



St Edward the Confessor Church
Dringhouses, York



Holy Communion
Eucharistic Prayer A

Welcome to St Edward's Church for our service of Holy Communion.

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.

Holy Communion (A)

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

WE GATHER OPENING HYMN

The Greeting

The Lord be with you;
and also with you.

from Easter Day to Pentecost this acclamation follows

Alleluia, Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed, Alleluia.

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

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: The first commandment is this:
'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord.
You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength'.
The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself'.
There is no other commandment greater than these.
On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

A minister uses these or other suitable words to introduce the confession

God so loved the world
that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ
to save us from our sins,
to be our advocate in heaven,
and to bring us to eternal life.
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.

**Father, we have sinned against heaven and against you.
We are not worthy to be called your children.
We turn to you again.
Have mercy on us,
bring us back to yourself
as those who were once dead
but now have life through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

This prayer may be used

Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Absolution

The minister says this, or an alternative prayer of absolution

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.

The Gloria

**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 *The collect is said and all respond **Amen.***

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

The Reading

At the end of the reading the reader says:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN

The Gospel *(standing) when announced*

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end the reader says:

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

The Creed

**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.

WE PRAY

Prayers of Intercession

These responses may be used

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

(or)

Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.

and at the end

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

WE CELEBRATE COMMUNION

The Peace

The minister may introduce the Peace with a suitable sentence, and then says

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

These words may be added

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

HYMN

Preparation of the Table

**Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,
the glory, the splendour, and the majesty;
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.
All things come from you,
and of your own do we give you.**

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 indeed right,
it is our duty and our joy,
at all times and in all places
to give you thanks and praise,
holy Father, heavenly King,
almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

For he is your living Word;
through him you have created all things from the beginning,
and formed us in your own image.

To you be glory and praise for ever.

Through him you have freed us from the slavery of sin,
giving him to be born of a woman and to die upon the cross;
you raised him from the dead
and exalted him to your right hand on high.

To you be glory and praise for ever.

Through him you have sent upon us
your holy and life-giving Spirit,
and made us a people for your own possession.

To you be glory and praise for ever.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and *saying*:

**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.

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and as we follow his example and obey his command,
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us his body and his blood;
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Therefore, heavenly Father,
we remember his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross;
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;
we look for the coming of your kingdom,
and with this bread and this cup
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen;
Christ will come again.**

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts
in the presence of your divine majesty,
renew us by your Spirit,
inspire us with your love
and unite us in the body of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty,
in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever.**

Amen.

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.

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.

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.
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.

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 intend 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.

Prayer after Communion

**Father of all,
we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off you met us in your Son
and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

WE DEPART WITH GOD'S BLESSING

This or another suitable blessing is used

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.
Amen.

HYMN

Dismissal

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

This Service Booklet was donated to the Church in loving memory of
Joy Wilson 1930-2016.

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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