



The Blyth Valley
Team Ministry

EUCCHARIST **of the** **EPIPHANY** **SEASON**

Covid-19 adapted



To keep everyone safe:

- * Keep your distance from people who are not in your social bubble.
- * Keep your mask on until you have left the church.
- * Sanitise your hands on entry and when you leave, and before you take communion.

Sadly, congregations are not allowed to sing at the moment.



Welcome especially if you are new.

We really mean it, whether you are joining our worship in church or online. If you are new to this church, or new to Christian worship, it does take time to get used to what may initially seem strange, and settle in. If you would like one of our ministry team to talk to you, details of how to contact us are on our website:

www.blythvalleychurches.org.uk

We hope you will find this order of service helpful. You can follow or join in as you wish when the words are in **bold**. There are instructions in the text for people to sit, stand or kneel. They may not always be announced. You can follow them or just stay seated. You must feel free not to do something that makes you uncomfortable. No one is watching and no one will mind.

COMMUNION

We turn no-one away from receiving the Lord Jesus in Holy Communion. However, if you would rather come to the Altar for a blessing, you will be welcome, but please keep your hands by your sides.

Gathering

Silence is kept.

The Deacon may say a Sentence.

Please stand.

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

People: **Amen.**

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **and also with you.**

Words of welcome or introduction may be said.

Prayers of Penitence

These or other suitable words are used:

Deacon: The grace of God has dawned upon the world
with healing for all humankind.
Though we have grieved him, yet he will heal us;
so let us confess our sins in penitence and faith.

There is a time of silence before these or similar words are used:

Deacon: God be gracious to us and bless us,
and make your face shine upon us:
Lord, have mercy.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Deacon: May your ways be known on the earth,
your saving power among the nations:
Christ, have mercy.

People: **Christ, have mercy.**

Deacon: You, Lord, have made known your salvation,
and reveal your justice in the sight of the nations:
Lord, have mercy.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Priest: Almighty God,
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.

People: **Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

Priest: . . . one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

Please sit.

Extra-biblical readings may sometimes be used.

The Old Testament Reading

Silence follows, or these words may be used:

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Responsorial Psalm

The Congregation say the Response.

The New Testament Reading

Silence follows, or these words may be used:

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

The Gospel Acclamation

Deacon: Alleluia, alleluia . . .

People: **Alleluia.**

The Gospel Reading

Deacon: The Lord be with you.

People: **and also with you.**

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

_____.
People: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

After the Gospel reading:

Deacon: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

Please sit after the introduction.

Silence follows the Sermon.

The Creed

Please stand to say the Creed. There may be words of introduction.

People: **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;
and 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.

The Prayers of Intercession

Please kneel or sit.

The Intercessor announces the response to be used.

The Priest may conclude with a Collect.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Please stand.

These or other suitable words are said:

Priest: We are a chosen race, a royal priesthood,
a holy nation, God's own people,
that we may proclaim the mighty acts of him
who called us out of darkness into his marvellous light.
Gathered as his people we share his peace.

Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

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

The Preparation of the Altar

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

People: **Amen.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **and also with you.**

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

The Priest on behalf of all God's People praises God for his mighty acts for our salvation and the People respond:

People: **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!**

Priest: 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 for 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 your kingdom,
and with this bread and this cup
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Deacon: Great is the mystery of faith.

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

Priest: 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:

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

Please kneel or sit.

The Lord's Prayer

Silence is kept.

Priest: As we look for the coming of the Kingdom, so we pray.

People: **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

The priest breaks the consecrated bread.

Priest: We break the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.

People: **God here among us,
light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**

These words may be repeated as necessary:

People: **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.**

The Invitation to Communion

These words of invitation are said:

Priest: Christ is the true bread which has come down from heaven.

People: **Lord, give us this bread always.**

The Communion

The People come to the Altar in turn to receive Communion.

Please keep your mask on whilst the communion wafer is been placed in your hands.

Then move away, remove your mask to take communion, and replace your mask as you move back to your place.

After Communion

The Deacon may say a Sentence.

The Priest says the Prayer after Communion, to which the People respond:

Amen.

The Dismissal

Please stand.

The Blessing

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **and also with you.**

These or other words may be used:

Priest: Christ the Son of God gladden your hearts
with the good news of his kingdom
and perfect in you the image of his glory;
and the blessing ✠ of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

People: **Amen.**

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

If a solemn blessing is used, the People respond

Amen.

Extended Prefaces to the Eucharistic Prayers

The Epiphany Season includes the theme of the Epiphany itself, the Baptism of Christ, Candlemas (The Presentation of Christ in the Temple) and the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. These are the prefaces for them to be inserted on Page 7:

EPIPHANY

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:

BAPTISM OF CHRIST

It is truly right and just,
our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

You celebrated your new gift of baptism
in signs and wonders at the Jordan.

Your voice was heard from heaven
to awaken faith in the presence among us
of your Word made flesh.

Your Spirit was seen as a dove,
revealing Jesus as your servant,
and anointing him with the oil of gladness
to preach the good news to the poor.

Therefore, as we celebrate the union of earth and heaven,
we rejoice to echo the song of the angels in heaven
for ever praising you and saying:

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 upon 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:

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Father, all-powerful and ever-living God,
we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
By him, your only Son,
who restored to us peace through the blood of his cross,
you willed to reconcile all creatures.
In him you have led us to the knowledge of your truth,
that bound together by one faith and one baptism
we might become his body.
Through him you have given your Holy Spirit to all peoples
to work marvels by innumerable gifts
and an abundant variety of graces.
Gathering us together in unity,
your Spirit dwells in the hearts of all your children,
filling the whole Church with his presence
and guiding it with wisdom from above.
And so, with steadfast love,
we proclaim your glory
and join with hosts of angels
in their triumphant hymn of praise:

Prayers from the Church of England for our lives in the time of Covid-19

Keep us, good Lord,
under the shadow of your mercy
in this time of uncertainty and distress.
Sustain and support the anxious and fearful,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may rejoice in your comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Amen.

Lord Jesus Christ,
you taught us to love our neighbour,
and to care for those in need
as if we were caring for you.
In this time of anxiety, give us strength
to comfort the fearful, to tend the sick,
and to assure the isolated
of our love, and your love,
for your name's sake.

Amen.

God of compassion,
be close to those who are ill, afraid or in isolation.
In their loneliness, be their consolation;
in their anxiety, be their hope;
in their darkness, be their light;
through him who suffered alone on the cross,
but reigns with you in glory,
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayers for people who are ill

Merciful God,
we entrust to your tender care
those who are ill or in pain,
knowing that whenever danger threatens
your everlasting arms are there to hold them safe.
Comfort and heal them,
and restore them to health and strength;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayers for hospital staff and medical researchers

Gracious God,
give skill, sympathy and resilience
to all who are caring for the sick,
and your wisdom to those searching for a cure.
Strengthen them with your Spirit,
that through their work many will be restored to health;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A prayer for people feeling isolated

O God,
help me to trust you,
help me to know that you are with me,
help me to believe that nothing can separate me
from your love
revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

For the Christian community

We are not people of fear:
we are people of courage.
We are not people who protect our own safety:
we are people who protect our neighbours' safety.
We are not people of greed:
we are people of generosity.
We are your people God,
giving and loving,
wherever we are,
whatever it costs
For as long as it takes
wherever you call us.
Amen.

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