

Holy Eucharist during the Christmas Season
[From Christmas Day until the Eve of the Epiphany]

The Gathering

Hymn

The President may say

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

All Amen.

The Greeting

The President greets the people

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

All And also with you.

Words of welcome or introduction may be said

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

The Summary of the Law

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:
The first commandment is this:
'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord.
You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
with all your soul, with all your mind,
and with all your strength.'

The second is this:
'Love your neighbour as yourself:
There is no other commandment greater than these.
On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

All Amen. Lord, have mercy.

Invitation to confession

Hear the words of the angel to Joseph:
'You shall call his name Jesus,
for he will save his people from their sins.'
Therefore let us seek the forgiveness of God
through Jesus the Saviour of the world.

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.

The President says
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.

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

The President introduces a period of silent prayer with the words
'Let us pray' or a more specific bidding

The Collect is said.

All Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

At the end the reader may say
This is the word of the Lord.
All Thanks be to God.

Psalm

This is said

Second Reading

At the end the reader may say
This is the word of the Lord.
All Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

Gospel Reading

Alleluia, alleluia.
The Word became flesh and dwelt among us,
and we have seen his glory.
All Alleluia.

