



St Edward the Confessor Church
Dringhouses, York



All Age Communion
Eucharistic Prayer H

Welcome to St Edward's Church for our All Age Communion Service.

Depending on which church you are in, you might hear the service that we about to take part in being referred to as the Lord's Supper, the Eucharist, Holy Communion or the Mass. Each of these names gives a picture of what this service is about.

In calling it the Lord's Supper, we are reminded that the Person who invites us to share bread and wine, and who meets with each one of us as we do so, is none other than Jesus Himself. It is the presence of Jesus that we are sharing together.

The word Eucharist comes from a word meaning 'thanksgiving' and celebration, reminding us that although sharing bread and wine together is a profound occasion, it is one that invites us into an act of celebration and gratitude for what God has done for us.

Calling it Communion reminds us that we are not doing this alone, but that this sharing in bread and wine is a way in which we are able to deepen our relationship with God and with the rest of His family. We are not following God on our own, but with others whom we are called to love and support and who in turn will grow in their support and love of us.

And finally, the Mass. The word Mass comes from a word meaning 'dismissal' or sending out, reminding us that Jesus didn't just tell us to do this in remembrance of Him, but rather as food that will feed us as we go about the work of Jesus. If bread and wine are food for the journey, then we need to make sure that we are actually on the move.

Whatever you prefer to call the service, you are welcome; and we pray that as we worship together we will each be reassured of the presence of God with us, and that we will leave knowing that we have met with the Living God made visible in the person of Jesus Christ.

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*Everyone joins in the parts that are in **bold print***

Notices and opening **HYMN**.

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

**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.**



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

Lord Jesus, you wept over the sins of your city.
On our city: Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you heal the wounds of sin and division,
jealousy and bitterness.

On us: Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you bring pardon and peace to the sinner.

Grant us peace: Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

The Minister declares God's forgiveness.

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy on *you*,
pardon and deliver *you* from all *your* sins,
confirm and strengthen *you* in all goodness,
and keep *you* in eternal life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

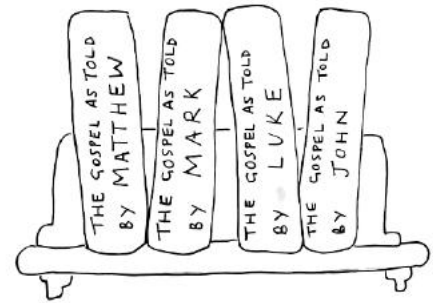
The Minister prays the special prayer of the day- The Collect

Bible reading

At the end the reader says:

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God



HYMN

Please remain standing

Gospel

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 readers says:

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you O Christ

SERMON

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Let us declare our faith in God.

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and 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.**

THE PRAYERS

which may include this response

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

The Minister introduces the Peace and says:

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

HYMN

Taking of the bread and wine

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 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.

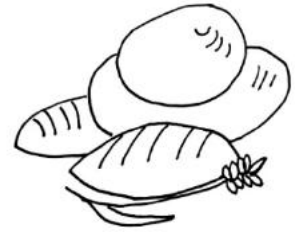
It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;
in your love you made us for yourself.

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.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
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.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,

now and forever. Amen.



We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

Though we are many, we are one body,

because we all share in the 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.**

OR

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the
world,
have mercy on us.**

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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.

The body of Christ keep you in eternal life.

The blood of Christ keep you in eternal life.

Amen.

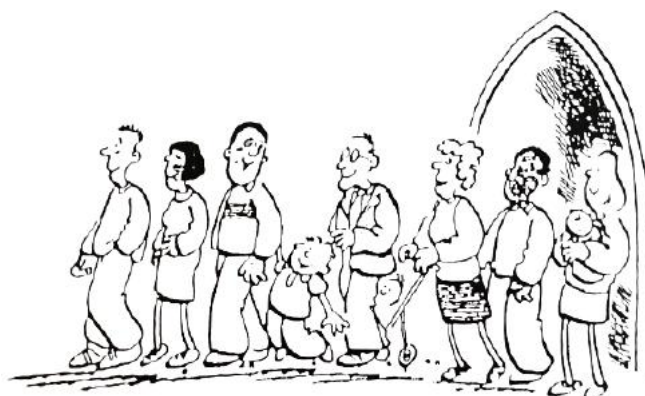
Communion is administered at the front of the church. You will be guided by the sidespeople.

If you are visiting and you would normally receive communion in your home church, you are welcome to do so here.

If you require a gluten-free wafer, please indicate to the person administering.

If you do not wish to receive Communion you are welcome to come forward to the altar step for a blessing. Please hold this service booklet in your hands as an indication to the ministers.

You are also welcome to remain in your seat and take time to pray or join in with the Communion Hymns that will be displayed on the screens in Church.



The 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.**

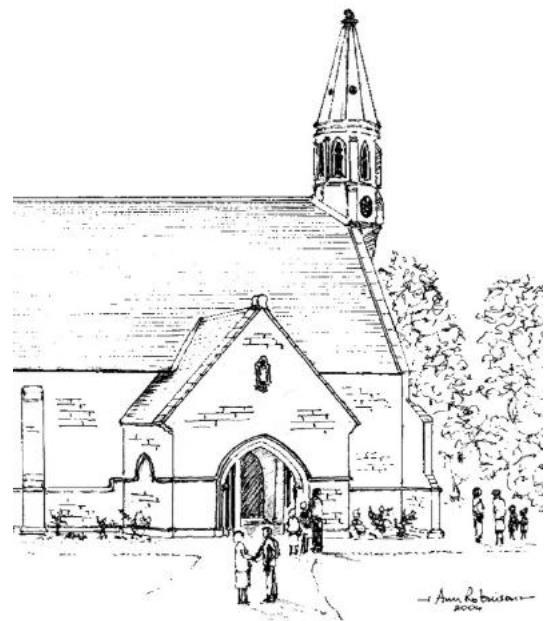
The Blessing

HYMN

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

Amen

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Having met with the Living God and with the rest of the Christian family in this service, let's go to live our faith in a world that desperately needs to know the reality of Jesus!

You may find these prayers helpful as you journey through this week:

Lord, you are ever watchful
and bless us with your gifts;
as you provide for all our needs,
so help us to build only what pleases you,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you
for all the benefits that you have won for us,
for all the pains and insults
that you have borne for us.
Most merciful redeemer,
friend and brother,
may we know you more clearly,
love you more dearly,
and follow you more nearly,
day by day.
Amen.



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