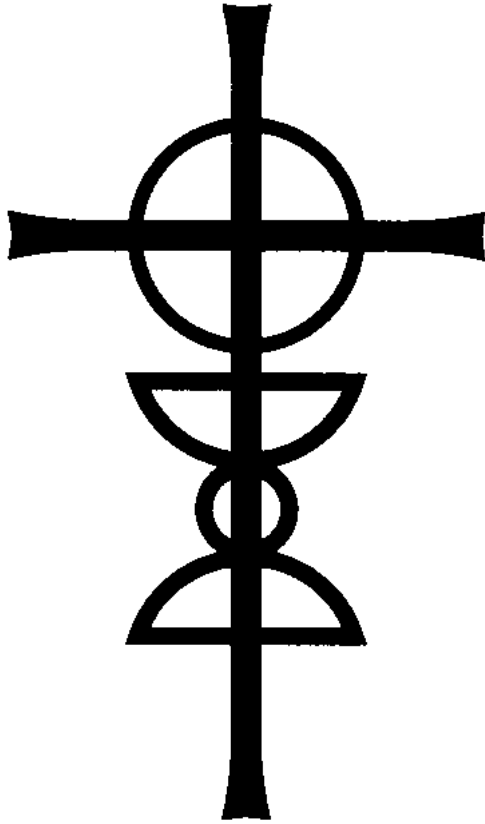


**St Barbara's Church
Earlsdon**



**Holy Communion
Service Book C**

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

Let us worship God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

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**:*

Faithful one, whose word is life:

come with saving power

to free our praise,

inspire our prayer

and shape our lives

for the kingdom of your Son,

Jesus 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.*

Jesus says, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand."

So let us turn away from sin and turn to the Lord,

confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

**God of mercy,
we acknowledge that we are all sinners.
We turn from the wrong that we have thought and said and
done,
and are mindful of all that we have failed to do.
For the sake of Jesus, who died for us,
forgive us all that is past,
and help us to live each day
in the light of Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

May the Father of all mercies
cleanse *you* from *your* sins,
and restore *you* in his image
to the praise and glory of his name,
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 in the words of the APOSTLES' CREED.*

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?
I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth,

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?
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.

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**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

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.*

“Where two or three are gathered together in my name,”
says the Lord, “there am I in the midst of them.”

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:

**Gracious God,
accept the offering of your Church,
the hearts of your people
joined in praise and thanksgiving,
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.
Amen.**

*We remain **standing** for the **EUCCHARISTIC 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 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.

**You embraced us as your children
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life

that we might live in him and he in us.

**He opened his arms of love upon the cross
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

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

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.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his body is the bread of life.**

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.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his blood is shed for all.**

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.

**As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

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:

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

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.**

**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.**

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:

**Eternal Father,
we thank you for nourishing us
with these heavenly gifts:**

may our communion strengthen us in faith,
build us up in hope,
and make us grow in love;
for the sake 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 Lord bless you and watch over you,
the Lord make his face to shine upon you
and be gracious to you,
the Lord look kindly on you
and give you peace;
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.

