

St John the Evangelist,  
East Dulwich



10am Mass during  
Christmas and Epiphany

## **Prayer of Preparation**

**Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Opening Hymn** *please stand*

**The Gathering**

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

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

*The president introduces the service.*

**Prayers of Penitence**

Lord of grace and truth, we confess our unworthiness  
to stand in your presence as your children.  
We have sinned: **forgive and heal us.**

The Virgin Mary accepted your call to be the mother of Jesus.  
Forgive our disobedience to your will.  
We have sinned: **forgive and heal us.**

Your Son our Saviour was born in poverty in a manger.  
Forgive our greed and rejection of your ways.  
We have sinned: **forgive and heal us.**

The shepherds left their flocks to go to Bethlehem.  
Forgive our self-interest and lack of vision.  
We have sinned: **forgive and heal us.**

The wise men followed the star to find Jesus the King.  
Forgive our reluctance to seek you.  
We have sinned: **forgive and heal us.**

**The Absolution**

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. **Amen.**

## **Gloria in excelsis**

**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 upon 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**

*we respond Amen*

## **First reading** *please be seated*

This is the Word of the Lord  
**thanks be to God**

## **The Gospel Reading** *please stand*

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

Alleluia. Alleluia. I am the light of the world says the Lord.  
Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness  
but will have the light of life. **Alleluia.**

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *N.*  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*at the end of the reading*

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

**The Sermon** *please be seated*

**The Affirmation of Faith** *please stand*

**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. Amen.**

**Prayers of Intercession** *please be seated*

Lord, hear us,  
**Lord, graciously hear us**

**Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.  
Blessed art thou among women  
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,  
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

Merciful Father,  
**Accept these prayers  
for the sake of your son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**

**The Peace** *please stand*

Christ is our peace.  
If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation.  
The old has passed away:  
behold, everything has become new.  
The peace of the Lord be always with you,  
**and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

## **Offertory Hymn**

### **Preparation of the Table**

Gracious God,  
accept the offering of your Church,  
the hearts of your people  
joined in praise and thanksgiving,  
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **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 president gives thanks for God's goodness*

**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 recalls the Last Supper*

Praise to you, Lord Jesus  
**Dying you destroyed our death  
Rising you restored our life:  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

*The president recalls God's mighty acts*

we worship you, Father almighty,  
with songs of everlasting praise:  
**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer** *please be seated*

**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**

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.**

## **The Agnus Dei**

**Jesus, Lamb of God:  
have mercy on us**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins:  
have mercy on us**

**Jesus, redeemer of the world:  
give us your peace**

## **Giving of Communion**

Jesus is 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.**

The body and blood of Christ keep you in eternal life.  
**Amen.**

## **Prayer of Spiritual Communion**

**Lord, you stand at the door and knock.  
You wait for me and only I can let you in.  
I believe and trust in you and ask you now  
to fill me with your presence.  
Feed me with your body and unite me in your blood,  
that I may be your blessing to a world in need. Amen.**

## **Music during Communion**

## **Prayer after Communion**

**Father of all,  
we give you thanks and praise,  
that when we were still far off  
you met us in your Son and brought us home.  
Dying and living, he declared your love,  
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.  
May we who share Christ s body live his risen life;  
we who drink his cup bring life to others;  
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.  
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,  
so we and all your children shall be free,  
and the whole earth live to praise your name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **Notices and Banns of Marriage**

**Final Hymn *please stand***

## **The Blessing and Dismissal**

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

**Christ, who by his incarnation gathered into one  
things earthly and heavenly,  
fill you with peace and goodwill  
and make you partakers of the divine nature;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always. Amen.**

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