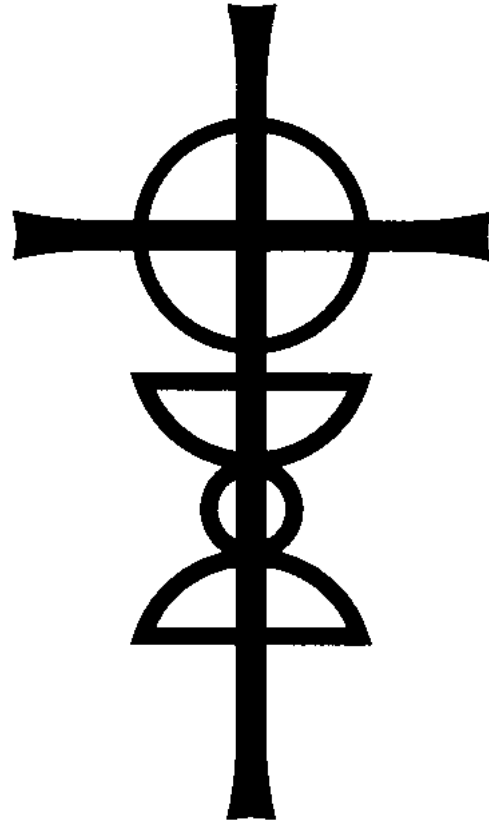


**St Barbara's Church
Earlsdon**



**Holy Communion
Service Book D**

A very warm welcome to St Barbara's.

We are delighted to welcome you to St Barbara's Church this morning. We hope you will enjoy the service.

During the service, please join in the words in **bold**.

An Introduction to the Service

Today's service is a said communion service. The service involves prayers, listening to the Bible and a talk, and celebrating communion, the meal that Jesus gave us to remember him by.

Children

During this service there is the opportunity for children to go out to groups to explore the Bible and worship and pray in age-appropriate ways. They will return in time for communion towards the end of the service. There is also a children's corner at the back of church, suitable for very young children.

Receiving Communion

All who are baptised and would normally receive communion when attending church are very welcome to receive communion with us this morning. If you would not normally receive communion, or would prefer not to on this occasion, you are warmly invited to come forward for a blessing. You can indicate this by holding this service booklet in your hand when you come forward.

St Barbara's welcomes all children and adults to receive communion, after a period of preparation. Usually children do this from seven years of age upwards. Please do speak to the vicar after the service if this is something you would like to consider.

Refreshments

Please do join us for refreshments in the church hall after the service—it will be lovely to get to know you.

We pray that you will know God's blessing this morning.

The Gathering

*We **stand** as the choir and clergy enter the church.*



THE GREETING

As God's people we have gathered:
Let us worship him together.

The Lord be with you.
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**:*

Lord, speak to us
that we may hear your word.
Move among us
that we may behold your glory.
Receive our prayers
that we may learn to trust in you.
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.*

We come to God as one from whom no secrets are hidden,
to ask for his forgiveness and peace.

Lord God, our maker and redeemer,
this is your world and we are your people:
come among us and save us.

We have wilfully misused your gifts of creation;
Lord, be merciful:
forgive us our sin.

We have seen the ill-treatment of others
and have not gone to their aid;
Lord, be merciful:
forgive us our sin.

We have condoned evil and dishonesty
and failed to strive for justice;
Lord, be merciful:
forgive us our sin.

We have heard the good news of Christ,
but have failed to share it with others;
Lord, be merciful:
forgive us our sin.

We have not loved you with all our heart,
nor our neighbours as ourselves;
Lord, be merciful:
forgive us our sin.

May almighty God have mercy on *you*,
forgive *you your sins*,
and bring you to everlasting life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

*We **stand** as we say the GLORIA.*

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.

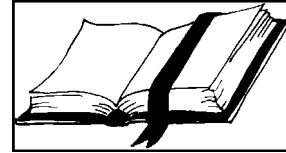
THE COLLECT

*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.
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.*
Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end of the reading:
This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

*We **sit** to hear the SERMON.*

THE CREED

*We **stand** to affirm our faith.*

Let us declare our faith in God.

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

Our response to the prayers may be:
Lord in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

At the conclusion of our prayers, we may pray:
Merciful Father,
accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

The Eucharist

THE PEACE

We **stand** to share the PEACE.

We are the body of Christ.
In the one Spirit we were all baptized into
one body.
Let us then pursue all that makes for peace
and builds up our common life.
The peace of the Lord be always with you
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:
Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,

the glory, the splendour and the majesty;
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.
All things come from you
and of your own do we give you.

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

The Lord is here.
His Spirit is with us.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right,
it is our duty and our joy,
at all times and in all places
to give you thanks and praise,
holy Father, heavenly King,
almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

For he is your living Word;
through him you have created all things from the beginning,
and formed us in your own image.
To you be glory and praise for ever.

Through him you freed us from the slavery of sin,
giving him to be born of a woman and to die upon the cross;

you raised him from the dead
and exalted him to your right hand on high.
To you be glory and praise for ever.

Through him you have sent upon us
your holy and life-giving Spirit,
and made us a people for your own possession.
To you be glory and praise for ever.

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:

**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.*

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.

To you be glory and praise for ever.

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.
To you be glory and praise for ever.

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.

Jesus Christ is Lord:
**Lord, by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free.
You are the Saviour of the world.**

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 with your Spirit,
inspire us with your love
and unite us in the body of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
To you be glory and praise for ever.

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:

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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

THE GIVING OF COMMUNION

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

*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:

**:Holy and blessed God,
you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son
and filled us with your Holy Spirit:
may we honour you,
not only with our lips
but in lives dedicated to the service
of Jesus 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 love of the Lord Jesus draw you to himself,
the power of the Lord Jesus strengthen you in his service,
the joy of the Lord Jesus fill your hearts;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

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