



A service of Holy Communion
for the season of Lent

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

The Greeting

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and of great kindness.

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

An opening hymn is sung here

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.**

Confession

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.

May the Father forgive us by the death of his Son and strengthen us to live in the power of the Spirit all our days.

Amen.

The collect (prayer for the day) is usually said here.

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

Bible Reading

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 time for quiet reflection.

Creed

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

Though he was divine, he did not cling to equality with God, but made himself nothing.

Taking the form of a slave, he was born in human likeness.

He humbled himself and was obedient to death, even the death of the cross.

Therefore God has raised him on high, and given him the name above every name:

that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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

This is love,
not that we loved God,
but that he loved us.

If God loves us so much
let us love one another.

If we love one another
God lives in us.

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 usually sung here. During
this hymn an offering is taken for
those who wish to give to the work
of the church.*

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.**

Almighty God,
good Father to us all,
your face is turned towards your
world. In love you gave us Jesus
your Son to rescue us from sin
and death.

Your Word goes out to call us
home to the city where angels
sing your praise. We join with
them in heaven's song:

**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.**

Father of all, we give you thanks
for every gift that comes from
heaven.

To the darkness Jesus came as your light. With signs of faith and words of hope he touched untouchables with love and washed the guilty clean.

This is his story.

**This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

The crowds came out to see your Son, yet at the end they turned on him.

On the night he was betrayed he came to table with his friends to celebrate the freedom of your people.

This is his story.

**This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food; he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said: This is my body, given for you all.

Jesus then gave thanks for the wine; he took the cup, gave it and said: This is my blood, shed for you all for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me.

This is his story.

**This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup we celebrate the Cross on which he died to set us free.

Defying death he rose again and is alive with you to plead for us and all the world.

This is our story.

**This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

Send your Spirit on us now that by these gifts we may feed on Christ with opened eyes and hearts on fire.

May we and all who share this food offer ourselves to live for you and be welcomed at your feast in heaven where all creation worships you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours 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

Every time we eat this bread
and drink this cup
**we proclaim the Lord's death
until he comes.**

Jesus is the Lamb of God who
takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called
to his supper.

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.**

Prayer of Humble Access

**We do not presume
to come to this your table,
merciful Lord,
trusting in our own
righteousness, but in your
manifold and great mercies.
We are not worthy
so much as to gather up the
crumbs under your table.
But you are the same Lord
whose nature is always to
have mercy.
Grant us therefore,
gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of your
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.**

*Communion is shared. You will be
invited to come forward to receive.*

Prayer after communion

**God of our pilgrimage,
you have fed us with the
bread of heaven.
Refresh and sustain us as we
go forward on our journey,
in the name of Jesus Christ
our Lord.
Amen**

*News and notices are shared
A final hymn will be sung*

Blessing

Christ give you grace
to grow in holiness,
to deny yourselves,
take up your cross,
and follow him;
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*

*If you'd like to support the church
by making a financial gift, we have
a collection plate at the back for
cash and contactless giving.*

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to the church on a regular basis
here: www.goodpeter.org.uk/giving*

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