



ST JOHN & ST LUKE



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Order of Service for
Holy Communion
throughout the year

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The Celebration of Holy Communion throughout the year
also called

The Eucharist

Hymn

We start our service by praising God.

Gathering

In the following words, we set aside this time as holy and special.

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 congregation is welcomed to the service.

Confession

We say sorry to God for those times when we haven't loved ourselves, each other, or him in the way that he calls us to. We do so, confident of the forgiveness he always gives.

**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.**

or

In the wilderness we find your grace; you love us with an everlasting love.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

There is none but you to uphold our cause; our sin cries out and our guilt is great.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Heal us, O Lord, and we shall be healed; restore us and we shall know your joy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

God's forgiveness is declared to us.

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

Filled with the joy of knowing that our sins are forgiven, we sing a song of God's glory.

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

This is a prayer which 'collects' our thoughts together, inspired either by the readings or the theme for the service.

Reading(s)

We listen to one or more readings from the Bible, which can be found on a separate sheet.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn

The Gospel

We stand for a reading from one of the four Gospels, the books of the Bible which record Jesus' life and ministry.

Alleluia, alleluia.

A short sentence of scripture is read.

Alleluia.

The Lord be with you

and also with you.

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel is read in the midst of the people, which reminds us that Jesus and his words belong in, and to, the whole world.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

We listen to words of encouragement and guidance, reflecting on our readings, our journey of faith, or current events in the world.

The Creed

We declare the fundamental beliefs of the Christian faith, using either the ancient words below, or a simpler form following.

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.**

or

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

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

The Intercessions

We offer prayers for the world, one another, and ourselves. We will often use the following response between prayers:

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

At the end of our prayers, we say:

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

The Peace

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*We exchange an expression of peace with those around us, to remind us that we
are all united by God's love.*

Offertory Hymn

*During which a collection is taken to support the work of this church and churches in
the poorest parts of London.*

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.

*The prayer thanks God for the wonderful things he has done throughout
history.*

**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.**

*We remember the Last Supper and the Holy Spirit is called upon to change the bread and
wine so that they become for us Christ's body and blood.*

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

*We ask God to strengthen us to work for the good of the world, and then give glory to
God.*

... all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,
forever and ever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**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 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.**

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

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.

All who are baptized and would normally receive Communion in their own churches are most welcome to do so here today.

Those who do not usually receive Communion are warmly invited to come forward to receive a blessing; please bow your head when you reach the front of the queue if this is what you wish.

Communion Hymn

Prayer after Communion.

**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.**

Notices

The Dismissal

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

Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Hymn

If the service includes a parade by our uniformed organisations, then we end by singing the National Anthem.

Our service is ended.