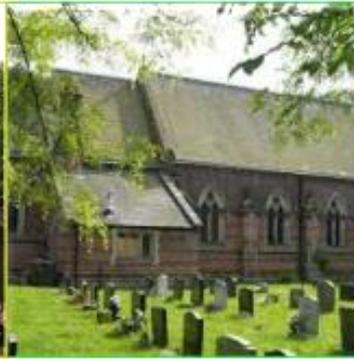




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UNITED BENEFICE
HOLY COMMUNION
AT EASTERTIDE

WELCOME!

A very warm welcome to you from all and to our Church today for this service of Holy Communion.

It is very important to us that everyone should feel comfortable and at home with our worship, and this booklet is designed to help you not just to follow, but to take a full part in the service.

We invite you to join in with the parts printed in bold type, the leader with say the rest. Words in italics are for information and directions.

When we come to share the bread and wine, we are pleased to welcome to the Communion Rail all who would normally receive Communion in any Christian Church. If do not wish to receive Communion you may either remain in your pews or we encourage you to come to the Communion Rail for a blessing, if you bring this booklet with you, we will know you wish to receive a blessing.

Children are welcome, if they get a bit restless or noisy do not worry. We have colouring activities for all children. There are baby change facilities available, please ask one of our Sides people if your need directions

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask any member of the congregation.

We hope you will feel welcome here.

Please join us afterwards for refreshments and conversation.

Welcome (Please stand)

Hymn (please stand)

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

The president greets the people

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
and also with you.

Alleluia. Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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**

Prayers of Penitence

The Summary of the Law

Our Lord Jesus Christ Said:
The first commandment is this:
'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord.
You shall love the Lord you God with all your heart,
with all your soul, with all your mind,
and with all your strength.'
The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'
There is no other commandment greater than these.
On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.
Amen. Lord, have mercy.

Introduction to Confession (An alternative seasonal may be used)

Christ our Passover lamb has been sacrificed for us.
Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil
and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

**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**

The minister says

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. (Please stand)

**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

Readings (please sit)

At the end the reader may say
This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Hymn (please stand)

Gospel Acclamation (please stand)

After a sentence from the Bible we greet the Gospel reading with the following words

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

When the Gospel is announced the reader says

Hear the Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ according to N.

Glory to you, O Lord

At the end the reader says

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

Talk (please sit)

The Creed (please stand)

**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 (Please kneel or sit)

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

And at the end all say

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

The Peace. (An alternative seasonal introduction maybe used).
Please stand.

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said,
“Peace be with you.”
Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.
All may exchange a sign of peace. §

Hymn (please stand).

(During which the gifts of the people are collected)

(One of more prayers at the preparation of the table may be said).

Father, by your Holy Spirit
you keep the Church in unity and truth.
As we break bread together,
may we be one with Christ in faith and hope and love,
now and for ever.
Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer (please stand)

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.

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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.

Short Proper Preface (An alternative seasonal Preface maybe used).

But chiefly are we bound to praise you
because you raised him gloriously from the dead.
For he is the true paschal lamb who was offered for us,
and has taken away the sin of the world.
By his death he has destroyed death,
and by his rising to life again he has restored to us everlasting life.

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

**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.

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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.

Jesus Christ is Lord
**Lord, by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free.
You are the Saviour of the world.**

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.

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Through him, and with him, and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
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, 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.

The president breaks the consecrated 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 one bread.

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

Giving of Communion

The president says the invitation to communion.

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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.

**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.**

The minister and people receive communion.
Authorised words of distribution are used and the communicant
replies
Amen.

Prayer after Communion.
(Please kneel or sit)

**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.**

Hymn (please stand)

The Dismissal (An alternative seasonal blessing maybe used)

The God of peace,
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
that great shepherd of the sheep,
make you perfect in every good work to do his will;
and the blessing ...

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ.

Amen.

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