

*An order for the
Holy Eucharist*
Christmas to Candlemas



the parish of
St George the Martyr
Shirley

<i>Toddler Church</i>	<i>JUNIOR CHURCH</i>	<i>YOUTH CHURCH</i>
<i>Age 0 - 3yrs</i>	<i>Age 3yrs to Year 5</i>	<i>Year 5/6 - Year 11</i>
<p>There is a well-resourced and carpeted area at the back of the church where adults with young babies or toddlers are welcome to go during the service if they feel they need a change of scene. This area has a speaker system so you are still able to be involved in the service.</p>	<p>Junior Church meets in the Church Hall just before 10am where they have their own session including stories, prayers, craft activities, music, etc. They come into church during communion for a blessing and sit with the leaders for the remainder of the service. They have an opportunity to share with the congregation what they have been doing.</p>	<p>Youth Church starts in Church at 10.00am and then go to the Choir Vestry during the end of the first hymn. Here they have their own session with teaching, discussion, reflection, prayer, etc. They return to their families in time for communion.</p>
All groups for children and youth are supported by at least 2 approved adults		

Large Print copies of this service are available – if you would like one, please ask.

There is an induction loop system – switch to ‘T’ position.

Gluten-free communion wafers are available – please ask.



The Gathering

We stand at the entry of the choir and clergy during which a hymn may be sung. (Hymn numbers are shown on the hymn boards and in the pew sheet.)

We meet to celebrate the coming of Christ into the world.
The Word became flesh, and pitched his tent among us
and we beheld his glory.

We meet in the name of God
who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The Greeting

The president greets the people.

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

(or)

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

Words of welcome or introduction may be said.

Prayers of Penitence

The deacon invites all to confess their sins in these or similar words.

Deacon The sun of righteousness has dawned with healing in his wings. Let us come to the light of Christ, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

Silence is kept

Deacon Lord of grace and truth, we confess our unworthiness to stand in your presence as your children.

We have sinned:

forgive and heal us.

The Virgin Mary accepted your call to be the mother of Jesus. Forgive our disobedience to your will.

We have sinned:

forgive and heal us.

Your Son our Saviour was born in poverty in a manger.

Forgive our greed and rejection of your ways.

We have sinned:

forgive and heal us.

The shepherds left their flocks to go to Bethlehem.

Forgive our self-interest and lack of vision.

We have sinned:

forgive and heal us.

The wise men followed the star to find Jesus the King.

Forgive our reluctance to seek you.

We have sinned:

forgive and heal us.

(or)

Deacon Christ came in humility to share our lives:

forgive our pride. Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ came with good news for all people:

forgive our silence. Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ came in love to a world of suffering:

forgive our self-centredness. Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

The Absolution

The president pronounces absolution using these or similar words

May God who loved the world so much
that he sent his Son to be our Saviour
forgive us our sins
and make us holy to serve him in the world,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



Gloria in Excelsis

in excelsis deo!

**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 Liturgy of the Word

The Collect

The president reads the appropriate prayer for the week.

We sit to listen to the readings.

The Readings

At the end of each reading from Holy Scripture

Reader This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

A psalm may be read

We stand to hear the Gospel. A gradual hymn may be sung.

Gospel

We turn to face the Gospel party.

Gospeller Alleluia, alleluia.

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

Alleluia.

Gospeller The Lord be with you

and also with you.

Gospeller Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to ...

Glory to you, O Lord.

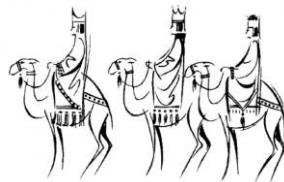
At the end of the Gospel reading.

Gospeller This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

On the Feast of The Epiphany

The three figures of the wise men are placed at the crib and the traditional gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh are offered at the manger.



Presentation of the Gifts

At the offering of gold

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe:
to you be praise and glory for ever.
As gold in the furnace is tried
and purified seven times in the fire,
so purify our hearts and minds
that we may be a royal priesthood
acceptable in the service of your kingdom.

Blessed be God for ever.

At the offering of incense

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe:
to you be praise and glory for ever.
As our prayer rises up before you as incense,
so may we be presented before you
with penitent hearts and uplifted hands
to offer ourselves in your priestly service.

Blessed be God for ever.

At the offering of myrrh

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe:
to you be praise and glory for ever.
As you give medicine to heal our sickness
and the leaves of the tree of life
for the healing of the nations,
so anoint us with your healing power
that we may be the first-fruits of your new creation.

Blessed be God for ever.

We sit to listen to the sermon.

We stand to affirm the faith of the church. (This may be omitted on weekdays.)

The Creed

Deacon Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

**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.**

We sit or kneel to pray.

Prayers of Intercession

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

We are invited to respond to each petition in these or other similar words.

Lord in your mercy (or)
Hear our prayer

Lord, hear us
Lord, graciously hear us

At the end of the prayers we say...

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



The Liturgy of the Sacrament

We stand as the president introduces the peace.

The Peace

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

(or)

In the tender mercy of our God
the dayspring from on high has broken upon us,
to give light to those who dwell in darkness
and in the shadow of death
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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



Deacon Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

We share a handshake with those around us saying 'Peace be with you.'

An Offertory Hymn may be sung.

Preparation of the Table

The bread and wine for communion are offered with these or similar words.

Word made flesh, life of the world,
in your incarnation you embraced our poverty:
by your Spirit may we share in your riches.

Amen.

(or)

Gracious God, accept the offering of your Church,
the hearts of your people joined in praise and thanksgiving,
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

Amen

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you (or) The Lord is here.
and also with you. His Spirit is with us.

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

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

From Christmas Day to the eve of The Epiphany

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,
mighty creator, ever-living God.
We give you thanks and praise for your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who for love of our fallen race humbled himself,
was born of the Virgin Mary by the power of your Spirit,
and lived as one of us.

In this mystery of the Word made flesh
you have caused his light to shine in our hearts,
to give knowledge of your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.

In him we see our God made visible
and so are caught up in the love of the God we cannot see.

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:

**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**

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From the Feast of The Epiphany to the eve of Candlemas

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:

**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.
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On the Feast of 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:

**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**

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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 to 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.

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:

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

We sit or kneel to say the Lord's Prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**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.**

Breaking of the Bread

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

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



Agnus Dei

**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.**

(or)

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.

Giving of Communion

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

Lord, give us this bread always.

(or)

Draw near with faith.

Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ
which he gave for you,
and his blood which he shed for you.

Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts
by faith with thanksgiving.

The prayer of humble access

**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.**

All are welcome at the altar. *If for any reason you feel unable to receive the blessed bread and wine at the time of communion, please do still come forward to receive a sign of God's blessing – simply bow your head and keep your hands lowered.*



Prayer after Communion

The president reads the appropriate prayer for the week.

The Post-Communion Prayer

**We praise and thank you, creator God,
for you have not left us alone.
Every year we celebrate your coming as Emmanuel.
Every eucharist celebrates his death,
in the bread we break and the cup we share,
until that day when we shall see you face to face,
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

When Junior Church meet, the children are invited to give feedback after which this prayer may be said by all.

Lord Jesus, we thank you for the children and young people of this parish family. Bless and guide all those who encourage them on their journey of faith, today and always. Amen

The notices and any banns of marriage are read.

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The Dismissal

We stand as the president blesses the people using these or similar words.

The Blessing

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 ...

(or)

Christ, whose glory fills the skies, fill you with radiance
and scatter the darkness from your path.
Christ, the Sun of Righteousness,
gladden your eyes and warm your heart.
Christ, the Dayspring from on high,
draw near to guide your feet into the way of peace....

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

Amen.

Deacon Go in the light and peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

A final hymn may be sung as the choir and clergy leave.

Candlemas Procession

Candles will be lit before the procession during which the choir will sing.

Lord God, the springing source of everlasting light, pour into the hearts of your faithful people the brilliance of your eternal splendour, that we, who by these kindling flames light up this temple to your glory, may have the darkness of our souls dispelled, and so be counted worthy to stand before you in that eternal city where you live and reign, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Nunc dimittis

All turn to face the font as the ministers' procession passes.

Refrain **A light to lighten the nations
and the glory of your people Israel.**

**Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace:
your word has been fulfilled. R
My own eyes have seen the salvation
which you have prepared in the sight of every people. R
A light to reveal you to the nations
and the glory of your people Israel. R
Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen. R**



Final Responsory

Father, we have sung your praise with shepherds and angels:
may Christ be born in our hearts today.

Praise to Christ our light.

We have shared in the joy of Simeon and Anna;
help us, like them, to trust your word.

Praise to Christ our light.

We have greeted Jesus, the light of the world;
may we be filled with the light of your love.

Praise to Christ our light.

The Blessing on page 18

*Please come and meet each other and enjoy a chat
over a cup of fairtrade tea or coffee in the Hall behind
the Church after the 10am Sunday service.*

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