The Holy Eucharist



Lent & Passiontide

Welcome to Church

We hope you enjoy the service today.
Visiting members of Christian churches are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Adults and children who are not baptised are invited to the altar to receive a blessing during Communion. If you would like a blessing, please keep your hands lowered or bring your service booklet with you.

If you are new to church, please ask for a 'New to Church booklet which will explain the service in a little more detail. Please also make yourself known to the officiating Priest at the end of the service, we would love to meet you.



Accessibility

During the service, please feel free to stand, kneel or sit as you feel comfortable. Indications of suggested posture and actions are included, in **[blue],** throughout this booklet but are not mandatory. There is a visual timetable on the back page. Responses for the congregation can be found in **bold**.

If you would like a gluten free wafer, or have any additional needs, please ask one of our welcome team when you arrive.

Please leave this booklet behind at the end of the service.

We are glad you are here.
We want to get to know you.
We want you to know us.
We know God loves us all.
We don't wish you to hide who you are.
We hope you will want to belong.
We welcome the gifts and talents you bring.

THE STRUCTURE OF THE SERVICE



1. The Gathering Page 4

This is space to come together, and to prepare ourselves, to encounter God in worship, the words of scripture and in the receiving the sacrament.



2. The Proclamation of the Word Page 6

When the bible is read aloud in church (words are also printed in the notice sheet), on a Sunday a sermon is also usually preached.



3. The Intercessions Page 9

A time of prayer, when we intercede to God, for ourselves and on behalf others, for the needs of our community and the world.



4. The Peace Page 10

As we prepare to receive communion, we receive God's peace and immediately share it with the gathered community; setting aside any differences we may have before we approach the Lord's table.

5. The Thanksgiving Page 11



The priest leads the congregation in prayers of thanksgiving, for God's gifts to us and in particular God's gift of Jesus, recalling the last supper, Christ's death on the cross and his resurrection.

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6. The Communion Page 15



Baptised members of the gathered community are invited to approach the altar rail and share in Holy Communion, receiving consecrated bread and wine. For those with a mobility disability, the priest will take Communion to the seat. Non-baptised members are invited to receive a blessing from the Priest at this time.



7. The Sending Out Page 16

The conclusion of the service during which the gathered community are sent out to into the world in God's service, to share God's love and peace.



1. The Gathering



OPENING HYMN

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

May the Lord who forgives all our sins be with you;
For his mercy endures for ever.

Words of introduction may be used.

Heavenly Father, all hearts are open to you.
No secrets are hidden from you.
Purify us with the fire of your Holy Spirit
that we may love and worship you faithfully,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



A CHANCE TO BRING OUR SINS BEFORE GOD

[SIT or KNEEL]
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Either:

God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Confident of his saving love, let us acknowledge our failures and ask the Lord for pardon and strength.

or: God so loved the world that he gave his only Son so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. Believing in him, let us turn to him in humility that we may know the freedom his forgiveness brings.

The people are invited to call to mind their sins. Silence.

Let us bring our sins to our Heavenly Father:
Heavenly Father,
we have sinned in thought, word and deed,
and have failed to do what we ought to have done.
We are sorry and truly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and lead us in his way to walk as children of light.
Amen.

† Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy on you and set you free from sin, strengthen you in goodness and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**





THE COLLECT PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Priest introduces a period of silence with the words:

Either:

Let us pray for the grace of the Lord as we keep this holy season of Lent.

or: Let us pray for the strength to follow the way of the cross.

The Collect can be found on the notice sheet and is said by the priest, all respond: **Amen.**

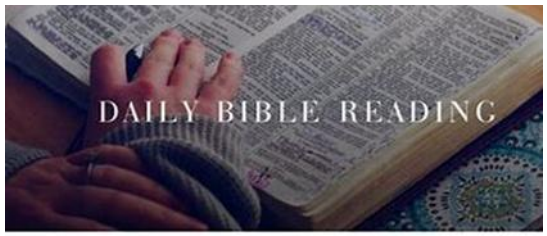


2. The Proclamation of the Word

A copy of the readings can be found on the notice sheet (please ask if you need a large print copy).

[SIT]

The First Reading



At the end the reader says:

Either: This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

or: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.
Thanks be to God.

A Psalm or Canticle

The psalm can be found on the weekly notice sheet, it may include a response for the congregation. Please check the sheet for details.

The Second Reading

At the end the reader says:

Either: This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

or: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.
Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL READING



[STAND]

The Gospel Acclamation

The gospel acclamation and reading can be found on the notice sheet.
The priest or deacon read the acclamation and the congregation responds.

The Gospel

The reader says:

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint....
Glory to you, O Lord.

After the Gospel:

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

The Gospel Acclamation may be repeated.



THE SERMON

[SIT]



AN AFFIRMATION OF THE FAITH - The Nicene Creed
[STAND]

**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 from 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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and
glorified, who 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.**

3. The Intercessions

[SIT or KNEEL]

After each intercession:



Either: Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

or: Let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

or: Lord of compassion,
in your mercy, hear us.

or: By the Saviour's cross and passion,
Lord, save and help us.

After the final petition:

Either:

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

or:

We call to you, O Lord,
conscious of our own sinfulness but confident in your love, for you are our refuge and strength. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

This prayer may follow:

We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies.

We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy.

Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us. Amen.



4. The Peace

[STAND]

Either:

Now that we have been justified through faith,
we are at peace with God
through our Lord Jesus Christ.

or: Jesus says: “Peace I leave with you;
my peace I give to you.
Do not let your hearts be troubled,
neither let them be afraid.”

or: Once we were far away from God,
but now in union with Christ Jesus
we have been brought near
through the shedding of his blood.

or other suitable words may be said.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

A sign of peace may be exchanged.





OFFERTORY HYMN



5. The Thanksgiving

The priest takes the bread and the cup and says:

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have this bread to offer,
which earth has given and human hand have made.
It will become for us the bread of life.
Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have this wine to offer,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become our spiritual drink.
Blessed be God for ever.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER 3



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.

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise, holy Father, heavenly King, almighty, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ your only Son our Lord.

Either: Who was tempted in every way, yet did not sin.
By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil and live no longer for ourselves alone but for him who died for us and rose again.

or: Who, bearing the human likeness, humbled himself and in obedience accepted death, even death on a cross. He was lifted up from the earth that he might draw all people to himself.



Therefore with angels and archangels
and with all the company of heaven
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and saying [or singing]:

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.



Hear us, heavenly Father, through
Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

Through him accept our sacrifice of praise,
and grant that, by the power of your Spirit,
these gifts of bread and wine may be for
us, his body and his blood;

who in the same night that he was betrayed
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 from this, all of you;
for 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.



Christ is the bread of life:
When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,
until you come in glory.

Therefore, Father, remembering the saving death
and resurrection of your Son,
we offer to you in thanksgiving
this bread and this cup, your gifts to us,
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.



Send your Holy Spirit upon all of us
who share this bread and this cup.
Strengthen our faith, make us one
and welcome us and all your people
into the glorious kingdom of your Son.

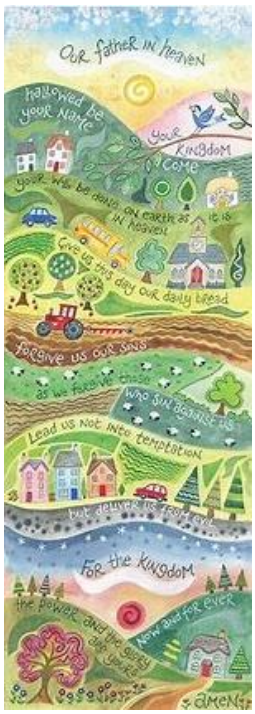
Through him, with him, in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit
all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Silence.

[SIT or KNEEL]

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Either: Chosen by God to live as his children
let us pray that we may be obedient to his will

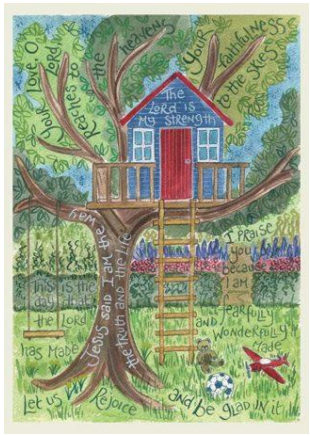


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Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

or: Let us pray with confidence to the Father:

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today 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 for ever. Amen.





6. The Communion

The priest breaks the bread.

Every time we eat this bread and drink of this cup
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Either: **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.

or: **Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.**
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

The priest invites the people to communion:



Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sins of the world.
Happy 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 priest and people receive communion or a blessing.



During communion hymns may be sung.

After the communion a period of silent reflection is kept ending with a Collect Prayer.

Notices may be given.



7. The Sending Out

[STAND]

Give thanks to the Lord for he is gracious:
his love is everlasting.

Eternal God,
comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken,
you have fed us at the table of life and hope:
teach us the ways of gentleness and peace,
that all the world may acknowledge
the kingdom of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Either: Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,
to deny yourselves, take up your cross,
and follow him.

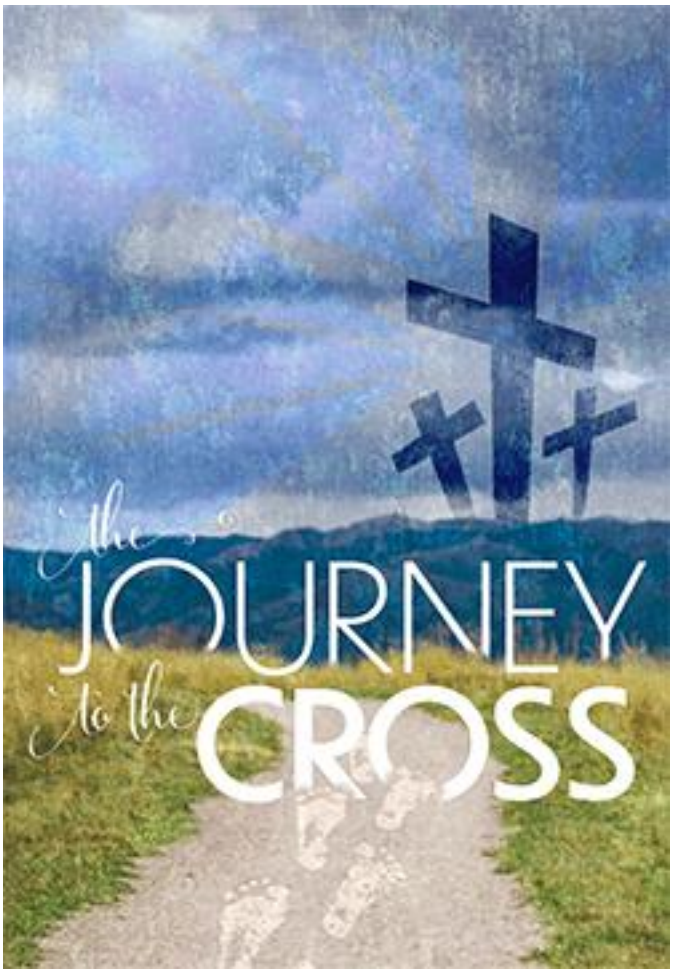
or: The God of mercy transform you by his grace
and give you strength to overcome temptation.

or: Christ crucified draw you to himself,
the sure ground of faith, the firm support
for hope and the assurance of sins forgiven.

And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

FINAL HYMN

Saved by faith and created in Christ for good works.
go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.



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