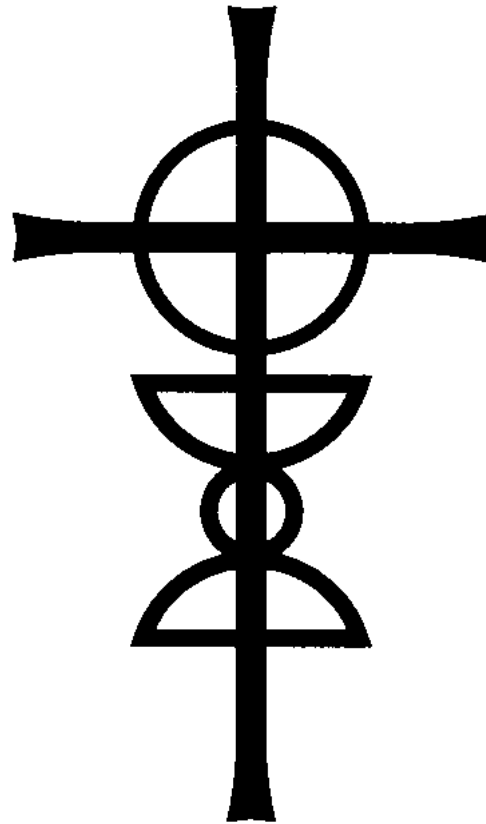


**St Barbara's Church
Earlsdon**



**Holy Communion
Service Book A**

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 sung 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. Some of the words in this service are sung. The tunes are easy to pick up, but you are welcome just to listen if you prefer.

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

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ 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**:

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
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 so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ to save us from our sins, to be our advocate in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace with all.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name.
Amen.

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.
Amen.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

*We **stand** as we sing 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.

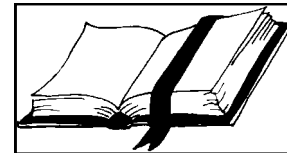
THE COLLECT

*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 NICENE CREED.*

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,**

maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the
Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. 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.*

Christ is our peace. He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross. We meet in his name and share his peace.
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.

Blessed are you, Lord God,
our light and our salvation;
to you be glory and praise for ever.

From the beginning you have created all things
and all your works echo the silent music of your praise.
In the fullness of time you made us in your image,
the crown of all creation.

You give us breath and speech, that with angels and archangels
and all the powers of heaven
we may find a voice to sing your praise:

**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.*

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord.
As a mother tenderly gathers her children,
you embraced a people as your own.
When they turned away and rebelled
your love remained steadfast.
From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary,
to be the living bread,
in whom all our hungers are satisfied.

He offered his life for sinners,
and with a love stronger than death
he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died,
he came to supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he gave you thanks.

8 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.

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 and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died:

Christ has risen:

Christ will come again.

Father, we plead with confidence
his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross;
we remember his dying and rising in glory,
and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.

Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you
these gifts of your creation;
may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy things in your dear presence,
form us in the likeness of Christ,
and build us into a living temple to your glory.

Bring us at the last with all the saints
to the vision of that eternal splendour
for which you have created us;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
by whom, with whom, and in whom,
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

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**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.**

We join with the choir in singing:

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.

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.

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:

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.

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.
Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

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