

St Anne's Church, Kew



8 am Eucharist

in the Christmas and Epiphany Seasons

Introduction to the Seasons of Christmas and Epiphany

The celebration of Christ's incarnation at Christmas is one of the two poles of the Christian year, as the Church rejoices in the wonderful mystery of God's dwelling among us in the fullness of humanity, as Emmanuel, foretold by the prophets and born of Mary.

Christmas is much more than simply the celebration of Jesus' birth, and amid all the joyful customs and celebrations of the Christmas liturgy, we are recalled to the central truth of the Word made flesh for our salvation.

The Christmas season is celebrated for twelve days, ending with the Epiphany (on 6 January). Epiphany means 'manifestation' and the season of Epiphany begins with the celebration of the visit of the magi to the Christ-child, understood as the sign that God's love extends beyond Israel to all people. The other weeks of the Epiphany season also mark manifestations. There is Christ's baptism in the River Jordan, when the heavens were opened and a voice from heaven declared Jesus to be God's beloved Son. The miracle of Cana in Galilee, where Jesus 'first manifested his glory' by turning water into wine, follows on from this.

The season of joyful celebration that begins at Christmas continues through the successive Sundays of Epiphany, ending with Candlemas, the Feast of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple. The child who has been manifested to the magi at his birth is now recognised by Simeon and Anna as 'a light to lighten the Gentiles' and 'the glory of God's people Israel'. But the redemption he will bring must be won through suffering: the Incarnation is directed to the Passion, and our attention is moved away from the celebration of Christmas and towards the mysteries of Holy Week and Easter.

The Gathering

The Greeting

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

All Amen.

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

All and also with you.

Words of welcome or introduction may be said.

Prayers of Penitence

**Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.
Amen.**

The priest says

May the God of all healing and forgiveness
draw you to himself
and cleanse you from all your sins,
that you may behold the glory of his Son,
the Word made flesh,

Jesus Christ our Lord.
All Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

All **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 Collect

Please remain standing. The priest introduces a period of silent prayer with the words 'let us pray'. The Collect is said and all respond

All Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

Reading

Please sit for a reading from the Old Testament. At the end the reader says

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

The Psalm is read.

Please sit for a reading from the New Testament. At the end the reader says

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

When the Gospel is announced the priest says

The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

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

Sermon

After the introductory sentence or prayer please sit.

Please stand

**All 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.**

Prayers of Intercession

Please kneel or sit.

This response may be used

Lord, in your mercy
All **hear our prayer.**

And at the end

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

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Please stand. The priest introduces the Peace using these or other suitable words

Our Saviour Christ is the Prince of Peace.
Of the increase of his government and of peace
there shall be no end.

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

Preparation of the Altar

Taking of the Bread and Wine

The gifts of the people are gathered and presented. The altar is prepared, and bread and wine are placed upon it. The priest takes the bread and wine and says:

Father, in Christ there has sprung up a light for the righteous;
accept the offering of your Church
and grant that Christ may shine in us
to the praise and glory of your name.

All **Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you
All **And also with you**

Lift up your hearts
All **We lift them up onto the Lord**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
All **It is right to give him thanks and praise**

A seasonal preface is used, the following or some other:

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:

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Please sit or kneel

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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

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

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 Blessed Virgin Mary,
Saint Anne and 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.

Amen

The Lord's Prayer

The priest invites the congregation to join in saying the Lord's Prayer

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

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

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

All **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

All **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.**

All are welcome to receive the Eucharist. Please ask a priest at the Sanctuary if you wish to receive a gluten-free wafer.

Prayer after Communion

Please remain kneeling or seated. The priest may pray a post communion prayer; the following is said

**All We praise and thank you, creator God,
for you have not left us alone.
Every year we celebrate your coming as Emmanuel.
Every eucharist we celebrate 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.**

Please sit for the Notices.

The Dismissal

The priest uses this or another blessing

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

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

All **Amen.**

The priest says the dismissal:

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

The ministers and people depart.

Notices

Morning Prayer (via Zoom) - each weekday at 8.30am. To join in please contact Tina Ruygrok at tina.ruygrok@gmail.com

Notices and prayers for the sick – please contact the Parish Office on saintannekew@gmail.com with any Notices for the Messenger (Service Booklet) or with a name to add / remove from the sick list. The weekly deadline for inclusion is Wednesday 1pm.

Hall Hire is available. Please contact the Parish Office.

Welcomers needed – please sign up at the back of church to offer 1 hour per week to welcome those who visit St Anne's. For more information contact John Mortley at john.onc@hotmail.com.

Bible Study takes place on Wednesdays at 11.00am in the Hall and on Zoom. Contact Ann Eldridge for more information at annviveneldridge@gmail.com

Join St Anne's WhatsApp Group, available for all the congregation. To join please text Fr Giles on 07811 444011.

Safeguarding – for safeguarding concerns please contact our safeguarding officer, Kate Higham, at safeguarding@saintanne-kew.org.uk or tel: 07561 662613 or contact Fr Giles or the Churchwardens.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

Fr Giles is available for any member of St Anne's congregation and can be contacted on 07811 444011 or via the Parish Office. His regular day off is Friday.

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Thank you.

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