The Church of the Holy Innocents -
Hammersmith

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Christmas - Epiphany

The Gathering of the Community

Processional Hymn

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

Give praise, you servants of the Lord:
O praise the name of the Lord.

Let the name of the Lord be blessed:
From the rising of the sun to its setting.

Light has sprung up for the righteous:
And joyful gladness for those who are true-hearted.

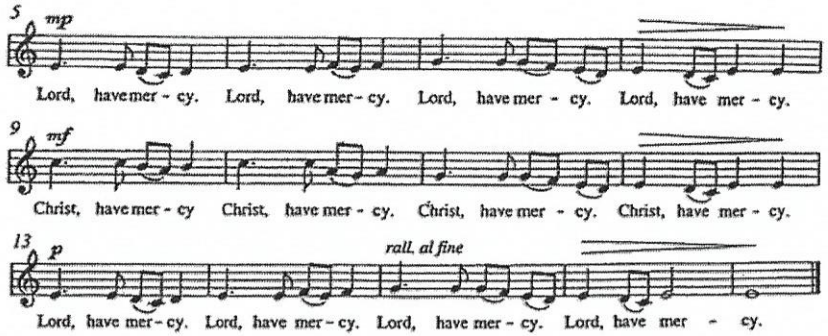
Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous:
Sing to the Lord and praise his name.

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

The Prayers of Penitence

Hear the words of the angel to Joseph:
'You shall call his name Jesus,
for he will save his people from their sins.'
Therefore let us seek the forgiveness of God through Jesus
the Saviour of the world.

Kyrie

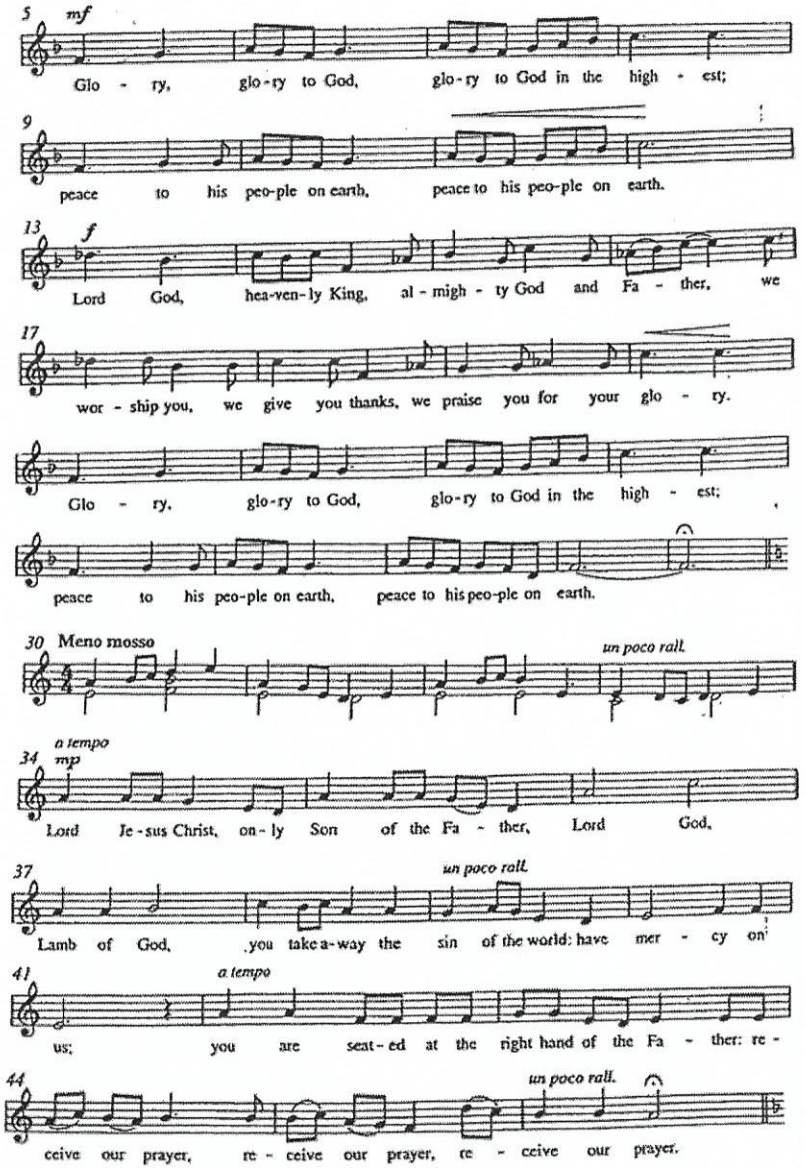


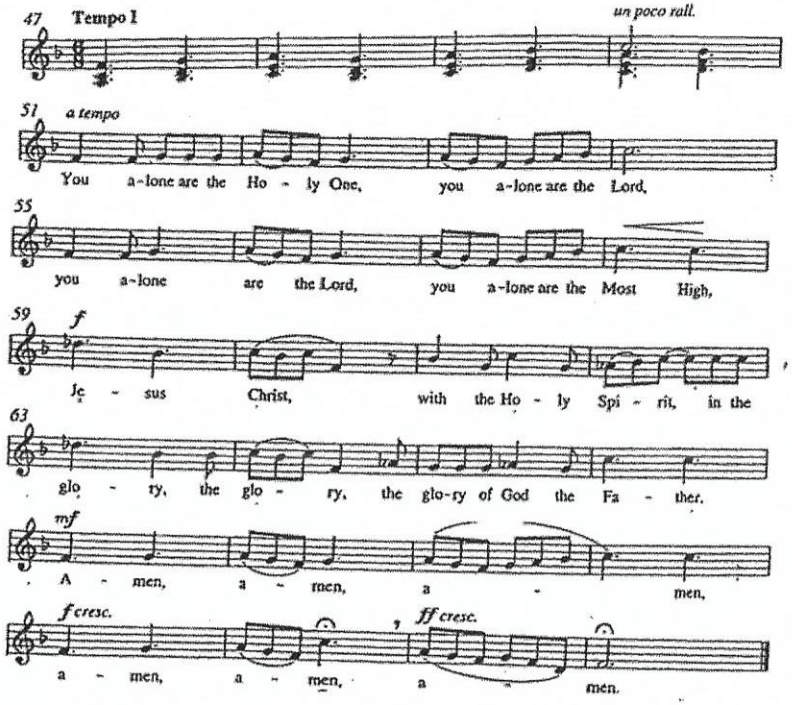
(If said)
Lord have mercy
Christ have mercy
Lord have mercy

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour,
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault.
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 grant that we may serve you in newness of life,
to the glory of your name. Amen.

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. **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis





(If said)
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 of the Day

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Amen.

The Ministry of the Word

The First Reading

A reading from...
This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

The Second Reading

A reading from...
This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

The Gospel

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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

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

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

**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;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
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 and the Son.
With the Father and the Son
he is worshipped and glorified.
He 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.**

Intercession and Thanksgiving

Ending with:
**Merciful Father, accept these prayers,
for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Eucharist

The Peace

Stand
Our Saviour Christ is the Prince of Peace.
Of the increase of his government and of peace
there shall be no end.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

The Preparation of the gifts

The President receives the offering of bread and wine

The Eucharistic Prayer

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 Preface

Christmas

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,
Mighty creator, ever-living God,
We give you thanks and praise for your Son,
Our Saviour Jesus Christ,
Who for love of your fallen race humbled himself,
Was born of the Virgin Mary by the power of your Spirit,
And lived as one of us.
In this mystery of the Word made flesh
You have caused his light to shine in our hearts,
To give knowledge of your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.
In him we see our God made visible
And so are caught up in the love of the God we cannot see.
Therefore with all the angels of heaven
We lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name
And sing our joyful hymn of praise:

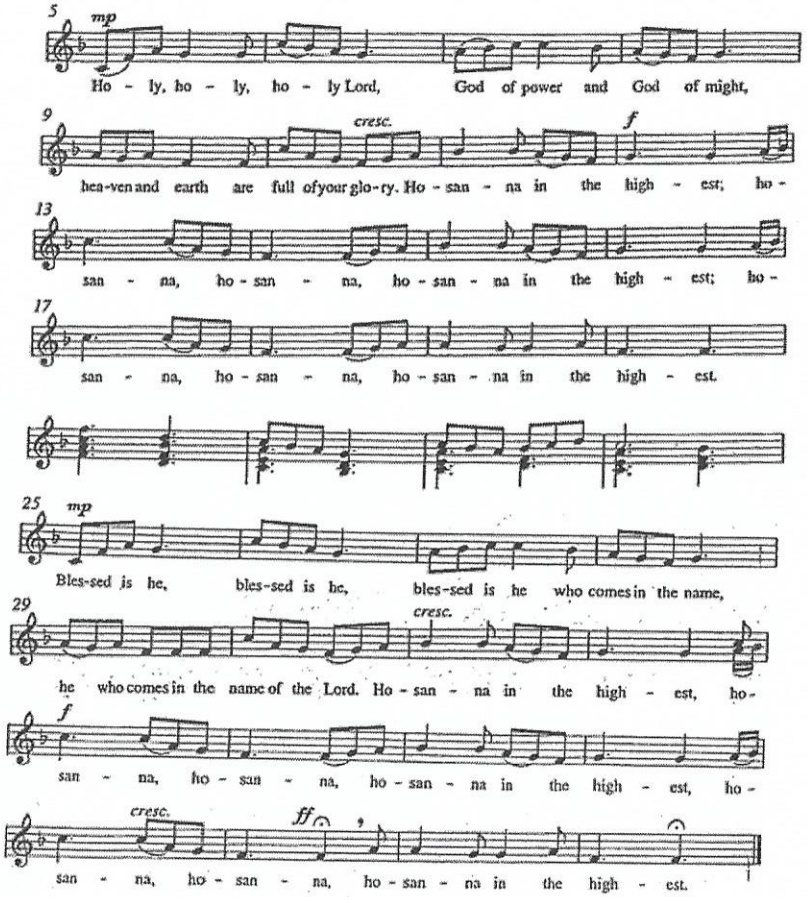
Epiphany

All honour and praise be yours always and everywhere,
Mighty creator, ever-living God,
Through Jesus Christ your only Son our Lord:
For at this time we celebrate your glory
Made present in our midst.
In the coming of the Magi
The King of all the world was revealed to the nations.
In the waters of baptism
Jesus was revealed as the Christ,
The Saviour sent to redeem us.
In the water made wine
The new creation was revealed at the wedding feast.
Poverty was turned to riches, sorrow into joy.
Therefore with all the angels of heaven
We lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name
And sing our joyful hymn of praise:

Candlemas (The Presentation)

It is indeed right and good,
Always and everywhere to give you thanks and praise
Through Jesus Christ, who is one with you from all eternity.
For on this day he appeared in the temple
In substance of our flesh
To come near to us in judgement.
He searches the hearts of all your people
And brings to light the image of your splendour.
Your servant Simeon acclaimed him as the light to lighten the nations
While Anna spoke of him to all who looked for your redemption.
Destined for the falling and rising of many,
He was lifted high upon the cross
And a sword of sorrow pierced his mother's heart
When by his sacrifice he made our peace with you.
And now we rejoice and glorify your name
That we, too, have seen your salvation
And join with angels and archangels
In their unending hymn of praise:

Sanctus



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Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Lord God, you are the most holy one, enthroned in splendour and light,
yet in the coming of your Son Jesus Christ,
you reveal the power of your love made perfect in our human weakness.

Embracing our humanity, Jesus showed us the way of salvation;
loving us to the end, he gave himself to death for us;
dying for his own, he set us free from the bonds of sin,
that we might rise and reign with him in glory.

On the night he gave up himself for us all
he 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.

Therefore we proclaim the death
that he suffered on the cross,
we celebrate his resurrection,
his bursting from the tomb,
we rejoice that he reigns at your right hand on high
and we long for his coming in glory:

As we recall the one, perfect sacrifice of your redemption,
Father, by your Holy Spirit let these gifts of your creation
be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ; form us into the likeness of Christ
and make us a perfect offering in your sight.

Look with favour on your people
and in your mercy hear the cry of our hearts.
Bless the earth, heal the sick, let the oppressed go free
and fill your Church with power from on high.

Gather your people from the ends of the earth
to feast with Mary and Joseph, the Holy Innocents and all
your saints at the table in your kingdom,
where the new creation is brought to perfection in 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.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

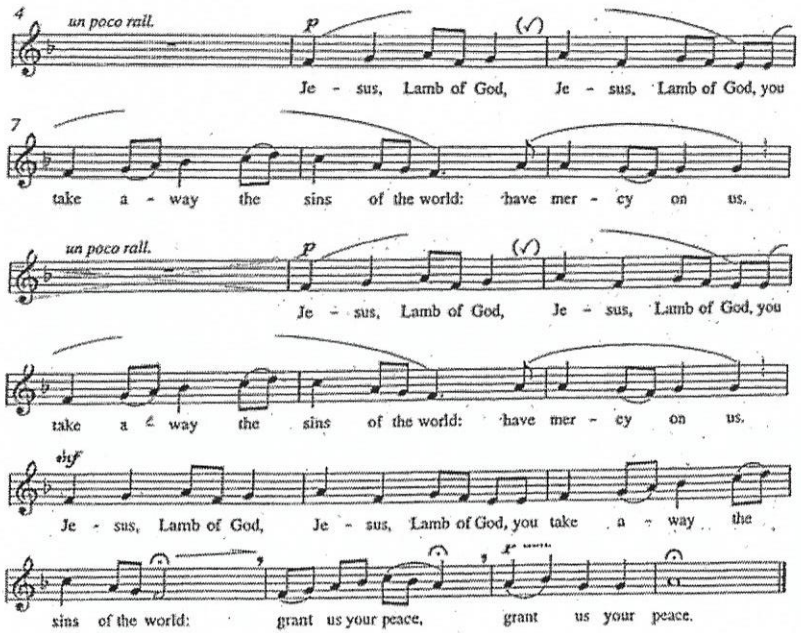
Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has
taught us:

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

The glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
And all Flesh shall see it together.

Agnus Dei



(If said)
Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.

The Giving of Communion

These are the gifts of God
For the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Communion is administered by the President and assistants

The Post-Communion Prayer

The President prays a Post-Communion Prayer

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.

The Blessing and the Dismissal

The President pronounces the Blessing

Christ, who by his incarnation gathered into one
things earthly and heavenly,
fill you with peace and goodwill and make you partakers in 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.**

Recessional Hymn

He was born of the Virgin Mary,
Revealed in his glory,

Worshipped by the angels,
Proclaimed among the nations,

Believed in throughout the world,
Exalted to the highest heavens.

Blessed be God, our strength and our salvation,
Now and for ever.

Go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God. Amen.