

Sung Holy Communion - Service B

The Gathering

We stand as the choir and clergy enter the church.

THE GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

All And also with you.

We sit for the NOTICES and the INTRODUCTION to the service.

We stand to sing our OPENING HYMN.

We sit or kneel as we pray a PRAYER OF PREPARATION:

Loving God, we have come to worship you.

**All Help us to pray to you in faith,
to sing your praise with gratitude,
and to listen to your word with eagerness;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

We pray for the CHILDREN as they go out to their groups.

We have a time of CONFESSION, a time when we acknowledge our failings before God and ask and receive his forgiveness.

God shows his love for us
in that, while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
Let us then show our love for him
by confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

**All Lord God,
we have sinned against you;
we have done evil in your sight.
We are sorry and repent.
Have mercy on us according to your love.
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.
Renew a right spirit within us
and restore us to the joy of your salvation,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

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

All Amen.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

We stand as we sing the GLORIA.

**All Glory to God in the highest,
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,

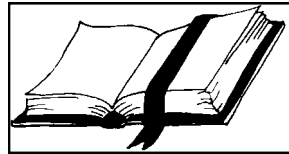
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

THE COLLECT

We remain **standing** as the COLLECT, the church's special prayer for the day, is prayed.

The Word of God

We **sit** to hear our first BIBLE READING.



At the end of the reading:
This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

We **stand** to sing our next HYMN.

We remain **standing** for our GOSPEL READING.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end of the reading:
This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

We **sit** to hear the SERMON.

THE CREED

We **stand** to affirm our faith in the words of the APOSTLES' CREED.

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

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.

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

We **sit** or **kneel** for our PRAYERS.

Our response to the prayers may be:
Lord in your mercy

All Hear our prayer.

At the conclusion of our prayers, we may pray:
Merciful Father,

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

The Eucharist



THE PEACE

We **stand** to share the PEACE.

Jesus said: "Love one another.
As I have loved you, so you are to love one another."
The peace of the Lord be always with you

All and also with you.

We share with one another a sign of peace, such as a handshake.

THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

*We remain **standing** to sing our OFFERTORY HYMN, during which a collection is taken for the work of the church, and the bread and wine are brought forward and placed on the holy table.*

At the end of the hymn we say together:

**All Generous God,
creator, redeemer, sustainer,
at your table we present these gifts,
symbols of the work you have given us to do;
use them, use us,
in the service of your world
to the glory of your name.
Amen.**

*We remain **standing** for the EUCHARISTIC PRAYER.*

The Lord is here.

All His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

You are worthy of our thanks and praise,
Lord God of truth,
for by the breath of your mouth
you have spoken your word,
and all things have come into being.

You fashioned us in your image
and placed us in the garden of your delight.
Though we chose the path of rebellion
you would not abandon your own.

Again and again you drew us into your covenant of grace.
You gave your people the law and taught us by your prophets
to look for your reign of justice, mercy and peace.

As we watch for the signs of your kingdom on earth,
we echo the song of the angels in heaven,
evermore praising you and singing:

**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.**

*Please **sit** or **kneel**.*

Lord God, you are the most holy one,
enthroned in splendour and light,
yet in the coming of your Son Jesus Christ
you reveal the power of your love
made perfect in human weakness.

Embracing our humanity,
Jesus showed us the way of salvation;
loving us to the end,
he gave himself to death for us;
dying for his own,

he set us free from the bonds of sin,
that we might rise and reign with him in glory.

On the night he gave up himself for us all
he 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 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.

Therefore we proclaim the death that he suffered on the
cross,
we celebrate his resurrection, his bursting from the tomb,
we rejoice that he reigns at your right hand on high
and we long for his coming in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith:
**All Christ has died:
Christ has risen:
Christ will come again.**

As we recall the one, perfect sacrifice of our redemption,
Father, by your Holy Spirit let these gifts of your creation
be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
form us into the likeness of Christ
and make us a perfect offering in your sight.

Look with favour on your people
and in your mercy hear the cry of our hearts.
Bless the earth,
heal the sick,
let the oppressed go free
and fill your Church with power from on high.

Gather your people from the ends of the earth
to feast with all your saints
at the table in your kingdom,
where the new creation is brought to perfection
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

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

The president BREAKS THE BREAD, and says:

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.**

THE GIVING OF COMMUNION

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.

We join with the choir in singing:

**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 peace.**

Please come up for communion as directed. If you don't normally receive communion you are welcome to come up for a prayer of blessing—you can indicate this by holding this booklet in your hand when you come forward. You are welcome to bring children up for a prayer of blessing too.

Please do join in the hymns sung during communion.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

At the end of communion, the minister may pray a prayer, and then we all pray:

**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 Sending Out

We hear back from the CHILDREN.

*We **stand** to sing our FINAL HYMN, and turn to face the door as the cross passes.*



THE BLESSING

*We remain **standing** for a final BLESSING.*

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.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

Please do join us for refreshments in the church hall at the end of the service.

