

# ST PETER'S CHURCH, OLD WOKING

## CHRISTMAS DAY FAMILY COMMUNION



### *THE GATHERING*

Welcome and opening prayer

Hymn

Lighting of Christmas candle

**All: Lord Jesus, Light of light,  
you have come among us.  
Help us who live by your light  
to shine as lights in your world.  
Glory to God in the highest. AMEN**



Prayer of Penitence

Leader The sun of righteousness has dawned with healing in his wings.  
Let us come to the light of Christ,  
confessing our sins in penitence and faith

God our Father, you sent your Son full of grace and truth:  
forgive our failure to receive him.

Lord, have mercy

**All Lord have mercy**

Leader Jesus our Saviour, you were born in poverty and laid in a  
manger: forgive our greed and rejection of your ways.

Christ have mercy

**All Christ, have mercy.**

Leader Spirit of love, your servant Mary responded joyfully to your call:  
forgive the hardness of our hearts.

Lord, have mercy

**All Lord have mercy**

Leader May the God of all healing and forgiveness draw you to himself, that you may behold the glory of his Son, the Word made flesh, and be cleansed from all your sins, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

The Collect (*Prayer for the day*)

## *THE LITURGY OF THE WORD*

Bible Reading

Reader This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God**

Hymn

Sermon

Creed

Leader Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

**All Though he was divine, he did not cling to equality with God, but made himself nothing. Taking the form of a slave, he was born in human likeness. He humbled himself and was obedient to death, even the death of the cross. Therefore God has raised him on high, and given him the name above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**



Prayers of Intercession

*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 *(All stand)*

Leader Glory to God in the highest,  
And peace on earth to all on whom his favour rests.  
The peace of the Lord be always with you

**All And also with you**

*The Peace is shared*

Hymn *(during which the offering is taken)*

Communion 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 Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us,  
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 the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world

**All God here among us, light in the midst of us,  
bring us to light and life.**

## 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.

*All are welcome to come forward to receive Communion or a Blessing*

## Prayer after Communion

Leader God our Father,  
whose Word has come among us  
in the Holy Child of Bethlehem:  
may the light of faith illumine our hearts  
and shine in our words and deeds;  
through him who is Christ the Lord.

**All AMEN**

**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

Leader    May the joy of the angels,  
the eagerness of the shepherds,  
the perseverance of the wise men,  
the obedience of Joseph and Mary,  
and the peace of the Christ-child  
be yours this Christmas;  
and the blessing ...

Leader    Go in peace. Proclaim the Word made flesh.

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



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