



HOLY COMMUNION (B) COMMON WORSHIP



Welcome to this historic church of St Peter's where God has been worshipped for over 900 years. If you are visiting us or are new to the church we extend a warm welcome and pray that this communion service may draw you closer to the love of God our Heavenly Father as we worship Him together.

Please join us for refreshments after the service in the Church Centre.

THE GATHERING

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

All and also with you.

Hymn

Notices (including a prayer for children who leave for St Peter's Rocks)

Prayer of Preparation (Please sit or kneel)

All Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer of Penitence

Leader Jesus said:

Before you offer your gift, go and be reconciled.
As brothers and sisters in God's family,
We come together to ask our Father for forgiveness.

**All Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

Leader May the God of love bring us back to himself,
forgive us our sins, and assure us of his eternal love
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

The Collect (*Prayer for the day*)

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

At the end of the first reading:

Reader This is the word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

When the gospel is announced:

Reader Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
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All Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end

Reader This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.



Hymn

Sermon

Creed *(Please stand)*

Leader Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

All **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Leader Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

All **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Leader Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

All **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession *(Please sit or kneel)*

This response may be used

Leader Lord, in your mercy

All **Hear our prayer**

And at the end

Leader Merciful Father,

All **Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**



THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

Peace *(Please stand)*

Leader God has called us to live in peace.
 The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you

Hymn *During the hymn the table is prepared*

Offering *The Offering goes towards the ministry of St Peter's*

Eucharistic Prayer

Leader The Lord is here.

All His Spirit is with us.

Leader Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.



Leader Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

(Please sit or kneel)

Leader It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;
 in your love you made us for yourself.

When we turned away you did not reject us,
but came to meet us in your Son.

**All You embraced us as your children
 and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

Leader In Christ you shared our life
 that we might live in him and he in us.

**All He opened his arms of love upon the cross
 and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

Leader On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends
 he took bread, and gave you thanks;

he broke it and gave it to them, saying:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

**All Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his body is the bread of life.**

Leader At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, and said:
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new
covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of
sins; do this in remembrance of me.

**All Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his blood is shed for all.**

Leader As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in
glory, send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this
wine may be to us the body and blood
of your dear Son.

**All As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

Leader With your whole Church throughout the world
we offer you this sacrifice of praise
and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Lord's Prayer

Leader As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**All 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.

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

Leader We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All **Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

All **Most merciful Lord, your love compels us to come in.
Our hands were unclean, our hearts were unprepared;
we were not fit even to eat the crumbs from under your
table. But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation,
and share your bread with sinners.
So cleanse and feed us with the precious body and
blood of your Son, that he may live in us and we in
him; and that we, with the whole company of Christ,
may sit and eat in your kingdom. Amen.**

Invitation to Communion

Leader Draw near with faith.

Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ
which he gave for you,
and his blood which he shed for you.

Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts by faith with
thanksgiving.

Receiving Communion

The children return from St Peter's Rocks.

*You are welcome to come forward when indicated to receive
Communion, if that is your usual custom, or for a prayer of Blessing. If
coming forward for a Blessing please keep your hands behind your
back.*



Prayer after Communion

A post-communion prayer may be said, followed by:

All **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 DISMISSAL

Hymn

Blessing

This or another blessing may be said

Leader **The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in
believing;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.**

All **Amen.**

Leader **Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.**

All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

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