

St Mary Bromley - Holy Communion for the Christmas Season

The Gathering

The Greeting

When peaceful silence lay over all, and
night was in the midst of her swift course:
from your royal throne O God, down from
the heavens, leapt your almighty Word.
Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

All and also with you.

Prayers of Penitence

Invitation to Confession

Christ the light of the world has come
to dispel the darkness of our hearts.
In his light let us examine ourselves
and confess our sins.

Silence is kept.

God our Father,
you sent your Son full of grace and truth:
forgive our failure to receive him.
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Jesus our Saviour,
you were born in poverty
and laid in a manger:
forgive our greed and rejection
of your ways.
Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

Spirit of love,
your servant Mary responded joyfully
to your call:
forgive the hardness of our hearts.
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Absolution, ending
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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

*The president introduces a period
of silent prayer with the words:*

Let us pray in the peace of this
Christmas celebration that our joy
in the birth of Christ will last for ever.

Silence is kept.

The Collect ends

...now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

Either one or two readings from Scripture.

At the end of each the reader may say...

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia.

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

All Alleluia.

*When the Gospel is announced
the reader says ...*

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

Creed: Let us declare our faith together

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist?

All We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again?

All We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God
the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world?

All We believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

All This is our faith.

**We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

These responses may be used

Gracious God

All May your kingdom come

And at the end

Almighty Lord,

**All hear our prayer
and fulfil your purposes in us,
as you accomplished your will
in our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

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

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

Let us offer one another
a socially distanced sign of peace.

The table is prepared

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

Eucharistic Prayer B

The Lord be with you
All and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

The President continues, ending:

...for ever praising you and saying/singing

**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.**

The President continues, ending:

Great is the mystery of faith:

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

The President continues, ending:

...all honour and glory be yours,
almighty Father, for ever and ever.

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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

**All 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.

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

The Agnus Dei may be sung here

Giving of Communion

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

**All Lord, give us this bread always.
We receive communion. Amen.**

The Post Communion Prayer

*ending either ...rises in our hearts
or ...who is Christ the Lord*

All To him be glory now and for ever. Amen.

The Dismissal

May the Father, who has loved the eternal
Son from before the foundation of the
world, shed that love upon you his children.

All Amen.

May Christ, who by his incarnation
gathered into one things earthly and
heavenly, fill you with joy and peace.

All Amen.

May the Holy Spirit, by whose
overshadowing Mary became the
God-bearer, give you grace to carry
the good news of Christ.

All Amen.

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

All Amen.

Go in peace.

Proclaim the Word made flesh.

All Glory, thanks and praise to God. Amen