

## **An All Age Service of Holy Communion**

Welcome to our service of Holy Communion, designed for all ages to worship together. People of all ages from our church family will lead our worship today (in a socially distanced way!)

We have come together to worship God, who made the whole world and all that it is in it. God is both our loving Father and a mighty being.

As you wait for the service to start you may like to pray quietly or to think about the past week and the one to come. These prayers may help you prepare for worship.

As we approach, you invite us to come closer;  
as we draw near, you welcome us;  
in your welcome we find peace.  
Thank you, loving Father. Amen.

Loving God, we have come to worship you.  
Help us to pray to you in faith,  
to sing your praise with gratitude,  
and to listen to your word with eagerness;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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*We greet each other*

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.**

**Hymn**        *we listen to a hymn*

**Saying sorry**    *We are invited to confess our sins*

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.

*We sit down*

God our Father,  
we come to you in sorrow for our sins.  
For turning away from you,  
and ignoring your will for our lives;  
Father, forgive us:  
**save us and help us.**

For behaving just as we wish,  
without thinking of you;  
Father, forgive us:  
**save us and help us.**

For failing you by what we do,  
and think and say;  
Father, forgive us:  
**save us and help us.**

For letting ourselves be drawn away from you  
by temptations in the world about us;  
Father, forgive us:  
**save us and help us.**

For living as if we were ashamed  
to belong to your Son;  
Father, forgive us:  
**save us and help us.**

*We hear God's words of forgiveness*

May the God of love and power  
forgive you and free you from your sins,  
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,  
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**The Gloria**     *We Listen to the Taize Gloria:*

Gloria Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria Gloria alleluia alleluia

**The Collect**

*A period of silent prayer is introduced with the words 'Let us pray' and then the special prayer for the day is said, and at the end we say **Amen.***

**The Gospel reading**

*The Gospel reading is announced. We usually stay standing*  
Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the end we say:*

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

**Hymn**             *we listen to a hymn*

**Talk**

**The Creed**     *We are invited to affirm our faith*

Let us declare our faith in God.

**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.**

**Prayers of Intercession**

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 Peace**             *We 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.

*All may exchange a sign of peace, without touching or leaving our place.*

*The altar is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it. We listen to music.*

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

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.**

It is right to praise you, Father,  
Lord of all creation;  
in your love you made us for yourself.  
When we turned away  
you did not reject us,  
but came to meet us in your Son.  
**You embraced us as your children  
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life  
that we might live in him and he in us.  
**He opened his arms of love upon the cross  
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**  
On the night he was betrayed,  
at supper with his friends  
he took bread, and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to them, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body  
which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me  
**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:  
his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,  
he gave you thanks, and said:  
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood  
of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you  
for the forgiveness of sins;  
do this in remembrance of me.  
**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:  
his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death  
and celebrate his rising in glory,  
send your Holy Spirit  
that this bread and this wine  
may be to us the body and blood  
of your dear Son.  
**As we eat and drink these holy gifts  
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church  
throughout the world  
we offer you this sacrifice of praise  
and lift our voice to join  
the eternal song of heaven:  
**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**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 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.**

*The president breaks the consecrated bread, saying*

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 Body of Christ, broken for you. **Amen.**

**Prayer after Communion**     *We keep silence. Then we say*

**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 Dismissal**     *The President blesses us, ending with..*

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

**Hymn**     *we listen to a hymn*

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