

# All Age Eucharist Feast of the Epiphany



**St Edmund the King**  
**Northwood Hills**

# The Order of Eucharist

*Please stand when the bell rings*

- 1 From the eastern mountains,  
pressing on, they come,  
Wise men in their wisdom, to His  
humble home;  
Stirred by deep devotion, hasting  
from afar,  
Ever journeying onward, guided by  
a star.
- 2 There their Lord and Saviour meek  
and lowly lay,  
Wondrous Light that led them  
onward on their way,  
Ever now to lighten nations from  
afar,  
As they journey homeward by that  
guiding star.
- 3 Thou who in a manger once hast  
lowly lain,  
Who dost now in glory o'er all  
kingdoms reign,  
Guide your scattered people  
homeward from afar  
Young and old together by that  
guiding star.
- 4 Gather in the outcasts, all who've  
gone astray,  
Throw Thy radiance o'er them,  
guide them on their way.  
Those who never knew Thee,  
those who've wandered far,  
Guide them by the brightness of  
Thy guiding star.!
- 5 Until every nation,  
whether bond or free,  
'Neath Thy starlit banner,  
Jesus, follows Thee.  
O'er the distant mountains  
to that heavenly home,  
Where nor sin nor sorrow  
evermore shall come.



***(Please remain Standing)***

## **Introductory Rite**

In the name of the † Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

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

**And also with you**

## **Penitential Rite**

Priest Kyrie Eleison (Lord have mercy)

All **Kyrie Eleison**

Kyrie Eleison **Kyrie Eleison**

*Lord of reconciliation, heal our wounds in darkest times*

Kyrie Eleison **Kyrie Eleison**

*In the midst of fear and violence, make our lives a prayer of peace.*

Christe Eleison (Christ have mercy)

**Christe Eleison**

*Healer of the broken hearted, guide us to heavens shores.*

Kyrie Eleison **Kyrie Eleison**

Kyrie Eleison **Kyrie Eleison**



*The priest tells us we are forgiven and all respond*  
**Amen.**

# Gloria

*Gloria Gloria in excelsis Deo*

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Lord God heavenly King

Peace you bring to us

We Worship you we give you thanks

We sing our song of praise

*Gloria Gloria.....*

Jesus Saviour of all

Lord God lamb of God

You take away our sins, oh Lord

Have mercy on us all

*Gloria Gloria.....*

At the Father's right hand

Lord receive our prayer

for you alone are the Holy One

and you alone are Lord

*Gloria Gloria.....*

Glory Father and Son

Glory Holy Spirit

to you we raise our hands up high

we glorify your name

*Gloria Gloria.....*

*The Priest prays the special prayer for today*

## The Collect

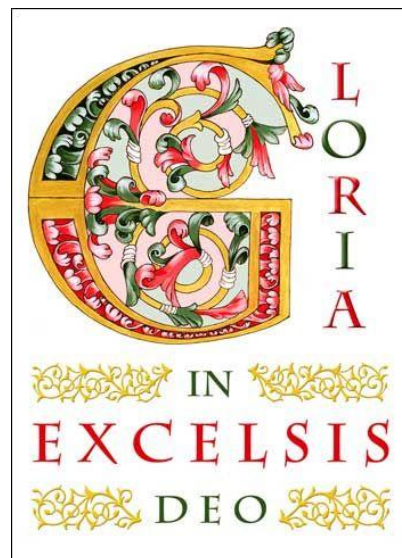
Creator of the heavens,

who led the Magi by a star

to worship the Christ-child:

guide and sustain us,

that we may find our journey's end in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**



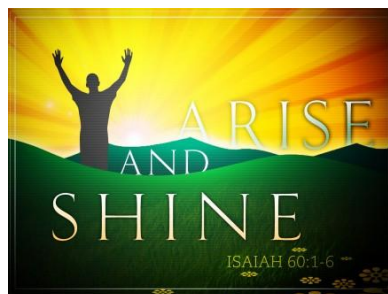
# Liturgy of the Word *please sit*

## First Reading

### A Reading from the Prophecy of Isaiah

Arise, shine; for your light has come,  
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.  
For darkness shall cover the earth,  
and thick darkness the peoples;  
but the Lord will arise upon you,  
and his glory will appear over you.  
Nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.  
Lift up your eyes and look around;  
they all gather together, they come to you;  
your sons shall come from far away,  
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.  
Then you shall see and be radiant;  
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,  
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,  
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.  
A multitude of camels shall cover you,  
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;  
all those from Sheba shall come.  
They shall bring gold and frankincense,  
and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.  
This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**



## Gradual Hymn *please stand*

As with gladness, men of old  
Did the guiding star behold  
As with joy they hailed its light  
Leading onward, beaming bright  
So, most glorious Lord, may we  
Evermore be led to Thee

As with joyful steps they sped  
To that lowly manger bed  
There to bend the knee before  
Him Whom Heaven and earth adore;  
So may we with willing feet  
Ever seek Thy mercy seat.

As they offered gifts most rare  
At that manger rude and bare;  
So may we with holy joy,  
Pure and free from sin's alloy,  
All our costliest treasures bring,  
Christ, to Thee, our heavenly King.

Holy Jesus, every day  
Keep us in the narrow way;  
And, when earthly things are past,  
Bring our ransomed souls at last  
Where they need no star to guide,  
Where no clouds Thy glory hide.

In the heavenly country bright,  
Need they no created light;  
Thou its Light, its Joy, its Crown,  
Thou its Sun which goes not down;  
There forever may we sing  
Alleluias to our King!



# Gospel Reading

*(please remain standing)*

*Priest* Halle Halle Halle—luiah  
Halle Halle Halle-- luiah  
Halleluiah halleluiah

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

*All* Halle Halle Halle-- luiah  
Halle Halle Halle-- luiah  
Halle Halle Halle-- luiah  
Halleluiah halleluiah

**All Halle Halle Halle-- luiah  
Halle Halle Halle-- luiah  
Halle Halle Halle-- luiah  
Halleluiah halleluiah**

The Lord be with you

**And also with you**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

"And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for from you shall come a ruler  
who is to shepherd my people Israel." '

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid

him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

This is the Gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Homily

### **The Creed** *please stand*

Let us declare our faith in God.

**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.**

*cf Ephesians 3*

## Prayer of the Faithful

### Liturgy of the Eucharist

### **The Peace** *please stand*

*The priest introduces the peace*

The peace of the Lord be always with you

**And also with you**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace

*We share the Peace*





# Offertory

*As the Offertory Hymn is sung the Gifts are placed on the Altar*

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| <p>1 The First Nowell, the Angels did say<br/>Was to certain poor shepherds in<br/>fields as they lay<br/>In fields where they lay keeping<br/>their sheep<br/>On a cold winter's night that was<br/>so deep.<br/>Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell<br/>Born is the King of Israel!</p> | <p>4 This star drew nigh to the<br/>northwest<br/>O'er Bethlehem it took its rest<br/>And there it did both Pause and<br/>stay<br/>Right o'er the place where Jesus<br/>lay.<br/>Nowell, Nowell, ...</p> |
| <p>2 They looked up and saw a star<br/>Shining in the East beyond them<br/>far<br/>And to the earth it gave great light<br/>And so it continued both day and<br/>night.<br/>Nowell, Nowell, ...!</p>   | <p>5 Then entered in those Wise men<br/>three<br/>Full reverently upon their knee<br/>And offered there in His presence<br/>Their gold and myrrh and<br/>frankincense.<br/>Nowell, Nowell, ...</p>       |
| <p>3 And by the light of that same star<br/>Three Wise men came from<br/>country far<br/>To seek for a King was their intent<br/>And to follow the star wherever it<br/>went.<br/>Nowell, Nowell, ...</p>  | <p>6 Then let us all with one accord<br/>Sing praises to our heavenly Lord<br/>That hath made Heaven and earth<br/>of nought<br/>And with his blood mankind has<br/>bought.<br/>Nowell, Nowell, ...</p>  |

## Preparation of the gifts

Pray my brothers and sisters that this my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the Almighty Father

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and Glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his Church.**

*The priest says the Prayer over the gifts after which all reply **Amen***

# The Eucharistic Prayer

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

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.**

*The priest praises God for his mighty  
acts and all respond*

**Holy Holy Holy is the Lord  
Holy is the Lord God Almighty  
Holy Holy Holy is the Lord  
Holy is the Lord God Almighty  
Who was and is and is to come,  
Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord.**

**Blessed, Blessed, Blessed is the Lord  
Blest is he who comes in the Lord's name  
Blessed, Blessed, Blessed is the Lord  
Blest is he who comes in the Lord's name  
Hosanna in the highest heaven  
Blessed, blessed, blessed is the Lord**

*Please kneel*

*The priest recalls the Last Supper*

Great is the mystery of faith

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again**



*The Prayer continues and leads into the doxology*

*Priest* Through him with him and in him in the  
unity of the Holy Spirit  
All Glory and honour is yours Almighty  
Father  
For ever and ever

**All Amen**

**We lift our hearts and voices to you as  
we sing**

**AMEN**

**So shall it be for ever**

**AMEN AMEN**

**We lift our hearts and voices  
to you as we sing AMEN**

**So shall it be for ever**

**AMEN**



As Jesus taught us so we pray

**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

**Though we are many we are one body because we all share in one bread**

## **Agnus Dei**

Lamb of God

**Lamb of God**

You take away

**You take away**

The sin of all

**The sin of all**

the world

**the world**

Miserere Nobis (*have mercy on us*)

**Miserere Nobis**

*Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)*

**Agnus Dei**

You take away

**You take away**

The sin of all

**The sin of all**

the world

**the world**

Dona nobis pacem (*Give us your peace*)

**Dona nobis pacem**

Dona nobis pacem

**Dona nobis pacem**

Dona nobis pacem

**Dona nobis pacem**

Bread of Life

**Bread of Life**

You take away

**You take away**

The sin of all

**The sin of all**

the world

**the world**

Miserere Nobis

**Miserere Nobis**



**Agnus Dei**

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, blessed are those who are called to his supper

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

## **Giving of Communion**

*Those who receive communion please come forward, those who have not been admitted to Holy Communion are invited to come forward for a blessing.*

The Body of Christ      **Amen**

The Blood of Christ      **Amen**

## Hymn after Communion

- 1 You are the King of Glory, you are the Prince of Peace,  
you are the Lord of heav'n and earth,  
you're the sun of righteousness.  
Angels bow down before you,  
worship and adore, for you have the words of eternal life; you are Jesus Christ, the Lord.  
*Hosanna to the Son of David!  
Hosanna to the King of kings! Glory in the highest heaven, for Jesus the Messiah reigns.*
- 2 You touched the broken hearted; you made the blind to see; you made the lame to walk again; you set the prisoners free. You bring us joy in sadness, fill our hearts with hope, for you give us joy and peace from heaven; you are Jesus Christ the Lord.  
*Hosanna to the Son of David.....*

- 3 You are the Lord who conquers; yours is the victory;  
triumphing over Satan's power You rose to life again.  
Now, Lord, you sit in heaven reigning with the Father,  
all knees shall bow in praise and worship; you are Jesus Christ the Lord. *Hosanna to the Son of David.....*

## Prayer after Communion

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.

**Amen**

**We thank you, Lord that you have fed us in this sacrament,  
united us with Christ,  
and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet  
prepared for all peoples. Amen**

## **Notices** *(please sit)*

### **Blessing of Chalk** *please stand*

*Chalk is customarily blessed on the feast of the Epiphany. The chalk is a sacramental, intended for the blessings of homes.*

+Our help is the name of the Lord.

**Who made heaven and earth.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Bless, O Lord God, this creature chalk to render it helpful to your people.

Grant that they who use it in faith and with it inscribe upon the doors of their homes the names of your saints, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar, may through their merits and intercession enjoy health of body and protection of soul. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

*And the chalk is sprinkled with Holy Water*

*The chalk is used to mark 20 + C + M + B + 24 on the lintel of the main door and the following prayer is used.*

O Lord, almighty God, bless this house that it may become a shelter of health, chastity, self-conquest, humility, goodness, mildness, obedience to the Commandments, and thanksgiving to God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Upon this house and those who dwell here may Your blessing remain forever. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Parish Prayer** *(please stand)*

**O Eternal Father, help us to build up the Church in this parish to the glory of your name, in honour of St Edmund, and for the hope and inspiration of all your people, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

## Final Hymn

We three kings of Orient are,  
bearing gifts we travel afar,  
field and fountain, moor and mountain,  
following yonder star:

***O star of wonder, star of night,  
star with royal beauty bright,  
westward leading, still proceeding,  
guide us to the perfect light.***

Born a King on Bethlehem plain,  
gold I bring to crown Him again:  
King for ever, ceasing never,  
over us all to reign. ***O star of wonder***

Frankincense for Jesus have I,  
God on earth yet Priest on high;  
prayer and praising all men raising:  
worship is earth's reply.

***O star of wonder, star of night,  
star with royal beauty bright,  
westward leading, still proceeding,  
guide us to the perfect light.***

Myrrh is mine: its bitter perfume  
tells of His death and Calvary's gloom;  
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,  
sealed in a stone-cold tomb.

***O star of wonder***

Glorious now, behold Him arise,  
King, and God, and sacrifice!  
Heaven sings 'Alleluia',  
'Alleluia' the earth replies.

***O star of wonder***

## Visit to the Epiphany Crib

***Please turn to face the crib***

*Prayers are said and the crib is censed*

# Blessing

The Lord be with you

**And also with you**

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 in your pilgrimage to find the Lord.

**Amen.**

May God, who has delivered us from the dominion of darkness,  
give us a place with the saints in light  
in the kingdom of his beloved Son.

**Amen.**

May the light of the glorious gospel of Christ  
shine in your hearts and fill our lives  
with his joy and peace.

**Amen.**

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

**Amen.**

We have seen his glory, the glory revealed to all the nations.  
Go in the peace of Christ.

**All Thanks be to God.**

*The ministers and people depart.*



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