

**Note: music and readings are suggestions. These may be changed to commemorate the relevant feast on the church calendar.**

## **1. GREETING**

*The choir will express the joy of the congregation in the words of the following hymn. When the choir is finished, the congregation is invited to stand, turn, and face the entrance of the church.*

*The clergy gather with the bishop around the entrance of the church.  
The Bishop welcomes the faithful and introduces the Service.*

## **2. ENTRANCE**

*The Bishop extending his hands over the Worship Halls and the church says:*

Bishop: Let us pray.

Almighty God, we thank you for making us in your image, to share in the ordering of your world. Receive the work of our hands in this place, now to be set apart for your worship, the building up of the living, and the remembrance of the dead, to the praise and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Clergy and people move towards the church.  
Standing at the door of the church, the Bishop says:*

Bishop: Let the doors be opened.

*The door is opened. With the pastoral staff the Bishop marks the threshold with the sign of the cross saying:*

Bishop: Peace be to this house, and to all who enter here. In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

*As the procession moves into the church a Hymn is sung.*

## **3. HYMN: All People that on Earth do Dwell (with orchestral supplement)**

All people that on earth do dwell,  
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.  
Him serve with fear, His praise forth tell;  
Come ye before Him and rejoice.

The Lord, ye know, is God indeed;  
Without our aid He did us make;  
We are His folk, He doth us feed,  
And for His sheep He doth us take.

O enter then His gates with praise;  
Approach with joy His courts unto;  
Praise, laud, and bless His Name always,

For it is seemly so to do.

For why? the Lord our God is good;  
His mercy is for ever sure;  
His truth at all times firmly stood,  
And shall from age to age endure.

To Father, Son and Holy Ghost,  
The God Whom Heaven and earth adore,  
From men and from the angel host  
Be praise and glory evermore.

#### **4. GREETING**

Bishop: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**All: And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Bishop: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**All And also with you.**

#### **5. PENITENCE AND ABSOLUTION**

Bishop: As we prepare to celebrate the presence of Christ in word and sacrament let us call to mind and confess our sins.

**All: Father eternal, giver of light and grace, we have sinned against you and our neighbour, in thought, word and deed, through ignorance and negligence, through weakness and our own deliberate fault. We have wounded your love and marred your image in us. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ who died for us, forgive us all that is past and lead us out from darkness to walk as children of light. Amen.**

Bishop: 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.

*The Bishop says the following:*

Bishop: Through the ages, Almighty God has moved his people to build houses of prayer and praise, and to set apart places for the ministry of his holy Word and Sacraments. With gratitude for the new building of the Church of the Epiphany we are now gathered to dedicate and consecrate it in God's Name.

#### **6. CONSECRATION PRAYER**

*The congregation standing, the Bishop begins the Prayer for the Consecration of the Church*

Bishop: Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

**All: Who has made heaven and earth.**

Bishop: Let us pray.

Ever living Father, watchful and caring, our source and our end: All that we are and all that we have is yours. Accept us now, as we dedicate this place to which we come to praise your Name, to ask your forgiveness, to know your healing power, to hear your Word, and to be nourished by the Body and Blood of your Son. Be present always to guide and to judge, to illumine and to bless your people.

Archdeacon:

Lord Jesus Christ, make this a temple of your presence and a house of prayer. Be always near us when we seek you in this place. Draw us to you, when we come alone and when we come with others, to find comfort and wisdom, to be supported and strengthened, to rejoice and give thanks. May it be here, Lord Christ, that we are made one with you and with one another, so that our lives are sustained and sanctified for your service.

Assistant Priest:

Holy Spirit, open our eyes, our ears, and our hearts, that we may grow closer to you through joy and through suffering. Be with us in the fullness of your power as new members are added to your household, as we grow in grace through the years, when we are joined in marriage, when we turn to you in sickness or special need, and, at the last, when we are committed into the Father's hands.

Bishop: Now, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, sanctify this place;

**All: For everything in heaven and on earth is yours.**

Bishop: Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom;

**All: And you are exalted as head over all. Amen.**

The Chaplain:

Father, your people worship you with many voices and sounds, in times of joy and sorrow. Move us to express the wonder, the power, and the glory of your creation in the worship we offer, and in the songs we sing.

Praise him with the sound of the trumpet;

**All: Praise him with strings and pipe.**

*The Bishop concludes:*

We dedicate the different congregations who will worship here, and we beseech you to sanctify them, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*As the Bishop and other ministers move to the Baptismal font, the congregation sings the following:*

## 7. HYMN

Come down, O love divine, seek Thou this soul of mine,  
And visit it with Thine own ardor glowing.  
O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear,  
And kindle it, Thy holy flame bestowing.

## 8. ANOINTING OF THE FONT

*The Bishop moves to the Font, lays a hand upon it, and says*

Bishop: Father, we thank you that through the waters of Baptism we die to sin and are made new in Christ. Grant through your Spirit that those baptized here may enjoy the liberty and splendour of the children of God.

Bishop: There is one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

**All: One God and Father of all.**

*The Bishop anoints the Font.*

Bishop: We dedicate this Font in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

*Water is poured into the Font.*

Bishop: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Bishop: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*The Bishop faces the Font.*

Bishop: We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Grant, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Saviour. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and forever. *Amen.*

*The Bishop and ministers proceed to the Lectern*

## 9. HYMN

Let holy charity mine outward vesture be,  
And lowliness become mine inner clothing;  
True lowliness of heart, which takes the humbler part,  
And o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

## 10. ANOINTING OF THE LECTERN

*The Bishop lays a hand upon the Lectern.*

Bishop: Father, your eternal Word speaks to us through the words of Holy Scripture. Here we read about your mighty acts and purposes in history, and about those whom you chose as the agents of your will. Inspired by the revelation of your Son, we seek your present purposes. Give us ears to hear, and hearts to obey. And Father, in every age you have spoken through the voices of prophets, pastors, and teachers. Purify the lives and the lips of those who speak here, that your word only may be proclaimed, and your word only may be heard.

Bishop: May the words of our mouth, and the meditation of our heart,

**All: Be always acceptable to you, O Lord our God.**

Bishop: Your word is a lantern to our feet,

**All: And a light upon our path.**

*The Bishop anoints the Lectern.*

Bishop: We dedicate this Lectern in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

## 11. THE COLLECT

Bishop: Let us pray:

Almighty God, to whose glory we celebrate the dedication of this house of prayer: we praise you for the many blessings you have given to those who worship you here: and we pray that all who seek you in this place may find you, and, being filled with the Holy Spirit, may become a living temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

## 12. THE LITURGY OF THE WORD - *Please be seated*

### **First Reading:**

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the LORD stood beside him and

said, “I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.” Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, “Surely the LORD is in this place—and I did not know it!” And he was afraid, and said, “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.”

*Genesis 28:10-17*

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 8** *sung responsively:*



O | LORD our | Governor, \*  
 how exalted is your | Name in | all the | world!  
**Out of the mouths of | infants and | children \***  
**your majesty is | praised a| bove the | heavens.**  
 You have set up a stronghold a | gainst your | adversaries, \*  
 to quell the | ene- my | and . the a| venger.  
**When I consider your heavens, the | work . of your | fingers, \***  
**the moon and the stars you have | set in | their | courses,**  
 What is man that you should be | mindful of | him? \*  
 the son of man that | you should | seek him | out?  
**You have made him but little | lower . than the | angels; \***  
**you a |dorn him . with | glory and | honor;**  
 You give him mastery over the | works . of your | hands; \*  
 you put | all things | under his | feet:  
**All | sheep and | oxen, \***  
**even the wild | beasts | of the | field,**  
 The birds of the air, the |fish . of the | sea, \*  
 and whatsoever | walks . in the | paths . of the | sea.  
**O | LORD our | Governor, \***  
**how exalted is your | Name in | all the | world!**

**Second Lesson:**

And war broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the

Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming, “Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Messiah, for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony for they did not cling to life even in the face of death. Rejoice then, you heavens and those who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and the sea, for the devil has come down to you with great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!”

*Rev 12:7-12*

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### **13. HYMN** - *All stand*

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!  
Come ye who hear, brothers and sisters draw near;  
Praise Him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!  
Hast thou not seen all that is needful hath been  
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;  
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,  
He who with love doth befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him.  
Let the Amen sound from His people again,  
Gladly for aye we adore Him.

### **14. GOSPEL** - *All Stand.*

Reader: Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, “Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!” Nathanael asked him, “Where did you get to know me?” Jesus answered, “I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.” Nathanael replied, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” Jesus answered, “Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.” And he said to him, “Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending

and descending upon the Son of Man.”

*John 1:47-end*

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

## 15. THE SERMON

### 16. THE NICENE CREED - *All stand*

**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 of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
And became truly human.  
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  
Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped 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.**

*A minister leads the Litany of thanksgiving for a Church.*

Minister: Let us thank God whom we worship here in the beauty of holiness.  
Eternal God, the heaven of heavens cannot contain you, much less the  
walls of temples made with hands. Graciously receive our thanks for



this place, and accept the work of our hands, offered to your honour and glory.

For the Church universal, of which these visible buildings are the symbol,

**All: We thank you, Lord.**

Minister: For your presence whenever two or three have gathered together in your Name,

**All: We thank you, Lord.**

Minister: For this place where we may be still and know that you are God,

**All: We thank you, Lord.**

Minister: For making us your children by adoption and grace, and refreshing us day by day with the bread of life.

**All: We thank you, Lord.**

Minister: For the knowledge of your will and the grace to perform it,

**All: We thank you, Lord.**

Minister: For the fulfilling of our desires and petitions as you see best for us,

**All: We thank you, Lord.**

*After a period of silence, the Bishop concludes with the following prayers:*

Bishop: Almighty God, all times are your seasons, and all occasions invite your tender mercies: Accept our prayers and intercessions offered in this place today and in the days to come; through Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Advocate.

**All: Amen.**

Bishop: We give you thanks, O God, for the gifts of your people, and for the work of many hands, which have beautified this place and furnished it for the celebration of your holy mysteries. Accept and bless all we have done, and grant that in these earthly things we may behold the order and beauty of things heavenly; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

## **17. BLESSING OF THE ALTAR**

Bishop: Let us now pray for the setting apart of the Altar.

## **18. HYMN**

And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long,  
Shall far outpass the power of human telling;  
For none can guess its grace, till he become the place  
Wherein the Holy Spirit makes His dwelling.

*The Bishop goes to the Altar and, with arms extended, says*

Bishop: We praise you, Almighty and eternal God, that for us and for our salvation, you sent your Son Jesus Christ to be born among us, that

through him we might become your sons and daughters.

**All: Blessed be your Name, Lord God.**

Bishop: We praise you for his life on earth, and for his death upon the cross, through which he offered himself as a perfect sacrifice.

**All: Blessed be your Name, Lord God.**

Bishop: We praise you for raising him from the dead, and for exalting him to be our great High Priest.

**All: Blessed be your Name, Lord God.**

Bishop: We praise you for sending your Holy Spirit to make us holy, and to unite us in your holy Church.

**All: Blessed be your Name, Lord God.**

*The Bishop lays a hand upon the Table, and continues:*

Bishop: Lord God, hear us. Sanctify this Table dedicated to you. Let it be to us a sign of the heavenly Altar where your saints and angels praise you forever. Accept here the continual recalling of the sacrifice of your Son. Grant that all who eat and drink at this holy Table may be fed and refreshed by his flesh and blood, be forgiven for their sins, united with one another, and strengthened for your service.

*The Bishop anoints the Altar.*

Bishop: We dedicate this altar in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## **19. THE PEACE** - *All stand*

Bishop: We are the body of Christ.

In one Spirit we were all baptised into one body. Let us then pursue all that makes for peace and builds up our common life. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Bishop: Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

## **20. THE OFFERTORY HYMN**

*The collection will be taken as the hymn is sung and the altar is prepared.*

*Refrain:*

*Lift high the cross,  
the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore  
his sacred Name.*

Come, brethren, follow where our Captain trod,  
our King victorious, Christ the Son of God. *Refrain*

Led on their way by this triumphant sign,

the hosts of God in conquering ranks combine. *Refrain*

Each newborn soldier of the Crucified  
bears on the brow the seal of him who died. *Refrain*

Saved by this Cross whereon their Lord was slain,  
the sons of Adam their lost home regain. *Refrain*

From north and south, from east and west they raise  
in growing unison their songs of praise. *Refrain*

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
as thou hast promised, draw the world to thee. *Refrain*

Let every race and every language tell  
of him who saves our souls from death and hell. *Refrain*

From farthest regions let their homage bring,  
and on his Cross adore their Savior King. *Refrain*

Set up thy throne, that earth's despair may cease  
beneath the shadow of its healing peace. *Refrain*

For thy blest Cross which doth for all atone  
creation's praises rise before thy throne. *Refrain*

## 21. OFFERTORY PRAYERS

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

**All: Blessed be God for ever.**

Bishop: Blessed are you, Lord, God of all Creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become for us the cup of salvation.

**All: Blessed be God for ever.**

## 22. THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Bishop: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Bishop: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

Bishop: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Bishop: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
Always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
Holy Father, almighty and eternal God,

Whom heaven and earth cannot contain.

For your glory this house was built  
In which you gather your pilgrim church  
To show her an image of your presence  
And to give the grace of your communion.  
You build a temple for yourself from living stones,  
And from all places you call us to be your people  
And join us to the body of your Son.

Here you direct our eyes to the heavenly Jerusalem  
And give us the hope to behold your everlasting peace.  
Therefore we praise you in your church,  
Joining the choirs of angels and saints  
In singing the praise of your glory:

**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 who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Bishop: 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.*

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

**All: Christ has died:  
Christ is risen:**

## **Christ will come again.**

Bishop: 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 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.**

## **23. THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Bishop: As our Saviour Christ taught the disciples, 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.**

## **24. BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

*The Bishop breaks the consecrated bread.*

Bishop: We break this bread to share the body of Christ.

**All:        Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.**

## **25. FRACTION ANTHEM – (Sung)**

**All:        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.**

## **26. GIVING OF COMMUNION**

**Bishop:    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.**

**All:        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 come forward as directed to receive either the sacrament or a blessing. If you do not wish to receive the sacrament please hold a book or leaflet in your hands so that the clergy will know to bless you.*

## **27. COMMUNION HYMNS**

*The Choirs will sing, and afterward the congregation joins in singing:*

1. Holy God, we praise thy Name;  
Lord of all, we bow before thee!  
All on earth thy scepter claim,  
all in heaven above adore thee;  
infinite thy vast domain,  
everlasting is thy reign.

2. Hark! the loud celestial hymn  
angel choirs above are raising,  
cherubim and seraphim,

in unceasing chorus praising;  
fill the heavens with sweet accord:  
Holy, holy, holy, Lord.

3. Lo! the apostolic train  
join the sacred Name to hallow;  
prophets swell the loud refrain,  
and the white robed martyrs follow;  
and from morn to set of sun,  
through the Church the song goes on.

4. Holy Father, Holy Son,  
Holy Spirit, Three we name thee;  
while in essence only One,  
undivided God we claim thee;  
and adoring bend the knee,  
while we own the mystery.

## 28. PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Silence is kept. When the bishop stands, please stand with him as he prays.  
The Bishop says the post-communion prayer.*

Bishop: Lord of heaven, you have brought us near to an innumerable company of angels and to the spirits of the saints made perfect: as in this food of our earthly pilgrimage we have shared their fellowship, so may we come to share their joy in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

## 29. THE BLESSING

Bishop: May God strengthen your faith, sustain you by his work and, with his holy sacraments, support and comfort you. and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Priest: Go in the peace to love and serve the Lord

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

## 30. HYMN

1. Ye holy angels bright,  
who wait at God's right hand,  
or through the realms of light  
fly at your Lord's command,  
assist our song,  
for else the theme  
too high doth seem  
for mortal tongue.

2. Ye blessed souls at rest,  
who ran this earthly race  
and now, from sin released,  
behold your Savior's face,  
his praises sound,  
as in his sight  
with sweet delight  
ye do abound.

3. Ye saints, who toil below,  
adore your heavenly King,  
and onward as ye go  
some joyful anthem sing;  
take what he gives  
and praise him still,  
through good or ill,  
who ever lives!

4. My soul, bear thou thy part,  
triumph in God above:  
and with a well-tuned heart  
sing thou the songs of love!  
Let all thy days  
till life shall end,  
whate'er he send,  
be filled with praise!

*After the service, light refreshments  
will be served in Cana hall,*



*on the ground floor below the sanctuary.*

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The Reredos over the altar was designed and painted by Mark Cazelet.

The tessalated combination of colours reflects the many nationalities and traditions which make up the congregations worshipping in the Church of the Epiphany.

The Cross-shaped star reminds us of the cross of Christ, who is the light of the world. *'In him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.'* John 1:4-5

The image of a star reminds us of the Epiphany star which appeared at the time of Christ's birth, and the response of the Magi who traveled a great distance to experience the fullness of the revalation of the saviour of the world. *'For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.'* Matthew 2:2b

