

## ST JOHN'S CHURCH - HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you.**

*Words of welcome are spoken*

### *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*

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,  
firmly resolved to keep God's commandments  
and to live in love and peace with all.

**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.**

May God who loved the world so much  
that he sent his Son to be our Saviour  
forgive you your sins and make you holy  
to serve him in the world,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

*[stand]* **Gloria in Excelsis**

**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.****

*[remain standing]* **The Collect**

Let us pray  
*The priest reads this week's Collect*  
**Amen**

**[sit] Reading[s]**

*At the end the reader says;*  
This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God**

**[stand] Gospel Reading**

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

. . .

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the end;*  
This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**[sit] Sermon**

**[stand] The Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen**

## **Prayers of Intercession**

*Sit or kneel for the prayers*

### **[stand] The Peace**

*The priest introduces the Peace with suitable words, and then says;*

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

*Please remain in your place.*

*The table is prepared and bread and wine placed on it.*

*The priest gives thanks for the offering.*

### **[stand] The Eucharistic Prayer**

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.**

*The priest praises God for his mighty acts and all respond;*

**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.**

*The priest recalls the Last Supper, and says;*

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

*The priest continues the Eucharistic Prayer and invites all to say the Lord's Prayer*

**[sit] The Lord's Prayer**

**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**

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.**

## **The Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)**

**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.**

## **Giving of Communion**

*Communion is distributed in one kind only.  
Please remain in your place and the priest will come to  
you.*

## **Prayer After Communion**

*The priest prays the post communion prayer and all join  
together in the words;*

**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 Blessing**

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 almighty, the Father, the Son, and  
the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

## ***Dismissal***

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

We are delighted that you are here to worship with us today.

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