

The Parish Church of Saint Mary



*Lord, open our lips,
And our mouth shall declare your praise.
Lord, open our eyes,
And our seeing shall behold your glory.
Lord, open our hearts,
And our feeling shall know your love.
Lord, open our minds,
And our thinking shall discover your wonders.
Lord, open our hands,
And our giving shall show your generosity.
Lord, open our lives,
And our living shall declare your Presence.*

Celebrating Communion

*Please leave this service booklet
in the church when you leave*

The Gathering

Please stand for the
Opening Hymn

In the name of the Father,
And of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you
And also with you

The Welcome

We hold silence together before we pray:

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.

Prayers of Penitence

My brothers and sisters,
we have gathered here today to celebrate
Christ among us in both word and sacrament:
recognising our need of God's love in our lives,
let us call to mind how we have fallen short of
our calling to be God's children:

Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed;
we have not loved you
with our whole heart,
we have not loved
our neighbours as ourselves;
in your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God,
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.

The Gloria

We join in singing:

*Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory to God in the highest.*

Glory to God in the highest
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heav'nly king,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you,
we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Glory to God....

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.

Glory to God ...

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,

Glory to God ...

Today's Collect

The Liturgy of the Word

The first Reading

At the end of the reading:

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church!
Thanks be to God!

The Psalm

*The sung response is to be found on the
hymn sheet*

The Gospel

*A Gospel Acclamation is sung and we join in
singing the Alleluias*

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

The Gospel is announced, after which we sing:

Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end the reader says:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.



The Sermon

Affirming our Faith

We believe in one God
the Father, Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
And of all things visible and invisible:
And in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all
worlds
God of God, Light of Light,
Very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
Being of one substance with the Fa-
ther,
By whom all things were made.
Who for us and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
And was incarnate from the Holy
Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and was made man,
And was crucified also for us under
Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day he rose again
According to the Scriptures;
And ascended into heaven
and sitteth on the right hand of the
Father.
And he shall come again with glory
to judge both the quick and the dead:
Whose kingdom shall have no end.
And we believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceedeth from the Father and
the Son,
who with the Father and the Son to-
gether is worshipped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And we believe one holy catholic
and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the remission of sins.
And we look for the resurrection of
the dead,
and the life of the world to come,
Amen.

The Prayers

These responses may be used:

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

And at the end:

Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

The Peace is introduced and then we say:

The peace of the Lord be always with you
And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn

*During which God's gifts of bread and wine are
offered at the altar*

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation,
through your goodness we have this bread
to offer,
which earth has given and human hands have
made.

It will become for us the Bread of Life
Blessed be God for ever!

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation,
through your goodness we have this wine to
offer,

fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become our spiritual drink.
Blessed be God for ever!

Pray, my brothers and sisters,
that our sacrifice
may be acceptable to God,
the Almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice we
offer,
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good and the good of the whole
Church.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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.

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

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and singing:

**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!**

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.

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.

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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

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 by your Spirit,
inspire us with your love
and unite us in the body of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him and with him and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
with all who stand before you in earth and heav-
en, 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 who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who
trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread to share in the
body of Christ.

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



Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world,
Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world,
Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the
world,
Grant us peace.

The Invitation

This is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Happy 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.**

*You are welcome to come forward to share in
communion or to receive a blessing*

During communion a hymn is sung

After Communion

*Silence is held
The post-communion prayer is said
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.**

News to share

The Sending Out

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

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...

The Final Hymn

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
**In the name of Christ,
Amen**

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