

HOLY COMMUNION (A) 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 across the road.

THE GATHERING

- Leader The Lord be with you
- All and also with you
- <u>Welcome</u>

<u>Hymn</u>

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 Our Lord Jesus Christ said: The first commandment is this: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.'

> The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

- All Amen. Lord, have mercy.
- Leader Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, Firmly resolved to keep God's commandments And to live in love and peace with all.
- All 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.

Absolution

Leader 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.
 All Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis (may be said or sung)

Glory to God in the highest, **A11** 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

<u>Collect</u> (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 According to *N*.
- All Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end of the gospel:

Reader This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

<u>Hymn</u>

<u>Sermon</u>

Creed (Please stand) **A11** 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, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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.

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)LeaderChrist is our peace. He has reconciled us to God
in one body by the cross.
We meet in his name and share his peace. (cf Ephesians 2.15,16)
The peace of the Lord be always with you

All and also with you

You may exchange a sign of peace with your neighbours

<u>**Hymn</u>** During the hymn the table is prepared</u>

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.
- Leader It is always right to give you thanks, God our Creator, loving and faithful, holy and strong. You made us and the whole universe, and filled your world with life. You sent your Son to live among us, Jesus our Saviour, Mary's child.

He suffered on the cross; he died to save us from our sins; he rose in glory from the dead. You send your Spirit to bring new life to the world, and clothe us with power from on high.

And so we join the angels to celebrate and say:

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

(Please sit or kneel)

Leader Father, on the night before he died, Iesus shared a meal with his friends. He took the bread, and thanked you. He broke it, and gave it to them, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me. After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine. He thanked you, and gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you. This is my blood, the new promise of God's unfailing love. Do this to remember me. Leader Great is the mystery of faith: All Christ has died:

Christ is risen: Christ will come again.

Leader Father, as we bring this bread and wine, and remember his death and resurrection, send your Holy Spirit, that we who share these gifts may be fed by Christ's body and his blood. Pour your Spirit on us that we may love one another, work for the healing of the earth, and share the good news of Jesus, as we wait for his coming in glory. For honour and praise belong to you, Father, with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit: one God, for ever and ever.

All Amen.

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.

Prayer of Humble Access

All 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 our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. 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.

<u>Receiving Communion</u> (The children return from St Peter's Rocks.) You are welcome to come forward when indicated to receive Communion, if that is your usual habit, 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 Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

<u>Hymn</u>

<u>Blessing</u>

This or another blessing may be said

Leader The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; 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.