

Winter Gatherings
Eucharists etc

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Winter gathering eucharist 04 – theme reflection on the meaning of epiphany and the presentation

Centring Music (Taped, from “Yoolis Night”)

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Verse:

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and from their treasures
they brought forth gifts
of mystical meaning. In gold...

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magi domino in die ista; et habent in se
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In auro ut ostendatur regi potentia;
in thure sacerdotem magnum considera;
et in myrra dominicam sepulturam.

Verse:

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magi venerati sunt in cunabulis,
et de thesauris suis
misticas ei munerum species obtulerunt.
In auro...

Opening words from the celebrant

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lives,

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*bread wine
2 cups plates
Simeon tape / Christ is our Light*

Pray, candle, tea light

Winter eucharist 05 Spreading the Light (epiphany/presentation)

Song: Open your ears O Christian People

Introduce ourselves round the room using the Galilee stone

The giving of the stole to the celebrant

Opening words

*every body takes the 5gs The
good part of each P. in to do*

Penitential litany (based on the epiphany)

*Explain Readers and room - when we get to the creed The dect reads!
takes voice 1. 2 groups us for*

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All! Give us the strength to put false security behind us and live as if we were on a journey

6 Reader! God has called us out of darkness into the light. May we experience his kindness and blessing and be strong in faith, hope and love.

All! Because we are followers of Christ, who came as a light shining in the darkness, may we show the light of God to the people we find around us.

1P
reading on the truths of myths

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Reading on the Presentation Luke 2:22,24-32

2 reader -

Taped Song of Simeon (Iona) join in when tune picked up

Discussion in groups: in what way can we be the light of Christ in our own context?

Creed

7
Voice 1 I believe in God: creator and farmer, lover and friend, challenger and enabler; wellspring and womb of purposeful living.

All We believe in God.

8
Voice 2 I believe in Jesus Christ: compassionate and wounded healer, wise-one and fool; liberator from oppression.

All We believe in Jesus Christ.

9
Voice 3 I believe in the Spirit; go-between and negotiator, inspirer and encourager; barrier-breaker, community-maker.

All We believe in the Spirit.

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Voice 4 I believe in the community of faith: alive in the aliveness of Christ.

prophetic in its solidarity with all who suffer,
celebratory in its hope, its work, its witness.

All We believe in the community of faith.

11
Voice 5 I believe in God's kingdom: beckoning and burgeoning, dynamic and harmonious, present and future; in which we glimpse
- the satisfaction of our deepest longings
- the healing of our painful rifts
- the forging of justice, peace and integrity.

All We believe in God's Kingdom.

Kate Compston

Prayers of intercession - light tea lights round central candle

Eucharistic Prayer on a theme of light

Global Lord's Prayer

- A Our God who is in heaven
holy is your name in peoples across the world,
of different race, colour and religion,
in families and religious communities,
in places of work, centres of study,
hospitals and places of refuge.
- B Your reign come more and more
in the hearts of those who work in your name,
of those who know you least and those who have no hope.
- A Your will be done on earth,
in the hearts of saints and sinners
and those who have abundance from which to give the hungry,
the sick, the untaught, the homeless and unemployed.
- B Give us this day our daily bread
to the poor at home and the poor across the world,
the bread of truth to this disturbed generation.
- A And forgive us our sins, our coldness,
our constant failure to reach out
to those who are in need,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
- B And lead us not into temptation;
Give us the grace to resist temptation to judge,
the temptation to count the cost, the temptation to fear failure,
the temptation to selfishness, to a closed mind.
- all But deliver us from the evil of injustice,
of war and of violence,
the evil of failing in affection, respect and support for those
who live and work with us,
deliver us from the evil of turning away from you.

The peace,. sung holding hands round the room (shalom my friends)

Post Communion song: Christ is my light (Bernadette Farrell)

final words from the celebrant

Final Song "We Sing a love (Tune Tell out my soul) JBT

Eucharistic prayer of Light
(from missionary sources)

Loving God, we praise you and bless you
because you do not hide from us,
but reveal yourself clearly in creation.

**All your works proclaim
your love and concern for us.
We thank you for these gifts.**

For being the Source of Light
and sharing your brilliance with us,
we give you thanks.

**You created us in your image
you called us to walk in light,
but we sinned.
Confused and often lost,
we preferred to walk in darkness.**

We thank you, Loving Creator
that we cannot hide from you,
that you seek us out and find us
even in our darkness.
So we join with all creation
that basks in your love,
in proclaiming your glory as we sing(say)

Holy, holy, holy Lord ...

We thank you, God of Light,
for appointing Jesus
as a covenant for the people,
a Light for all nations.
He has come to open the eyes of the blind,
to free captives from prison
and to bring into the Light
all who dwell in darkness.

**Your Light, Jesus Christ,
has penetrated our darkness
and shown us the way
from selfishness to love
from isolation to community
from death to life.
We give thanks that Jesus is our Light
and has called us to be lights of the world.
We thank you for his life and example.**

But most of all we thank you, Loving Creator
for the wonderful way Jesus strengthens us.
Let your Spirit come upon these
gifts that they may become
for us the body and blood of Jesus Christ.
On the night before he died,
Jesus gathered his friends together.
He reminded them where they came from
and what they were to become.
He strengthened them for their mission
through a meal.

While they were at supper he took some bread,
blessed you, Loving God, and gave it to them,
saying:
Take this all of you and eat it;
this is my body which will be given up for you.

Then he took the cup, filled with wine. Again he
gave thanks and gave it to them, saying:

Take this and drink it, all of you:
this is the cup of my blood
poured out for you and for all so that sins may be
forgiven.
Do this in memory of me.

**God of Love, we thank you for Jesus' life among
us,
a life of light and love.
We remember in Jesus' suffering and death
the cost of being a light for another.
We constantly call to mind
the hope of a new and fuller life
where darkness is dispelled forever.**

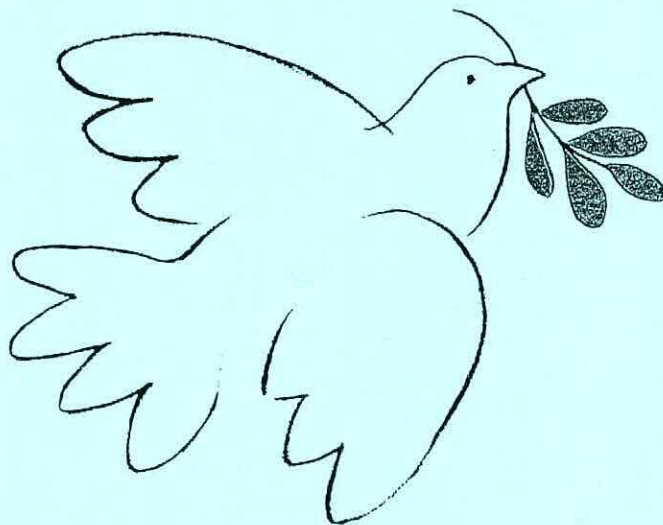
Let us proclaim our paschal faith

**Christ has died, Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

Send us the Spirit Jesus promised us,
the Spirit who gives direction to our weary feet
and light to our pilgrim path.
Help us to discover the places where you dwell.
Open our eyes to your presence in us,
and in our World,

We pray that through this meal
we may be strengthened in our resolve
to become more of what you want us to
be
your community of love,
a source of your light for the world.

All of this we ask through Christ, our
Light.
Through him,
with him,
in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honour is yours,
for ever and ever.



The Peace

Shalom my friends, shalom my friends,
shalom, shalom
The peace of Christ I give you today
shalom, shalom (x3)

CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT (Bernadette Farrell)

REFRAIN

Christ be our light, shine in our hearts,
Shine through the darkness.
Christ be our light, shine in your church
gathered today

1. Longing for light, we wait in darkness
Longing for truth we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
Light for the world to see
Christ be our light.....
2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice.
Christ be our light...
- 3 Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed
Christ be our light

Open your ears, O Christian people
open your ears and hear Good news
open your hearts O royal priesthood
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chorus: God has spoken to the people
Alleluia
And the words are words of wisdom
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2 LOVE tune: Tell out my Soul

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To be itself, despite another's wrath,
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Scripture Song Song of Simeon (Iona)
(Words are on the song sheet, join in with the tape as you can)

Discussion in groups: How can we take the light of Christ out into today's world?

Offertory Song A Touching Place (Iona)

Intercessions Each lights a tea light for the person sitting next to them, then these are put down round the main candle, either with a prayer or silently.

Eucharistic Prayer of reconciliation (on the blue sheet)

The Our Father (Ed O Connell's version)

The active love of God

All
We are asking, by the active love of God in us, to be delivered from all evil. For that to happen we must play our part: by resisting temptation; by forgiving the faults of others; by sharing our bread. These are the conditions to be fulfilled, the tasks to be carried out in the world, if the practice of God's will is to be achieved on earth as it is in heaven. Only then will God's Kingdom become a reality. Only then will God's name be kept holy in the practice of our lives. Only then will we be true sisters and brothers in our Creator.

The Peace (shalom or other song – all holding hands)

Final words from the celebrant

Song: We sing a love

35. THE WISE PEOPLE

1. We, the wise, from Orient are;
Bearing gifts, we traverse afar;
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,
Following yonder star.

CHORUS: *O, star of wonder, star of light,
Star of royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light.*

2. CASPAR (a tailor):

Gold gives clothes a beauty so rare,
Sarees, shawls and copes we can wear
Make our bodies shine with the radiance of
God-given temples fair.

CHORUS

3. MELCHIOR (an aromatherapist):

Frankincense we burn in a shrine;
Perfumes tell us we are divine;
Lotions, oils, all aromas
The God within bring to mind.

CHORUS

4. BALTHAZAR (a masseur):

Myrrh in massage tells us we're loved,
Helps to soothe the place that is rough,
Makes us feel a warm acceptance
On earth as in heav'n above.

CHORUS

5. Glorious now we all can arise,
Parts of God's own sacrifice.
Heav'n sings alleluia,
Alleluia the earth replies.

CHORUS

Text: June Boyce-Tillman, based on the original of J H Hopkins (1820-1891)

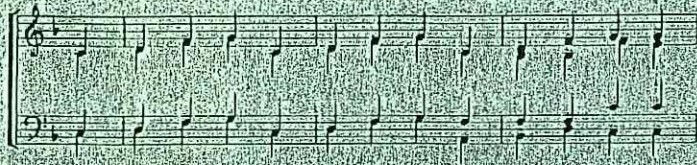
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Simeon's song

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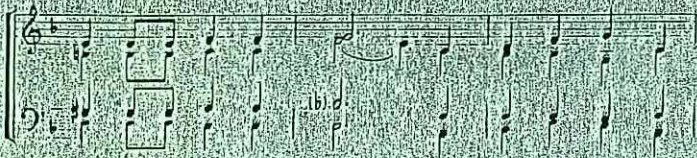
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TOUCHING PLACE (Iona)

1. Christ's is the world in which we move,
Christ's are the folk we're summoned to love,
Christ's is the voice which calls us to care
And Christ is the one who meets us here.

CHORUS: TO THE LOST
CHRIST SHOWS HIS FACE
TO THE UNLOVED
HE GIVES HIS EMBRACE
TO THOSE WHO CRY
IN PAIN OR DISGRACE
CHRIST MAKES, WITH HIS FRIENDS,
A TOUCHING PLACE.

2. Feel for the people we most avoid -
Strange or bereaved or never employed;
Feel for the women and feel for the men
Who fear that their living is all in vain.
3. Feel for the parents who've lost their child,
Feel for the women whom men have defiled,
Feel for the baby for whom there's no breast
And feel for the weary who find no rest.
4. Feel for the lives by life confused,
Riddled with doubt, in loving abused;
Feel for the lonely heart, conscious of sin,
Which longs to be pure but fears to begin.

LOVE Tell our my Soul 'tune

1. We sing a love that sets all people free,
That blows like wind, that burns like scorching flae,
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(June Boyce Tillmann)

CPW Winter gathering Eucharist Theme of light

Opening Song: Open your ears O Christian people

Opening words

Prayer of reconciliation (said in two groups, A and B)

A. Across the barriers that divide race from race:

B Reconcile us , O Christ, through your light

A Across the barriers that divide the rich from the poor

B Reconcile us.....

A. Across the barriers that divide people of different faiths

Reconcile us.....

A. Across the barriers that divide Christians

Reconcile us.....

Across the barriers that divide men and women, young and old:

Reconcile us

All: Confront us, O Christ, with the hidden prejudices and fears

Which deny and betray our prayers. Enable us to see the causes of strife,

remove from us all false sense of superiority. Teach us to grow in unity

with all God's children.

Readings/Song

Luke 2 22-32

Simeon's song (Tape of Iona song, join in as you can, words on song sheet)

Reading from Christian Aid (Taken from the Trampled Vinyard)

Lord Jesus, it is better to light one candle
than to give up hope
and curse the darkness.

It is better to save one stranger from deportation,
and reunite one separated family,
than to say it is not our problem,
and we can't do much to help.

It is better to join hands in one work of love,
than to sit on our hands and feel powerless.

Lord, help us to love you in the stranger and refugee.

Help us to love ourselves enough to believe
that we can change things for the better.

Help us to love, as you have loved us.

Amen

Discussion in groups for adults, children to kitchen for art work

Discussion question: In what way can we be the light of Christ in our context?

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Offertory Song (Dot)

Bidding prayers, lighting small lights

Eucharistic Prayer (separate sheet) Jesus, the compassion of God

The Lord's Prayer of the Cosmos

O Birther! Father-Mother of the Cosmos
Focus your light within us -make it useful:
Create your reign of unity now-
Your one desire then acts with ours,
as in all light, so in all forms.

Grant what we need each day in bread and insight.
Loose the cords of mistakes binding us,
as we release the strands we hold
of other's guilt.
Don't let surface things delude us,
but free us from what holds us back.

From you is born all ruling will,
the power and the life to do,
the song that beautifies all,
from age to age it renews.

Truly, power to these statements-
may they be the ground from which all
our actions grow: Amen

The Peace – all hold hands and sing Shalom my friends, shalom my friends shalom shalom
The peace of Christ I give you today, shalom, shalom (x3)

Communion song (tape, but join in the Taize The light of Christ

Final prayers (celebrant)

Final song Christ be our Light (Bernadette Farrell)

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chorus: God has spoken to the people
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Taize The Lord is my Light

The Lord is my light
My light and salvation
In Him I trust, In Him I trust

Dec 14 1996. EUCHARIST on a theme of JOURNEY

Gathering and naming oneself

The Peace Peace Flowing outward (Tune: Lord of All hopefulness)

1. Peace flowing outward and peace flowing in.
Draw peace from the centre in which we begin;
Find peace in the ending, the close of the day;
Let peace in the heart, wipe the evil away.
2. Strength flowing outward and strength flowing in.
Draw strength from the centre in which we begin;
Find strength in the ending, the close of the day;
Let strength in the heart wipe the evil away.
3. Hope flowing outward
4. Joy flowing outward....
5. Love flowing outward.....

June Boyce-Tillman.

Then all greet each other.

Introduction to theme

Readings

All: (Freeform version of psalm 17)

Loving Creator, hear our prayer
and listen to our call made in the spirit of truth.

You know what we are,
and that we seek to be faithful to you:
We search your word to find our way.
Let us walk in your footsteps
so that our feet do not slip.

We call on you, O Creator of life
and you answer us.
Listen to our voice and show us
your loving kindness, O saviour of all who flee evil.

Strengthen us in the struggle to do your will.
Let our reward be to see you face to face,
and come into your loving presence.

(IP)

Lk 18 35-43 (The man cured of blindness follows Jesus)

Intercessions This takes the form of singing "The touching place"

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And Christ is the one who meets us here.

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CHRIST SHOWS HIS FACE
TO THE UNLOVED
HE GIVES HIS EMBRACE
TO THOSE WHO CRY
IN PAIN OR DISGRACE
CHRIST MAKES, WITH HIS FRIENDS,
A TOUCHING PLACE.

2. Feel for the people we most avoid -
Strange or bereaved or never employed;
Feel for the women and feel for the men
Who fear that their living is all in vain.
3. Feel for the parents who've lost their child,
Feel for the women whom men have defiled,
Feel for the baby for whom there's no breast
And feel for the weary who find no rest.
4. Feel for the lives by life confused,
Riddled with doubt, in loving abused;
Feel for the lonely heart, conscious of sin,
Which longs to be pure but fears to begin.

Offertory

Eucharistic Prayer "Jesus, Way to the Father"

Said antiphonally

C. JESUS, WAY TO THE FATHER

- A It is truly right and just,
our duty and our salvation
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Father of holiness, Lord of heaven and earth.
- B Through your eternal Word you created all things
and govern their course with infinite wisdom.
In the Word made flesh
you have given us a mediator
who has spoken your words to us
and called us to follow him.
He is the way that leads to you,
the truth that sets us free,
the life that makes our joy complete.
- A Through your Son
you gather into one family, men and women
created for the glory of your name,³
redeemed by the blood of the cross,
and sealed with the Holy Spirit.
- B And so we praise your mighty deeds
and join with the hosts of angels,
as they proclaim your glory without end:

Sung Sanctus

All: Blessed are you, God of holiness:
you accompany us with love
as we journey through life.
Blessed too is your Son, Jesus Christ,
who is present among us
and whose love gathers us together.
As once he did for his disciples,
Christ now opens the scriptures for us
and breaks the bread.

Great and merciful Father, we ask you:
send down your Holy Spirit⁵
to hallow these gifts of bread and wine,
that they may become for us

the body + and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

On the eve of his passion and death,
while at table with those he loved,

he took bread and gave you thanks:
he broke the bread,
gave it to his disciples, and said:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT IT:
THIS IS MY BODY WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.

When supper was ended, he took the cup;

again, he gave you thanks
and, handing the cup to his disciples, he said:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT:
THIS IS THE CUP OF MY BLOOD,
THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND EVERLASTING COVENANT.
IT WILL BE SHED FOR YOU AND FOR ALL
SO THAT SINS MAY BE FORGIVEN.

DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

ALL SING By dying you destroyed our life,
by rising you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.

And so, Father most holy,
we celebrate the memory of Christ, your Son,
whom you led through suffering and death on the cross
to the glory of the resurrection
and a place at your right hand.
Until Jesus, our Saviour, comes again,
we proclaim the work of your love,
and we offer you the bread of life
and the cup of eternal blessing.

Look with favour on the offering of your Church
in which we show forth the paschal sacrifice of Christ
entrusted to us.

Through the power of your Spirit of love
include us now and for ever
among the members of your Son,
whose body and blood we share.

Almighty Father,
by our sharing in this mystery
enliven us with your Spirit
and conform us to the image of your Son.
Strengthen the bonds of our communion
with N. our pope, N. our bishop,
with all bishops, priests, and deacons,
and all your holy people.

Keep your Church alert in faith to the signs of the times
and eager to accept the challenge of the gospel.
Open our hearts to the needs of all humanity,
so that sharing their grief and anguish,
their joy and hope,
we may faithfully bring them the good news of salvation⁸
and advance together on the way to your kingdom.

The Prayer Jesus taught us (Lala Winkley's version)

God, lover of us all
Most Holy One,
Help us to respond to you
To create what you want for us here on earth.
Give us today enough for our needs,
Forgive our weak and deliberate offences
Just as we must forgive others
When they hurt us.
Help us to resist weaknesses and
to do what is good.
For we are yours
endowed with your power
to make our world whole.

Sung Agnus Dei

Communion Hildegard of Bingen music, followed by her reflection as follows
and silence.

God has created me.
God is my Lord,
having dominion over me.

God is also my strength,
for I can wish to do nothing
good without God.

Through God I have living spirit.
Through God I have life and movement.
Through God I learn, I find my path.

If I call in truth, this God and
Lord directs my steps;
setting my feet to the rhythm of
his precepts.

I run like a deer that seeks its
spring.

CPW Winter Eucharist Jan 2000. Theme Epiphany/Presentation

Opening Song: Jesus Christ is waiting (tune : Now the Greenblade..) on song sheet.

Opening words/prayer Celebrant

Penitential Litany Readers take turn round the room

Reader: The magi journeyed far to find you, Redeemer and Saviour, we too must search for you all our lives

All: Help us to find you, Lord

Reader: The Magi brought precious gifts to you. Our treasure must be the gift of building up your kingdom here and now

All: Help us to find you, Lord

Reader: The coming of the strangers from the East, marked the showing forth of Christ to the whole world. As Christians we are called to show forth Christ's love in our everyday lives.

All: Help us to find you, Lord

Reader: You were in the world but they did not know you. You came to your own and they did not receive you. There was no room for you at the inn. Is there any room for you in our hearts?

All: Help us to respond to you

Reader: The magi were prepared to leave their homes to search for the new king whose sign was a star in the east. We too must be prepared to search and become a pilgrim people

All: Give us the strength to put false security behind us and live as if we were on a journey

Reader: God has called us out of darkness into the light. May we experience his kindness and blessing and be strong in faith, hope and love.

All: Because we are followers of Christ, who came as a light shining in the darkness, may we show the light of God to the people we find around us.

Centring Music" Tria Sunt Munera

Responsory: Tria sunt munera

Respond:

There were three precious gifts that
the Magi brought to the lord on that day,
bearing in themselves divine mysteries.
In gold is seen the power of a king;
in frankincense a great priesthood;
and in myrrh a Sabbath burial.

16 Responsory: Tria sunt munera

Respond:

Tria sunt munera preciosa que optulerunt
magi domino in die ista; et habent in se
divina mysteria.
In auro ut ostendatur regi potentia;
in thure sacerdotem magnum considera;
et in myrra dominicam sepulturam.

Readings

Mt 2 1-12 from "listen"

Leader -Myths they say

These hallowed stories never took place
but how powerful are the messages
that are contained in myth and symbol!
Epiphanies more illuminating than facts
bringing light to our shadows.
Let us come out of the dark and welcome our inheritance

Reader The Journey of the Magi TS Eliot

Discussion (15 mins) what does the epiphany mean to us in today's world?

(Children to kitchen with AD)

Offertory (Children dress the altar table)

New Life Resolutions (Grapes and bowl of earth needed)

(The grapes are handed round, later to be eaten and the pip rejected which will be buried in the bowl of earth to be passed round)

All In order to be healed, to grow towards wholeness we need to rid ourselves of the bitterness and shadow in our lives, whether it springs from our own failures or that of others.

Whatever the cause of the bitterness or pain we need to be able to let go of it.

(The grapes are eaten and the pips kept)

All As we eat the grape let us savour the richness of the flesh and richness and sweetness in our lives. As we feel the hardness of the pips, let us recognise the bitterness in our lives. (the pips are buried in the bowl of earth which is passed from hand to hand)

Simeon's Song (Iona)

Eucharistic Prayer of the Future

Lord's Prayer

*Abba our God,
Whom the heavens disclose,
May your name be held holy,
Your authority come.
May your longing be fulfilled
As in heaven, so on earth.
Give us today
The bread of tomorrow,
And cancel our debts
As we have already
Forgiven our debtors.*

*Do not draw us in to sinful enticement,
But set us free from the grip of evil;
For authority and power and glory
Are yours alone, for ever. Amen.*



Peace Song and greeting:-

Shalom my friends, shalom my friends, shalom, shalom
the peace of Christ I bring you today, shalom, shalom

Prayer for the Millennium (All)

God of all,
thanks for life and living.
Give us courage as we begin this new millennium;
strength and vitality to proclaim your Gospel;
love to care where care is needed;
hope for each new day;
that your kingdom may come on earth,
and that we may be part of that coming,
in the power of your Holy Spirit,
and in the name of Jesus Christ, our Saviour.
Amen

Final Blessing

Final Song Jubilee Sets us Free

JESUS CHRIST IS WAITING

(Tune: Noel Nouvelet)

Now the Green Blade waiteth

1. Jesus Christ is waiting,
Waiting in the streets;
No one is his neighbour
All alone he eats.
Listen, Lord Jesus,
I am lonely too.
Make me, friend or stranger,
Fit to wait on you.
2. Jesus Christ is raging,
Raging in the streets
Where injustice spirals
And real hope retreats.
Listen, Lord Jesus,
I am angry too.
In the kingdom's causes
Let me rage with you.
3. Jesus Christ is healing,
Healing in the streets;
Curing those who suffer,
Touching those he greets.
Listen, Lord Jesus,
I have pity too.
Let my care be active,
Healing just like you.
4. Jesus Christ is dancing,
Dancing in the streets
Where each sign of hatred
His strong love defeats.
Listen, Lord Jesus,
I feel triumph too.
On suspicion's graveyard
Let me dance with you.
5. Jesus Christ is calling,
Calling in the streets,
'Come and walk faith's tightrope,
I will guide your feet.'
Listen, Lord Jesus,
Let my fears be few.
Walk one step before me,
I will follow you.

(Iona)

Simeon's song

1. 'Take, Lord, and fold my life away;
its purpose is fulfilled.
I clasp, expressed in mortal clay,
all that your love has willed:
this babe reveals your costly grace
to Israel and the human race.'
2. May we, like Simeon, receive
this new reality;
and, living by it, now believe
Christ came to set folk free,
till kingdoms of the earth appear
marked by God's rule and presence here.

(Iona)

Hymn for the Jubilee

1. Jubilee sets us free!
Shout with a strong North wind,
Bringer of dignity,
Singer of freedom's hymn.
Deep in the earth our God is strong
And chants with love the captives' song.
2. Jubilee sets us free!
Long for a sharp East wind,
Guiding community
Back to its Origin.
The air of God flows free and pure;
Our trust grows firm, our hope is sure.
3. Jubilee sets us free!
Weep with a soft West wind,
Pleading for unity
With foes and friends and kin.
The tears of God flow far and wide,
A reconciling, cleansing tide.
4. Jubilee sets us free!
Dance in a hot South wind,
Flaming creatively,
Our fiery God within.
With life renewed, we find our voice;
Rise up with joy, in God rejoice.

To be sung to LITTLE CORNARD

The Byer-Tillman

Take in Kirchen Radio. Candles & matches
wine, bread, oil, salt, incense crucifix

1. antiph

Winter gathering 03 Eucharist on a theme of healing and wholeness

Song: Peace flowing outward

Penitential litany (5 readers, round the room)

Shaky with ?

Penitential Liturgy

Reader: O God, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, Pattern of mutual love, forgive us for failing to understand that being Church means loving well.

All: Help us to create loving community

R: God of justice and integrity, forgive us for all the times we have not identified ourselves with the oppressed and deprived, and for the times we have put down others

All: Help us to uphold each other

O God the disturber, forgive us for the times when we have taken the easy path in comfort rather than facing discomfort in spreading your good news

Help us to be joyful announcers of the word

God, maker of both women and men in your own image forgive us for presenting a distorted understanding of what it means to be human or divine

Help us to mirror the truth

O God, source of all insight, forgive us our shallow understanding of your presence, when we fail to recognise the meal taken together, the joy or sorrow shared as a meeting with the divine. Strengthen our understanding so that our lives become more Christlike and so draw others to you.

Help us to recognise where You are among us.

(All) O Spirit that empowers the powerless, give us the strength to forge communities of loving friends who seek to bring about the new life promised in the Resurrection.

Source of Prayers:

4 from a garden eucharist on a theme "Go Tell Everyone"

Readings Mt 9: 2-8 (curing the paralytic)

copy attached

Holy Weaver (see over leaf) ? Lala

Through human lips "leader -

Holy Weaver, life-giving Spirit
 We draw near to each other in your presence.
 You breathe, and we see afresh;
 You startle, and we hear anew;
 You cajole, and we act again with vigour.
 Weave a pattern of peace between strangers,
 Weave a pattern of love between friends,
 Weave a pattern of hope among the hopeless,
 Weave a pattern of joy among the sorrowful
 Weave a pattern of passion between lovers-
 For you, holy weaver, creator, son, spirit
 Are the true lover of us all.
 Bind us in your love, now and forever.

Ruth Harvey

Through human lips
Christ is speaking
 Through human hands
Christ is healing
 Through our hearts
Christ is loving
 Through us all
Christ is working
 So behold the truth
God is living, loving
speaking and healing
through Christ our Saviour.

Richard Becher

Short discussion on readings with 2 or three people next you

Take Kitchen radio in - tape at right place
Offertory song A Touching place - on tape, join in when you can
Words on Salmon sheet.

Intercessions

BL
"Hands" prayer *copy attached.*

Declaration of forgiveness (Celebrant)

Eucharistic Prayer of reconciliation *blue one at back of your sheet*

Our Father

All The active love of God

We are asking, by the active love of God in us, to be delivered from all evil. For that to happen we must play our part: by resisting temptation; by forgiving the faults of others; by sharing our bread. These are the conditions to be fulfilled, the tasks to be carried out in the world, if the practice of God's will is to be achieved on earth as it is in heaven. Only then will God's Kingdom become a reality. Only then will God's name be kept holy in the practice of our lives. Only then will we be true sisters and brothers in our Creator.

Ed O'Connell

The Peace All hold hands and sing:

Shalom my friends, shalom my friends, shalom, shalom
The peace of Christ I give you today, shalom, shalom

Communion Song CD Unless a grain of wheat (background or join in chorus)
on the CD

11. Unless A Grain Of Wheat (4:33)

*Cantors: Barbara Bridge,
Kevin Walsh*

*Unless a grain of wheat shall fall
Upon the ground and die,
It remains but a single grain
With no life.*

If we have died with him
Then we shall live with him;
If we hold firm
We shall reign with him.

If any one serves me
Then they must follow me;
Wherever I am
My servants will be.

Make your home in me
As I make mine in you;
Those who remain in me
Bear much fruit.

If you remain in me
And my word lives in you;
Then you will be my disciples.

Those who love me
Are loved by my Father,
We shall be with them
And dwell in them.

Peace I leave with you,
My peace I give to you;
Peace which the world cannot give
Is my gift.

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The anointing with oil from the Holy Land

One person holds up the oil all holding out our hands to the oil:

All: We bless this oil and may it be for us a source of empowerment and healing, so that we may use our giftedness to build up the body of Christ

(Each anoints the person next to them in turn, saying something like “may you be strengthened in your spiritual journey”)

Short silence followed by final words from the Celebrant

Final Song: Praise with joy the world’s creator (tune of praise my soul)

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER 13
RECONCILIATION THEME

Father, all-powerful and ever-living God,
we praise and thank you
through Jesus Christ, Our Lord,
for your presence and action in the world.

In the midst of conflict and division,
we know it is you
who turn our minds to thoughts of peace.
Your Spirit changes our hearts:
enemies begin to speak to one another,
those who were estranged join hands in friendship,
and nations seek the way of peace together.
Your Spirit is at work
when understanding puts an end to strife,
when hatred is quenched by mercy,
and vengeance gives way to forgiveness.

For this we should never cease
to thank and praise you.
We join with all the choirs of heaven
as they sing forever to your glory:

Holy, holy, holy Lord...

God of power and might,
we praise you through your Son, Jesus Christ,
who comes in your name.
He is the Word that brings salvation.
He is the hand you stretched out to sinners,
He is the way that leads to your peace.

God our Father, we had wandered far from you,
but through your Son you have brought us back.
You gave him up to death
so that we might turn again to you
and find our way to one another.

Therefore we celebrate the reconciliation
Christ has gained for us.

We ask you to sanctify these gifts
by the power of your Spirit,
as we now fulfil your Son's command.

While he was at supper,
on the night before he died for us,
he took bread in his hands,
and gave you thanks and praise.
He broke the bread,
gave it to his disciples, and said:

Take this, all of you, and eat it:
This is my body which will be given up for you.

At the end of the meal he took the cup.
Again he praised you for your goodness,
gave the cup to his disciples, and said:

Take this, all of you, and drink from it:
this is the cup of my blood,
the blood of the new and everlasting covenant.
It will be shed for you and for all
so that sins may be forgiven.
Do this in memory of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,
until you come in glory.

Lord our God,
your Son has entrusted to us
this pledge of his love.
We celebrate the memory
of his death and resurrection
and the gift you have given us,
the sacrifice of reconciliation.
Therefore, we ask you, Father,
to accept us, together with your Son.

Fill us with his Spirit
though our sharing in this meal.
May he take away all that divides us.

May this Spirit keep us always in communion
with N., our Pope, N., our bishop,
with all the bishops and all your people.
Father, make the church throughout the world
a sign of unity
and an instrument of your peace.

You have gathered us here
around the table of your Son,
in fellowship with the Virgin Mary, Mother of God,
and all the saints.

In that new world
where the fullness of your peace will be revealed,
gather people of every race, language, and way of life
to share in the one eternal banquet
with Jesus Christ the Lord.

Through him,
with him,
in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honour is yours, Almighty Father,
for ever and ever.
Amen.

Eucharist on a theme of LIGHT

27 Feb 96

Mass in memory of Oliver Pratt d. 26.2.92

Opening Song We sing a love (tune Tell out my soul - for songs see over).

Confiteor

and antiphonally

The light of the world

A Lord, you are the light of the world

B Give light to those who walk in darkness
And guide our feet in the ways of peace.

A Lord, you are the light of the world.
Forgive us when we deny the light,
ignoring the cries of the poor,
the despair of those homeless;

B Give light to those who walk in darkness
And guide our feet in the ways of peace.

A Lord, you are the light of the world.
Forgive us when we shut our eyes to the light,
when we are fearful and forget to trust you;
when we go our own way:

B Give light to those who walk in darkness
And guide our feet in the way of peace.

A Lord, you are the light of the world.
Forgive us when we refuse to light a candle in the darkness,
when we harden our hearts towards our sisters and brothers;
when we refuse to bring them into your light.

B Give light to those who walk in darkness
And guide our feet in the way of peace.

Readings

Is 9: 1-2

Version of Ecclesiastes 3 (Lala Winkley) *(As last year)*

Jn 8:12

Offertory Hymn My shepherd is the Lord (Gelineau - separate sheet)

Eucharistic Prayer of Reconciliation II (Coloured sheet)

Communion song A Touching place (Iona)

Final Song Walk in the Light

WE SING A LOVE

- 1 We sing a love that sets all people free,
That blows like wind, that burns like scorching flame,
Enfolds like earth, springs up like water clear.
Come, living love, live in our hearts today.
- 2 We sing a love that seeks another's good,
That longs to serve and not to count the cost,
A love that, yielding, finds itself made new.
Come, caring love, live in our hearts today.

3 We sing a love, unflinching, unafraid
To be itself, despite another's wrath,
A love that stands alone and undismayed.
Come, strength'ning love, live in our hearts today.

4 We sing a love that, wand'ring, will not rest
Until it finds its way, its home, its source,
Through joy and sadness pressing on refreshed.
Come, pilgrim love, live in our hearts today.

5 We sing a burning, fiery, Holy Ghost
That seeks out shades of ancient bitterness,
Transfig'ring these, as Christ in ev'ry heart.
Come joyful love, live in our hearts today.

June Boyce-Tillman

A TOUCHING PLACE
(Tune: Dream Angus)

1. Christ's is the world in which we move,
Christ's are the folk we're summoned to love,
Christ's is the voice which calls us to care
And Christ is the one who meets us here.

CHORUS: TO THE LOST
CHRIST SHOWS HIS FACE
TO THE UNLOVED
HE GIVES HIS EMBRACE
TO THOSE WHO CRY
IN PAIN OR DISGRACE
CHRIST MAKES, WITH HIS FRIENDS,
A TOUCHING PLACE.

2. Feel for the people we most avoid -
Strange or bereaved or never employed;
Feel for the women and feel for the men
Who fear that their living is all in vain.
3. Feel for the parents who've lost their child,
Feel for the women whom men have defiled,
Feel for the baby for whom there's no breast
And feel for the weary who find no rest.
4. Feel for the lives by life confused,
Riddled with doubt, in loving abused;
Feel for the lonely heart, conscious of sin,
Which longs to be pure but fears to begin.

WALK IN THE LIGHT

The Spirit lives to set us free
walk, walk in the light
He binds us all in unity
Walk, walk in the light

Chorus Walk in the light, (x3)
walk in the light of the Lord
Jesus promised life to all
walk, walk in the light,
to save the lost like you and me,
walk, walk in the light. Chorus

We know his death was not the end,
walk walk in the light
He gave his Spirit to be our friend
walk, walk in the light Chorus

The Spirit lives in you and me,
walk walk in the light.
His light will shine for all to see,
walk, walk in the light Chorus

WE SHALL GO OUT

- 1 We shall go out with hope of resurrection,
We shall go out, from strength to strength go on,
We shall go out and tell our stories boldly,
Tales of a love that will not let us go.
We'll sing our songs of wrongs that can be righted,
We'll dream our dream of hurts that can be healed,
We'll weave a cloth of all the world united
Within the vision of a Christ who sets us free.

- 2 We'll give a voice to those who have not spoken,
We'll find the words for those whose lips are sealed
We'll make the tunes for those who sing no longer
Vibrating love alive in every heart.
We'll share our joy with those who are still weeping
Chant hymns of strength for hearts that break in grief
We'll leap and dance the resurrection story
Including all within the circles of our love.

June Boyce-Tillman

Reader! You were in the world but they did not know you. You came to your own and they did not receive you. There was no room for you at the inn. Is there any room for you in our hearts?

All! Help us to respond to you

Reader! The magi were prepared to leave their homes to search for the new king whose sign was a star in the east. We too must be prepared to search and become a pilgrim people

All! Give us the strength to put false security behind us and live as if we were on a journey

Reader! God has called us out of darkness into the light. May we experience his kindness and blessing and be strong in faith, hope and love.

All! Because we are followers of Christ, who came as a light shining in the darkness, may we show the light of God to the people we find around us.

Scripture Song Song of Simeon (Iona)
(Words are on the song sheet, join in with the tape as you can)

Discussion in groups: How can we take the light of Christ out into today's world?

Offertory Song A Touching Place (Iona)

Intercessions Each lights a tea light for the person sitting next to them, then these are put down round the main candle, either with a prayer or silently.

Eucharistic Prayer of reconciliation (on the blue sheet)

The Our Father (Ed O Connell's version)

The active love of God

We are asking, by the active love of God in us, to be delivered from all evil. For that to happen we must play our part: by resisting temptation; by forgiving the faults of others; by sharing our bread. These are the conditions to be fulfilled, the tasks to be carried out in the world, if the practice of God's will is to be achieved on earth as it is in heaven. Only then will God's Kingdom become a reality. Only then will God's name be kept holy in the practice of our lives. Only then will we be true sisters and brothers in our Creator.

The Peace (shalom or other song – all holding hands)

Final words from the celebrant

Song: We sing a love

All

EUCCHARIST ON A THEME OF LISTENING

RIP Oliver d. 26.2.92

Opening Song. Open your ears O Christian people (Inclusive version)

Open your ears, O Christian people
open your ears and hear good news.
Open your hearts O royal priesthood
God has come to you.

chorus God has spoken to the people, Alleluia
and the words are words of wisdom, Alleluia.

Israel comes to greet the saviour
Judah is glad to see the day
From East and West the peoples travel
God's truth shows the way

God has spoken to the people, alleluia
and the words are words of wisdom: "

They who have ears to hear the message
" " " " then let them hear
" " would learn the way of wisdom
Let them hear God's words.

God has spoken...

Readings

Free form version of psalm 17. (each verse said antiphonally)

A Loving Creator, hear our prayer
and listen to our call made in the spirit of truth.

B You know what we are,
and that we seek to be faithful to you:
We search your word to find our way.
Let us walk in your footsteps
so that our feet do not slip.

A We call on you, O Creator of life
and you answer us.
Listen to our voice and show us
your loving kindness, O saviour of all who flee evil.

B Those who oppose us cluster around, breathing hostility
entrenched in their prejudices, their mouths utter parodies of truth.
Those who cling to the misunderstandings of the past are closing in,
seeking to overthrow us.

A Rise up, O Source of all goodness and power,
and rescue us from distorting your word.
Enlighten all who subvert the good news.

B Strengthen us in the struggle to do your will.
Let our reward be to see you face to face,
and come into your loving presence.

Scripture Reading

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Gathering Prayer: Mt 5 23-24

Prayers of metanoia

Reader 1. O God, creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, pattern of mutual love, forgive us for failing to understand that being Church means loving well.

All: Help us to create loving community

Reader 2: O God, source of all insight, forgive us our shallow understanding of sacrament when we fail to recognise that we are sacrament or sign to the world

All: Help us to recognise where You are among us

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All: Help us to be creative and healing in our relationships

The Peace All hold hands and sing shalom (x3)
Shalom my friends, shalom my friends, shalom, shalom,
The peace of Christ be with us today, shalom, shalom.

All: All praise to you, our loving creator, for leading us out of the darkness of sin, into the light of your Kingdom. We bless you for sending us your Son, to save us and to die for us, that we might share your life. We thank you for sending us your Spirit of Love, to live in our hearts and lead us to you. All glory, praise and honour be yours, now and for evermore.

Declaration of forgiveness (celebrant)

Song: Urban Spirit (see song sheet)

The Anointing one person holds up the oil while all say, holding out our hand/hands towards the oil:

We bless this oil and may it be for us a source of empowerment and healing, so that we may use our giftedness to build up the body of Christ

(each anoints the person next to them. A suggested formula is (but feel free to improvise): (Name) Recognise and use the gifts God has given you.

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now give you thanks
for all your goodness and kindness to us
and to all the world.
We bless you for our creation, preservation
and all the blessings of this life