

St Paul's Church, Landkey

**HOLY
COMMUNION**

During

**CHRISTMAS
and
EPIPHANY**

The Gathering

Hymn

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

All Amen

The Greeting

Priest The Lord be with you
All and also with you.

Priest Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given,
and his name shall be called the Prince of Peace.

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

Priest Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

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

Invitation to confession

Priest 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
we give thank through Jesus the Saviour of the world.

All Christ came in humility to share our lives:
Forgive our pride. Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Priest Christ came with good news for all people:
forgive our silence. Christ, have mercy
All **Christ, have mercy.**

Priest Christ came in love to a world of suffering:
forgive our self-centeredness.
Lord, have mercy
All **Lord, have mercy.**

Priest 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 be to God on high,
and in earth peace, goodwill towards men.**

**We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee, we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King,
God the Father almighty.**

**O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesu Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.**

**For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ,
with the Holy Ghost,
art most high
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

The Collect

*The priest says **one** of these Collect prayers:*

Eternal God,
who made this most holy night
to shine with the brightness of your one true light:
bring us, who have known the revelation of that light on earth,
to see the radiance of 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. **Amen.**

Almighty God,
you have given us your only-begotten Son
to take our nature upon him
and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin:
grant that we, who have been born again
and made your children by adoption and grace,
may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit;
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. **Amen.**

Eternal God, in the stillness of this night
you sent your almighty Word
to pierce the world's darkness with the light of salvation:
give to the earth the peace that we long for
and fill our hearts with the joy of heaven
through our Saviour, Jesus Christ, **Amen.**

Lord Jesus Christ,
your birth at Bethlehem
draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven touching earth:
accept our heartfelt praise
as we worship you,
our Saviour and our eternal God. **Amen.**

O God,
who by the leading of a star
manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth:
mercifully grant that we,
who know you now by faith,
may at last behold your glory face to face;
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. **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.**

(A psalm or anthem may be sung)

Second Reading

At the end the reader may say
This is the word of the Lord,

All **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn or song

Gospel Reading

Priest

Alleluia, alleluia.

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

All

Alleluia.

When the Gospel is announced the reader says

Priest

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

All

Glory to you, O Lord.

Priest

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The Creed

Priest

Let us declare our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit

All

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

**the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

These responses may be used:

Intercessor Lord, in your mercy
All **Hear our prayer.**

And at the end:

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

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

Preparation of the Table

Taking of the Bread and Wine

Collection Hymn

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

Priest Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this bread to set before
you, which earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life.

All Blessed be God for ever.

Priest Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this wine to set before
you, fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become for us the cup of salvation.

All Blessed be God for ever.

The Eucharistic Prayer

Priest The Lord be with you
All and also with you.

Priest Lift up your hearts.
All We lift them to the Lord.

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All It is right to give thanks and praise.

Priest Father, we give you thanks and praise
through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word,
through whom you have created all things;
who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our
Saviour.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh;
as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin,
he lived on earth and went about among us;
he opened wide his arms for us on the cross;
he put an end to death by dying for us;
and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life;
so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

And now we give you thanks
because, by the power of the Holy Spirit,
he took our nature upon him
and was born of the Virgin Mary his mother,
that being himself without sin,
he might make us clean from all sin.

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:

SANCTUS (*follows immediately*)

All **Holy, holy, holy,
Lord God of hosts,
heaven and earth are full of thy glory,
Glory be to thee,
O Lord most high.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name
of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Priest 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.

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

Priest 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 the Blesséd Virgin Mary,
 Joseph, James & 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.**

The Lord's Prayer

Priest As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

All **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

Priest *The priest breaks the consecrated 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.**

Giving of Communion

The priest says the invitation to communion

Priest 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.**

The priest and people receive communion.

Authorised words of distribution are used and the communicant replies:

Amen.

During the distribution the Agnus Dei, hymns and anthems may be sung.

**All O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.**

**O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.**

**O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.**

Any consecrated bread and wine which is not required for purposes of communion is consumed at the end of the distribution or after the service.

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept

Priest (Christmas)
God our Father, whose Word has come among us
in the Holy Child of Bethlehem:
may the light of faith illumine our hearts
and shine in our words and deeds;
through him who is Christ the Lord.

Priest (Epiphany)
Lord God,
the bright splendour whom the nations seek:
may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your
light
discern the glory of your presence in your Son,
the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Priest (Alternative)
Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe,
creator of light and giver of life,
to you be glory and praise for ever.
In Jesus your light has shone out;
and you have given your Holy Spirit
as a mighty stream of life-giving water
to refresh and renew the face of the earth.
Let your light shine in us
that we may be beacons of justice

and bearers of hope.

Priest Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
All **Blessed be God for ever.**

The Dismissal

Blessing

Priest Christ, who by his incarnation gathered into one
 things earthly and heavenly,
 fill you with peace and goodwill
 and make you partakers of the divine nature;
 and the blessing of God almighty,
 the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
 be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

Priest Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

The priest and people depart.

Hymn

