

Good Shepherd with St. Peter's



A Service of Holy Communion Inspired by Black History Month

The words for this service are inspired by **Black History Month**.

All the words you need for this service are in this booklet. Please join in the parts in bold. The service leader will invite you to stand and sit.

Welcome

The service begins with a welcome from the service leader

Opening Greeting

The world belongs to God,
The earth and all its people.

How good it is, how wonderful,
To live together in unity.

Love and faith come together,
Justice and peace join hands.

If Christ's disciples keep silent
These stones would shout aloud.

Open our lips, O God,
And our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

An opening hymn is sung

Prayer of Preparation

**Faithful one,
whose word is life:
come with saving power
to free our praise,**

**inspire our prayer,
and shape our lives;
for the kingdom of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Confession

Human sin disfigures the whole creation, which groans with eager longing for God's redemption. So we confess our sin in penitence and faith.

You made us to be one family,
yet we have divided humanity.
Lord have mercy.
Lord have mercy.

You were born a Jew to reconcile all people, yet we have brought disharmony among different ethnic groups.
Christ have mercy.
Christ have mercy.

You rejoice in our differences,
yet we make them a cause of hatred and hostility.
Lord have mercy.
Lord have mercy.

May the God of love and power forgive us and free us from our sins,
heal and strengthen us by his Spirit,

and raise us to new life
in Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

*The words of the Gloria may be said
or sung.*

**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 (prayer for the day) is
usually said here.*

*The children leave the service at
this point to go to their own
activities. The service leader will tell
people where to go.*

Bible Readings

At the end the reader will say:

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

A hymn is usually sung here

Gospel Reading

*When the Gospel reading is
announced the reader will say:*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord
Jesus Christ according to N.
Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end the reader will say:

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

Sermon

*After the sermon there may be
opportunity for quiet reflection.*

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.

Prayers of Intercession

*At the end of the prayers, please
join in with these words:*

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

The Peace

We are all one in Christ Jesus.
We belong to him through faith,
heirs of the promise of the Spirit
of peace.

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

We greet one another, and offer one another a sign of peace.

A hymn is sung here.

The children return to the service at this point.

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.

Please sit

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For though the human race is divided by dissention and discord,

Christ calls us in his death and resurrection to embody hearts of change, and his work of reconciliation. By your Spirit you give courage to overcome fears and to seek the unity of all.

By the working of your power, hatred is overcome by love, revenge gives way to forgiveness, and division is transformed by mutual respect and humility.

Therefore, we give you ceaseless thanks,

and join with choirs of angels and with all the heavenly host, to proclaim your glory in their unending song of praise:

**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 praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.
When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:
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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross.
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Jesus Christ is Lord:
Lord, by your cross and resurrection you have set us free. You are the Saviour of the world.

Lord of all life,
help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy

will be seen in all the earth.
Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms and bring us with all the saints to feast at your table in heaven.
Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours,
O loving Father,
for ever and ever.
Amen.

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.**

The following response may be sung:

**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.**

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 shared. You will be
invited to come forward to receive.
If you would prefer to receive a
blessing please keep your hands
lowered.*

Prayer after Communion

Blessed God,
help us, whom you have fed and
satisfied in this Eucharist,
to hunger and thirst
for what is right;
help us, who here have rejoiced
and been glad,
to stand with those who are
persecuted and reviled;
help us, who here have glimpsed
the life of heaven,
to strive for the cause of right
and for the coming of the
kingdom of Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns,
now and for ever.

Amen.

News and notices are shared

*We send out our notices by email
on a weekly basis. If you want to
keep in touch with what's
happening, you can sign up here:*

www.goodpeter.org.uk/whats-on

A final hymn will be sung

Blessing

Go forth into the world in peace;
be of good courage;
hold fast that which is good;
render to no one evil for evil;
strengthen the faint hearted;
support the weak;
help the afflicted;
honour everyone;
love and serve the Lord,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy
Spirit;
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.

*You're warmly invited to stay for tea
and coffee after the service*

Responding to Racism

On our website there
are some resources to
help people think
through how we can
respond to racism.
You can find them here:

[www.goodpeter.org.uk/
responding-to-racism](http://www.goodpeter.org.uk/responding-to-racism)