

**Service of the Word**  
(Christmas and Epiphany)

**We prepare to worship God**

We meet to celebrate the coming of Christ into the world

**The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory.**

God revealed his glory in the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Come, let us worship.**

From the rising of the sun to its setting

**The Lord's name is greatly to be praised.**

**We confess our sins to God**

**Almighty God, Creator of all,**

**You marvellously made us in your image;**

**But we have corrupted ourselves and damaged your likeness by rejecting your love and hurting our neighbours.**

**We have done wrong and neglected to do right.**

**We are sincerely sorry and heartily repent of our sins.**

**Cleanse us and forgive us by the sacrifice of your Son;**

**Remake us and lead us by your Spirit, the Comforter.**

**We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen**

**We are assured of God's forgiveness**

May the God of love and power

Forgive us from our sins

Heal and strengthen us by his Spirit

And raise us to eternal life. **Amen**

**We listen to the Word of God**

At the end of each reading

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

A SERMON may follow

**We declare our faith in God**

**We believe in one God,  
The Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth, and of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
The only begotten 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.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.  
He 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 offer our prayers to God**

Jesus, Emmanuel, God with us  
**Hear your people's prayer.**

At the end:

Lord of the Church  
**Hear our prayer,  
And make us one in heart and mind  
To serve you in Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

Awaiting his coming in glory, we pray as Jesus taught us.  
**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 forever.  
Amen.**

**We go out to serve God**

**May God's warm welcome shine from our hearts  
And Christ's own peace prevail through this and every day till greater life  
shall call.  
Amen**

A blessing is said

Go in the peace to love and serve the Lord  
**In the name of Christ.  
Amen**