

ST PETER'S CHURCH, OLD WOKING



HOLY COMMUNION (C) 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 warmly welcome you 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 We come from scattered lives to meet with God

All Let us recognise his presence with us.

Leader As God's people we have gathered

All Let us worship him together.

<u>Welcome</u>

Hymn

Notices (including a prayer for children who leave for St Peter's Rocks)

<u>Prayer of Preparation</u> (Please sit or kneel)

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.

Prayer of Penitence

Invitation to confession

Leader 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.

Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

Lord, have mercy.

All Lord have mercy.

Against you, you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight.

Christ have mercy.

All Christ have mercy.

Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

Lord, have mercy.

All Lord have mercy.

Absolution

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.

<u>Collect</u> (Prayer for the day)

Time of silent prayer introduced with 'Let us pray'

Leader Faithful Creator,

whose mercy never fails:

deepen our faithfulness to you

and to your living Word, Iesus Christ our Lord

All Amen.

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

When the gospel is announced:

Reader Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

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All Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end of the gospel:

Reader This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Hymn

<u>Sermon</u>

<u>Creed</u> (Please stand)

Leader We believe in one God,

the Father, the Almighty,

All 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,

All God from God, Light from Light,

true God from true God,

begotten, not made,

of one Being with the Father;

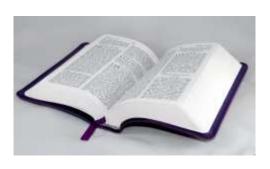
All through him all things were made.

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.

All 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;

All 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,

All the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

All who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

All We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

All We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession (Please sit or kneel)

This response may be used

Leader Lord, in your mercy

All Hear our prayer

And at the end

Leader Merciful Father,

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

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

<u>Peace</u> (Please stand)

Leader Since we are justified by faith,

we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

who has given us access to his grace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All and also with you

Let us offer one another the sign of peace

You may exchange a sign of peace with your neighbours

<u>Hymn</u> During the hymn the table is prepared

Offering The offering goes towards the ministry of St Peter's

Eucharistic Prayer

Leader Is the Father with us?

All He is!

Is Christ among us?

All He is!

Is the Spirit here?

All He is!

This is our God

All Father, Son and Holy Spirit

We are his people

All We are his children

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.

It is right and our delight to give you thanks and praise, great Father, living God, supreme over all the world, Creator, Provider, Saviour, Life Giver.

From a wandering nomad you created your family; for a burdened people you raised up a leader; for a confused nation you chose a king; for a rebellious crowd you sent your prophets. In these last days you have sent us your Son, your perfect image, bringing your kingdom, Revealing your will, dying, rising, reigning, remaking your people for yourself. Through Him you have poured out your Holy Spirit,

All Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

filling us with light and life.

(Please sit or kneel)

Leader

Almighty God, we thank you for giving up your only Son to die upon the cross for us who owe you everything.

Pour your refreshing Spirit on us

as we remember Him in the way that He commanded,

through these gifts of your creation.

On the same night that He was betrayed,

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.'

All

Amen. His body was broken for us.

In the same way after supper

He took the cup and gave you thanks;

and gave it to them saying,

'Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the 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

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We are brothers and sisters through His blood.

All

We have died together,

We will rise together,

We will live together.

Therefore, Heavenly Father,

hear us as we celebrate this covenant of love with joy and await the coming of our brother, Jesus Christ.

He died in our place, for the sins of the whole world,

the perfect sacrifice, once and for all.

You accepted His offering by raising Him from death, and granting Him great honour at your right hand.

All

Amen. Jesus is Lord.

This is the feast of victory.

All

The lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Hallelujah!

Lord's Prayer

Leader 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.

Christ is alive forever.

All We are, because He is.

We are one body

All We share one bread.

Invitation to Communion

Leader Draw near with faith.

All Christ is the host, and we are the guests

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 habit, or for a prayer of Blessing. If coming forward for a Blessing, please keep your hands behind your back. Children who have not been confirmed are able to receive communion if approved by their home church.



Prayer after Communion

A post-communion prayer may be said, followed by:

All Almighty God, eternal Father,
we have sat at your feet, learned from your word,
and eaten from your table.
We give you thanks and praise
for accepting us into your family.
Send us out with your blessing,
to live and to witness for you in the power of your Spirit,
through Jesus Christ, the firstborn from the dead. Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

<u>Hymn</u>

Blessing

Leader All our problems

All We send to the cross of Christ.

All our difficulties

All We send to the cross of Christ.

All the devil's works

All We send to the cross of Christ.

All our hopes

All We set on the risen Christ.

This or another blessing may be said

Leader Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you

and scatter the darkness from before your path:

and the blessing of God almighty,

the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,

be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

Leader Go out into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

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Worshipping ▶ Loving ▶ Sharing ▶ Growing





