



St Edward the Confessor Church
Dringhouses, York



Holy Communion
Book of Common Prayer
(Said)

Welcome to St Edward's Church for our service of Holy Communion according to the Book of Common Prayer.

This is an ancient and much loved liturgy that has been used for nearly four centuries in the Church of England. Some of the language may seem unfamiliar, but do let the poetry wash over you and draw you into that closer presence of Jesus.

The service that we are about to take part in can be 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.

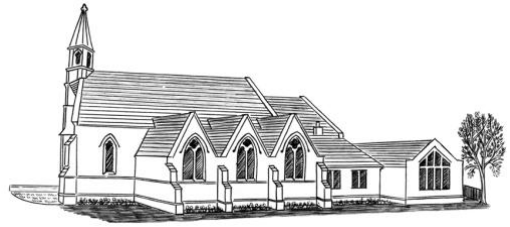
The word **Eucharist** comes from a word meaning 'thanksgiving' and celebration, reminding us that although sharing bread and wine together is a profound occasion, it is one that invites us into an act of celebration and gratitude for what God has done for us.

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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Before the service a minister may welcome the congregation and make any necessary announcements.

We kneel (or sit)

The Lord's Prayer, *said by the priest alone*

Our Father, which art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive them that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Prayer of Preparation

Almighty God,
unto whom all hearts be open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hid:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love thee,
and worthily magnify thy holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Summary of the Law

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:

Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord;
and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy
heart,

and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind,
and with all thy strength.

This is the first commandment.

And the second is like, namely this:

Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

There is none other commandment greater than
these.

On these two commandments hang all the law
and the prophets.

**Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these
thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.**

The Collect for the Sovereign

Almighty God, whose kingdom is everlasting, and
power infinite: have mercy upon the whole Church;
and so rule the heart of thy chosen servant *Charles,*
our King and Governor, that he (knowing whose
minister he is) may above all things seek thy honour
and glory: and that we and all his subjects (duly
considering whose authority he hath) may faithfully
serve, honour and humbly obey him, in thee, and for
thee, according to thy blessed word and ordinance;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and
the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth, ever one God,
world without end.

Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Epistle

We sit

The reader says

The Epistle is written in the ... chapter of ...
beginning at the ... verse.

At the end the reader says

Here endeth the Epistle.

Gospel

We stand

The reader says

The holy Gospel is written in the ... chapter of the
Gospel according to Saint ..., beginning at the ...
verse.

We all respond

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

At the end we respond

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Sermon

The Nicene Creed

We stand

I believe in one God the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible:

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin
Mary,
and was made man,
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried,
and the third day he rose again
according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father.
And he shall come again with glory
to judge both the quick and the dead:
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together
is worshipped and glorified,
who spake by the prophets.

**And I believe one catholic and apostolic Church.
I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of
sins.**

**And I look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.**

Amen.

Offertory

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see
your good works, and glorify your Father which is in
heaven.

*The gifts of the people may be gathered and presented.
The priest places the bread and wine upon the table.*

Intercessions

We kneel (or sit)

Brief biddings may be given.

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church
militant here in earth.

Almighty and ever-living God, who by thy holy
apostle hast taught us to make prayers and
supplications, and to give thanks, for all men: we
humbly beseech thee most mercifully [to accept our
alms and oblations, and] to receive these our prayers,
which we offer unto thy divine majesty; beseeching
thee to inspire continually the universal Church with
the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: and grant, that
all they that do confess thy holy name may agree in
the truth of thy holy word, and live in unity and
godly love.

We beseech thee also to save and defend all Christian kings, princes and governors; and specially thy servant *Charles our King*, that under *him* we may be godly and quietly governed: and grant unto *his* whole Council, and to all that are put in authority under *him*, that they may truly and impartially minister justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of thy true religion and virtue.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops, priests and deacons, that they may both by their life and doctrine set forth thy true and lively word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy sacraments: and to all thy people give thy heavenly grace; and specially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

And we most humbly beseech thee of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all them, who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless thy holy name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear; beseeching thee to give us grace so to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only mediator and advocate.

Amen.

Invitation to Confession

Ye that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: draw near with faith, and take this holy sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to almighty God, meekly kneeling upon your knees.

Confession

**Almighty God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
maker of all things, judge of all men:
we acknowledge and bewail
our manifold sins and wickedness,
which we, from time to time,
most grievously have committed,
by thought, word and deed,
against thy divine majesty,
provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation
against us.**

**We do earnestly repent,
and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;
the remembrance of them is grievous unto us;
the burden of them is intolerable.**

**Have mercy upon us,
have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may ever hereafter
serve and please thee in newness of life,
to the honour and glory of thy name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Absolution

The priest says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of
sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true
faith turn unto him:
have mercy upon you;
pardon and deliver you from all your sins;
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness;
and bring you to everlasting life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Comfortable Words

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ
saith unto all that truly turn to him:

Come unto me, all that travail and are heavy laden,
and I will refresh you.

Matthew 11.28

So God loved the world, that he gave his only-
begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him
should not perish, but have everlasting life.

John 3.16

Hear what Saint Paul saith: This is a true saying, and
worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus
came into the world to save sinners.

1 Timothy 1.15

Hear what Saint John saith: If any man sin, we have
an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the
righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins.

1 John 2.1,2

Preface

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

It is meet and right so to do.

The priest says

It is very meet, right and our bounden duty,
that we should at all times, and in all places,
give thanks unto thee,
O Lord, holy Father,
almighty, everlasting God.

A Proper Preface may follow

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we laud and magnify thy glorious name,
evermore praising thee, and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.
Amen.**

Prayer of Humble Access

We do not presume
to come to this thy table, O merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in thy manifold and great mercies.
We are not worthy
so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy table.
But thou art the same Lord,
whose property is always to have mercy:
grant us therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ,
and to drink his blood,
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body,
and our souls washed through his most precious
blood,
and that we may evermore dwell in him,
and he in us.
Amen.

The Prayer of Consecration

The priest says the Prayer of Consecration

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy
tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ
to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption;
who made there (by his one oblation of himself once
offered) a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice,
oblation and satisfaction for the sins of the whole
world; and did institute, and in his holy gospel
command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that
his precious death, until his coming again:

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood:

who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread;

Here the priest is to take the paten.

and, when he had given thanks, he brake it,

Here the priest shall break the bread.

and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat;

Here the priest is to lay a hand on all the bread.

this is my body which is given for you:
do this in remembrance of me.

Likewise after supper he took the cup;

Here the priest is to take the cup.

and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them,
saying,

Drink ye all of this;

Here the priest is to lay a hand on every vessel in which there is wine to be consecrated.

for this is my blood of the new testament,
which is shed for you and for many,
for the remission of sins:
do this, as oft as ye shall drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Amen.

Giving of Communion

The priest and any assistants receive communion first. While this is taking place, please move forward to the communion rail.

The following words are said to those receiving communion

The body of our Lord Jesus Christ,
which was given for thee,
preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life.
Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died
for thee, and feed on him in thy heart by faith with
thanksgiving.

The blood of our Lord Jesus Christ,
which was shed for thee,
preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life.
Drink this in remembrance that Christ's blood was
shed for thee, and be thankful.

The Lord's Prayer

We kneel (or sit)

**Our Father, which art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done,
in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive them that 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.**

Prayer after Communion

The priest says either of the following prayers

O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy humble servants entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion. And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy and lively sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee, that all we, who are partakers of this holy communion, may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction. And although we be unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service; not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father almighty, world without end.

Amen.

or

Almighty and ever-living God, we most heartily thank thee, for that thou dost vouchsafe to feed us, who have duly received these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious body and blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom, by the merits of the most precious death and passion of thy dear Son. And we most humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end.
Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

*Except during the seasons of Lent and Advent, we **stand** to say*

**Glory be to God on high,
and in earth peace, good will towards men.**

**We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee, we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King,
God the Father almighty.**

**O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesu Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.**

**Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.**

**Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.**

**Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the
Father,
have mercy upon us.**

**For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ,
with the Holy Ghost,
art most high
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

The Blessing

We remain standing (kneeling, or seated, during Lent and Advent) as the priest says

The peace of God, which passeth 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 Ghost, be amongst you and
remain with you always.

Amen.

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Like Christians down the centuries, 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 me know you more clearly,
love you more dearly,
and follow you more nearly,
day by day.
Amen.



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