

Good Shepherd with St. Peter's



A Service of Holy Communion
for use in 'Ordinary Time'

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.

You can find out more about our church here: www.goodpeter.org.uk

Welcome

The service begins with a welcome from the service leader

The Greeting

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ
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

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.

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.

**Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus
Christ, we confess that we
have sinned in thought,
word and deed.
We have not loved you with
our whole heart.**

We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

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.

Gloria in Excelsis

The words of the Gloria may be said or sung. An alternative version of the Gloria may be used on occasion.

**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 may leave the service at this point to go to their own activities. The service leader will tell people where to go. Children are also very welcome to remain in the service, or to use the crèche space in the adjacent room when accompanied by an adult.

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

'Where two or three are gathered together in my name,' says the Lord, 'there am I in the midst of them.'

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 in a way that feels comfortable for each of us.

A hymn is usually sung here.

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

Father, we give you thanks and praise through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word, through whom you have created all things;
who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh; as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin, he lived on earth and went about among us;
he opened wide his arms for us on the cross;
he put an end to death by dying for us; and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life; so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

On occasion some additional words may be inserted here

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.**

Lord, you are holy indeed,
the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your
Holy Spirit, and according to your
holy will, these gifts of bread and
wine may be to us the body and
blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

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

And so, Father, calling to mind
his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once
for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty
resurrection and glorious
ascension, and looking for his
coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of
our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice
of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread
and this cup and we thank you
for counting us worthy to stand
in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your
people and gather into one in
your kingdom all who share this
one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of all
the saints, may praise and glorify
you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in
whom, in the unity of the Holy
Spirit, all honour and glory be
yours, almighty 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.

Holy Communion is shared.

*The children may return to the
service at this point.*

*You will be invited to come forward
to receive communion. Feel free to
kneel or stand. If you would prefer
to receive a blessing please keep
your hands lowered.*

*Once a month there is an
opportunity to receive prayer during
communion. This is open to all.*

*Children who have done our short
preparation course are also
welcome to receive communion.*

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.**

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

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.

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.*

*You can also find out about giving
to the church on a regular basis
here: www.goodpeter.org.uk/giving*

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