GLORY OF THE LORD
HAS RISEN UPON YOU.

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