

**Benefice of Sarratt and Chipperfield
Holy Cross, Sarratt and
St Paul's, Chipperfield**

HOLY COMMUNION

Includes music for communion setting

EPIPHANYTIDE

A prayer of preparation -

The God who breathed this world alive
And sustains it day by day
Whose hands flung stars into space
And controls our destiny
Says, "Do not be afraid, for I am with you."

The God who filled the ocean depths
And set tides on their way
Who caused mountains to be raised up
And rainbows to display
Says, "I have called you by name, you are mine."

The God who made the fertile earth
And seed within to sow
Whose artistry creates butterflies
And the early morning dew
Says, "You are precious in my sight."

*Based on Isaiah 43:1-7
Faith and Worship: Prayer by John Birch, 2016*

Organ voluntary

The Gathering

Please stand

An Introit may be sung

A hymn is sung

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God and the fellowship
of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

Words of welcome or introduction may be said.

Opening Prayer

Loving God, we have come to worship you.

All: **Help us to pray to you in faith,
to sing your praise with gratitude,
and to listen to your word with eagerness;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Invitation to Confession

These or other words of invitation to confession are used

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

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

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

All: **Christ, have mercy.**

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

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

May the God of all healing and forgiveness
draw us to himself,
that we may behold the glory of his Son,
the Word made flesh,
and be cleansed from all our sins,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

The Gloria is sung

Organ



5 Congregation



Glo - ry, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est,

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Glo - ry, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est,

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Glo-ry to God in the high-est and peace to his peo-ple on earth;

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Lord God, heav'n-ly King, al-migh-ty God and Fa-ther, We

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wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo -

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

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high - est, Glo - ry, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the

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high - est, Lord Je - sus Christ, on-ly Son of the

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Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the

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world. Have mer-cy on us; You are seat-ed at the right

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hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.

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Glo - ry, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est,

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Glo - ry, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est, For

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you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, You a - lone are the Lord;

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You a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ. With the

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

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Glo - ry, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est, Glo - ry,

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glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est. A - men.

Collect

Let us pray

Silence is kept. The Collect is read and all respond.

All: **Amen.**

The Word

Readings

At end of each reading

This is the word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God.**

A hymn is sung

Gospel Reading

Gospel acclamation, please stand.

Alleluia, alleluia.

We have seen his star at its rising,
and have come to pay him homage.

All: **alleluia.**

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.**

We sit.

Sermon

We stand for the Affirmation of Faith

All: **We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

We sit or kneel to pray

Prayers of Intercession

We pray that Christ may be seen in the life of the Church.

This response is used:

Jesus, Lord of the Church,
All: **in your mercy hear us.**

At the end

Jesus, Lord of the Church,
you have called us into fellowship with all your saints.
We unite our prayers with theirs
and ask for grace to serve you with joy
where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for all eternity.

All: **Amen.**

The Sacrament

Please remain seated

The Peace

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

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

Let us offer one another a sign of Christ's peace

Preparation of the Table

An anthem or hymn may be sung

This prayer may be 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

Eucharistic Prayer

We sit or kneel

The Lord is here
All: His Spirit is with us.

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:

Organ

4 Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Ho-ly, ho - ly,

7 ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, heaven and earth are full of your

10 glo - ry. Ho - san-na, ho-san-na in the_high-est, ho-

san - na, ho - san-na in the_ high-est.

15 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,

18 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, ho -

21 san - na, ho-san-na in the_high-est, ho-san - na, ho-

san - na in the_ high - est.

We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:
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.
So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith:

All:

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

Lord of all life,
help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.
Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with Mary the mother of Jesus, St Joseph
and all the saints to feast at your table in heaven.
Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,
for ever and ever.

All: **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us,
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 for ever.
Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

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

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

The Agnus Dei is sung as the bread is broken.

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

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

Giving of Communion

Silence is kept

An anthem and/or hymn may be sung during the distribution of Communion

*If you do not normally receive communion but would like to receive a blessing,
please indicate that to the minister.*

Prayer after Communion

The Post Communion or another suitable prayer is said.

We may say this prayer

**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.**

Notices and Banns

The Sending Out

Please stand for the blessing

A hymn is sung

The Blessing

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.

All: **Amen.**

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

All: **Amen.**

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.

All: **Amen.**

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

The Dismissal

Go in the light and peace of Christ.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Please leave the church as directed by the Churchwardens or sidespersons.

Organ Voluntary

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