



HOLY COMMUNION (Lent) 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 extend a warm welcome 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 across the road.

THE GATHERING

Leader The Lord be with you
All **and also with you.**

Welcome

Hymn

Notices

Prayer for children who leave for St Peter's Rocks

All **We have come from different places, been on different journeys; but we have all chosen the path to be here today. So let us sing with one heart, and listen to the Scriptures with one longing: to know Christ more deeply and to be his disciples. Amen.**

Child We worship with Christians near and far, old and young; and we leave this Bible with you to remind you of the warmth of God's love, the guiding light of Christ, and the fruit of the Holy Spirit.

The Bible is placed on the Lectern

Child Please pray for us, as we shall pray for you.

All **Lord God, fill our hearts with love and light, that in all we do, we may glorify God's holy name. Amen.**

Confession

Leader The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart God will not despise.
Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion,
and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith.

All **Lord God, we have sinned against you;
we have done what is evil in your sight.
We are sorry and repent.
Have mercy on us according to your love.
Wash away our wrong doing 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.**

Absolution *(The priest proclaims God's forgiveness)*

Leader May Almighty God,
who sent his Son into the world to save sinners,
bring you his pardon and his peace, now and forever.

All **Amen.**

Collect *(Prayer for the day)*

Leader As we gather up our prayers to God let us pray for a return
to the discipline of Lent.

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.**

Hymn

Remain standing for the gospel.



Reader Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory. The Lord is a great God, O that today you would listen to his voice.
Harden not your hearts.

All Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

Reader Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
According to *N*.

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.

Sermon

Creed *(Please stand)*

**All 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 *(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

Peace *(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.

All The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you

You may exchange a sign of peace with your neighbours

Hymn *During the hymn the table is prepared*

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

Preparation of the table

Leader Lord, look on us in mercy not in judgement;
draw us from hatred to love; make the frailty of our praise
a dwelling place for your glory.

All Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer

Leader The Lord is here
All **His Spirit is with us.**

Leader Lift up your hearts.
All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Leader It is indeed right and good
to give you thanks and praise,
almighty God and everlasting Father,
through Jesus Christ your Son.

For in these forty days
you lead us into the desert of repentance
that through a pilgrimage of prayer and discipline
we may grow in grace and learn to be your people once
again.

Through fasting, prayer and acts of service you
bring us back to your generous heart.
Through study of your holy word you open our eyes
to your presence in the world and free our hands
to welcome others into the radiant splendour of your love.

As we prepare to celebrate the Easter feast
with joyful hearts and minds we bless you
for your mercy and join with saints
and angels forever praising you and *saying*:
All **Holy, holy, holy, Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

(Please sit or kneel)

Leader We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you.

He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them 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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence
his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross.
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died

Christ is risen

Christ will come again.

Lord of all life,
help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.
Look with favour on your people,
Gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour
and glory are yours, O loving Father, forever and ever.

Amen.

All



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.**

Breaking of the Bread

Leader 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.**

Agnus Dei

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 your peace.

Prayer of Humble Access *may be said*

All **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.

Invitation to Communion

Leader Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**All Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

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.

Prayer after Communion

Leader Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us both a sacrifice for sin and also an example of godly life: give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive these his inestimable gifts, and also daily endeavour to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**All 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 DISMISSAL

Hymn

Blessing

Leader Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him; and the blessing...

All Amen.

Leader Go in the light and peace of Christ.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

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