



Parish of
St Peter Woking
St Peter's · St Mark's · All Souls'

**St Peter's Church,
Old Woking**



HOLY COMMUNION (Advent) 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.

Welcome

Hymn

Notices (including a prayer for children who leave for Sunday School)

Lighting the Candle(s) on the Advent Wreath

An Advent candle is lit each week to remind us of those people who prepared for Jesus' coming.

Leader Let us pray
A different prayer may be said at the lighting of the candle(s) followed by:



All Lord Jesus, light of the world, Born of David's city of Bethlehem; Born like him to be a king: Be born in our hearts at Christmas, Be king of our lives today. Amen.

Confession *(Please sit or kneel)*

Leader When the Lord comes, he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness, and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

cf 1 Corinthians 4.5

Leader Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations into the peace of your kingdom:
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Leader You come in word and sacrament to strengthen us in holiness:
Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

Leader You will come in glory with salvation for your people:
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy

Absolution *The minister declares God's forgiveness*

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.

Collect *Prayer for the day is said by the leader*

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

Hymn

(Remain standing for the gospel.)

Reader Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

All Alleluia *cf Isaiah 40.3-5*

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

At the end

Reader This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith *(Please stand)*

We say together in faith

**All Holy, holy, holy
is the Lord God almighty,
who was, and is, and is to come.**

Leader We believe in God the Father, who created all things:
All for by his will they were created and have their being.

Leader We believe in God the Son, who was slain:
**All for with his blood, he purchased us for God,
from every tribe and language,
from every people and nation.**

Leader We believe in God the Holy Spirit:
**All the Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come!'
Even so come, Lord Jesus! Amen.**

cf Revelation 4.8,11;5.9;22.17,20

Prayers of Intercession *(Please sit or kneel)*

The prayers are introduced with the following words:

Leader Watchful at all times, let us pray for
strength to stand with confidence before
our maker and redeemer.



This or another response may be used:

Leader Father, by your Spirit
All **bring in your kingdom.**

The prayers conclude with the following:

Leader Lord of the Church
All **hear our prayer,
and make us one in heart and mind
to serve you with joy for ever.
Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

The Peace *(Please stand)*

Leader In the tender mercy of our God,
the dayspring from on high shall break upon us,
to give light to those who dwell in darkness
and in the shadow of death
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

cf Luke 1.78,79

Leader The peace of the Lord be always with you
All **and also with you.**

You may exchange a sign of peace with your neighbours.

Hymn

During the hymn the table is prepared and bread and wine are placed on it.

The Offering

The Offering goes towards the ministry of St Peter's Church.

Preparation of the table

Leader Look upon us in mercy, not judgement; draw us from
hatred to love; and make the frailty of our praise a
dwelling place for your glory.

All **Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer A

Leader The Lord be with you
All And also with you



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 And now we give you thanks because you sent him to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us inheritors of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may with joy behold his appearing, and in confidence may stand before him.

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:
All 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.

Leader Accept our praises, heavenly Father, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, and as we follow his example and obey his command, grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to 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.
All To you be glory and praise for ever.

Leader In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you; 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.

All To you be glory and praise for ever.

Leader Therefore, heavenly Father, we remember his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross; we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; we look for the coming of your kingdom, and with this bread and this cup we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

All Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life: Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Leader Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise, and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty, renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All To you be glory and praise for ever.

Leader Through him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

All Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Leader Let us pray for the coming of God's kingdom in the words our Saviour taught us:



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 forever.
Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

The priest breaks the consecrated bread

Leader **Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,
All** **we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

Agnus Dei

All **Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.**

Giving of Communion

The priest says the invitation to communion

Leader **Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.**
All **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed**

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 this prayer:

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.

Hymn

Blessing (*Remain standing*)

Leader Our Lord says, I am coming soon.

All **Amen. Come Lord Jesus.**

Leader Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you,
scatter the darkness from before your path,
and make you ready to meet him when he comes in
glory; and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be with you now and for evermore.

All **Amen.**

Dismissal

Leader As we await our coming Saviour,
go in the peace of Christ.

All **Thanks be to God.**

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