

Our Abba in heaven hallowed be your name
your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever, Amen.

Receiving the elements

Song: We wise ones (we three kings)

We wise ones of orient are
bearing gifts we travel so far;
field and fountain, moor and mountain
following yonder star:

*Oh, star of wonder, star of light
Star with royal beauty bright
Westward leading, still proceeding
Guide us to thy perfect light*

Born a king on Bethlehem's plain,
gold I bring to crown him again.
King forever, ceasing never
over us all to reign. *Refrain*

Frankincense to offer have I,
incense owns a Deity nigh,
prayer and praising, voices raising,
worshipping God on high. *Refrain*

Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume,
breathes a life of gathering gloom;
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding dying,
sealed in the stone-cold tomb. *Refrain*

Glorious now, behold him arise,
king and God and sacrifice,
Alleluia, alleluia,
sounds through the earth and the skies. *Refrain*

Final Blessing

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Minister: Rev Dr Sally Douglas - Musician Helen King



Celebrating Epiphany
Matthew 2.1-12

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Prayers of thanks and gratitude

Response: We gather to you in praise
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna

Song: Everything that has breath
praise the Lord of hosts forever
praise the Lord (TiS 715 Czech trad)

Sacred Space with the children

Reading from Sacred Scripture

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14
Matthew 2.1-12

For these words of faith and Jesus the Word
Thanks be to God

Reflection

Prayer of letting go

Words of Assurance and declaration of forgiveness:
...Friends hear Christ's word of grace to each one of us:
Your sins are forgiven
Thanks be to God

Prayers for the earth

Offering: *Supporting the work of Richmond Churches Food
Centre, Boroondara Community Outreach and Uniting
World in PNG*

Song: Invitation
God has laid a feasting table,
all her guests are gathered 'round,
from the highways and the byways.
All the lost have now been found.

*When we hear the invitation
will we lay our burdens down? (repeat)*

At this table all are welcome,

No-one need be left behind.
God is greater than our difference.
Christ can see where we are blind.

*When we hear the invitation
Will we love all humankind? (repeat)*

God is crying out for justice.
Christ is weeping in the street.
When will be the time for laughter?
When will all have food to eat?

*When we hear the invitation
Will we make God's will complete? (repeat)*
by Shawn Whelan (Brunswick Uniting)

Celebrating the Lord's Supper

Sharing Christ's peace

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving
...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 our thanks and praise

Joining with the choirs of angels in the eternal hymn...

Sung response:
Holy, **holy**, holy, **holy**
Holy Lord of power and might
Heaven, **heaven**, earth, **earth**
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
All glory to your name (x2)

Blessed, **blessed**, blessed, **blessed**
Is the One who comes in the name of the Lord
Blessed, **blessed**, blessed, **blessed**
Is the One who comes in the name of the Lord
Hosanna in the highest (x2) (TiS 764 Iona)

The Lord's prayer....