



CHRIST CHURCH WHEELOCK

FAMILY COMMUNION

A SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION FOR ALL AGES

WELCOME!

A very warm welcome to you from all at Christ Church Wheelock 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 you are not Confirmed and do not normally receive Communion or you 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 also baby change facilities available at the back of church should you need.

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)

The Priest greets the people
The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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** §

Prayer 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.

Invitation to Confession. (please kneel or sit)

My brothers and sisters,
as we prepare to celebrate the presence of Christ
in word and sacrament,
let us call to mind and confess our sins.

Our Father,
we are sorry for the wrong thoughts we have had,
for the wrong words we have said,
for the wrong things we have done.
We admit that we have loved ourselves more than you.
We have loved ourselves more than others.
We ask you to forgive us.
Help us to lead new lives in your strength,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The Priest pronounces the Absolution

The Peruvian Gloria (Please stand)

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Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to the Father
Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to the Father
To Him be glory forever
To Him be glory forever
Alleluia, amen
Alleluia, amen
Alleluia, amen
Alleluia, amen

Glory to God, Glory to God, Son to the Father
Glory to God, Glory to God, Son to the Father
To Him be glory forever
To Him be glory forever
Alleluia, amen
Alleluia, amen
Alleluia, amen
Alleluia, amen

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to the Spirit
Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to the Spirit
To Him be glory forever
To Him be glory forever
Alleluia, amen
Alleluia, amen
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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)

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Gospel Acclamation (please stand)
An acclamation is used to which all respond

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

Sermon (please sit)

Hymn (please stand)

The Creed. (please stand)

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God,
and makes Christ known in the world?

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We believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

**We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

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. (Please stand)

God is love and those who live in love live in God and God lives in them. The peace of the Lord be always with you **and also with you**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace, God's seal on our prayers.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Notices may be given here

Hymn (please stand)

(During which the gifts of the people are collected)

Preparation of the Table

**Generous God,
creator, redeemer, sustainer,
at your table we present this money,
symbol of the work you have given us to do;
us it, use us,
in the service of your world
to the glory of you name.
Amen**

With this bread that we bring
we shall remember Jesus.

With this wine that we bring
we shall remember Jesus.

Bread for his body,
wine for his blood,
gifts from God to his table we bring.
we shall remember Jesus.

The Eucharistic Prayer (please stand)

The Lord is here.
His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.
We life them to the Lord.

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

Almighty God, good Father to us all,
your face is turned towards your world.
In love you gave us Jesus your Son
to rescue us from sin and death.
Your Word goes out to call us home to the city where angels sing
your praise.
We join with them in heaven's song:

Holy, holy, holy Lord
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of you glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

(Please sit)

Father of all, we give you thanks for every gift that comes from
heaven.

To the darkness Jesus came as your light.
With sings of faith and words of hope
he touched untouchables with love and washed the guilty clean.

This is his story.
This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.

The crowds came out to see your Son, yet at the end they turned on
him.
On the night he was betrayed
he came to table with friends to celebrate the freedom of your people.

This is his story.

**This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food;
he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said:
This is my body, given for you all.
Do this in remembrance of me. *(bells)*

Jesus then gave thanks for the wine;
he took the cup, gave it and said:
This is my blood, shed for you all for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this in remembrance of me. *(bells)*

This is our story.

**This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup
we celebrate the cross
on which he died to set us free. §
Defying death he rose again
and is alive with you to plead for us and all the world.

This is our story.

**This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

Send your Spirit on us now
that by these gifts we may feed on Christ with opened eyes and
hearts on fire.

May we and all who share this food
offer ourselves to live for you
and be welcomed at your feast in heaven where all creation
worships you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**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 it is 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 forever.
Amen.**

The Priest breaks the consecrated bread.

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ

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**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 Priest says the invitation to communion.

God's holy gifts
for God's holy people
**Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

The Priest 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)

Blessing

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

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
And the love of God,
And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
Be with us all evermore.
Amen**

