

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray,
*We pray the Lord's Prayer
in its contemporary form.*

Breaking of the Bread

We break the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.
**God here among us,
light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life,
in the body of Christ.**

Invitation to Communion

Christ is the true bread which came
down from heaven.

Lord, give us this bread always.

*The president receives Holy Communion
in both kinds and invites those present and
at home to make a spiritual communion.*

A hymn or song is played.

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.

Let us pray.

*The president prays the Post
Communion Prayer.*

Notices and Banns of Marriage

The Blessing and Dismissal

Christ our Lord,
to whom kings bowed down in worship
and offered gifts,
reveal to you his glory
and pour upon you the riches of his grace;
and the blessing ...

Go in peace. Proclaim the Word made flesh.

Glory, thanks and praise to God. Amen

*A hymn is sung as Holy Communion
is administered.*

*Holy Communion will be administered in one kind as you leave to
those who wish to receive. Please leave church following the
direction arrows and please sanitise your hands as you leave.*

Please take this sheet home with you.



***In accordance with Tier 4
restrictions we ask you not to
socially gather with people from
other households either in church
or in the church car park***

**Team Eucharist
for Sunday
3 January 2021**

St Stephen's, Astley

Epiphany



Gathering

We meet in the name of the Father,
the Son and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*A welcome is given and the
service is introduced*

Lord Jesus Christ, your birth at
Bethlehem draws us to kneel
in wonder at heaven touching earth:
**accept our heartfelt praise as we worship you,
our Saviour and our eternal God. Amen**

A hymn or song is played.

Confession

The president invites us to say sorry to God.

The grace of God has dawned
upon the world
through our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who sacrificed himself for us to purify
a people as his own. Let us confess our sins.

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

We are assured of God's forgiveness.

Collect

*The president prays the Collect of the day.
Let us pray.*



Ministry of the Word

We hear readings from both the Old Testament and the New Testament.

At the end of the readings.
For the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

A hymn or song is played.

Please stand
Alleluia, alleluia.
Christ was revealed in flesh, proclaimed among the nations and believed in throughout the world.
Alleluia.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *Matthew*.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 2 vv 1-12
The Visit of the Magi



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

A minister shares with us.

Affirmation of Faith

Please stand.

Let us declare our faith in God,
Father, Son
and Holy Spirit.

**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.**

Reading of the Gospel

Address

Prayers of Intercession

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

We remain seated
The president introduces the peace.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

We remain seated.

Lord, accept your people's gifts,
not gold, frankincense or myrrh,
but hearts and voices raised in praise
of Jesus Christ, our light and our salvation.

The Lord is here.
His Spirit is with us.

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 praises God for his wonderful acts.

**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 remembers Jesus' actions at the Last Supper



Jesus Christ is Lord:
**Lord, by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free.
You are the Saviour of the world.**

The president prays for the empowering of the Holy Spirit.

The Peace

Ministry of the Sacrament