Parish Communion

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

We stand to sing. The words are in your hymn book: hymn numbers are in the notice sheet.

THE GREETING

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

In the season of Easter, we add:
Alleluia, Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed, alleluia!

Some informal words of welcome are said.

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

We remain standing as we are invited to confess our sins which we do using the words below.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,
forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you
in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

We may also say or sing these words: when we sing, we use each prayer three times.

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

ABSOLUTION

The priest pronounces the absolution, acknowledging and affirming the reality that God forgives us and welcomes us back to him, however far wrong we have gone, and all respond:

Amen.

GLORIA

In Lent and Advent we omit the Gloria; at other times we sing it one of these forms:

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.

Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to the Father.
Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to the Father.

To God be glory forever.
To God be glory forever.
Alleluia, amen.
Alleluia, amen.
Alleluia, amen.
Alleluia, amen.

Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to Christ Jesus.
Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to Christ Jesus.

To God be glory forever.
To God be glory forever.

Alleluia, amen.
Alleluia, amen.
Alleluia, amen.
Alleluia, amen.

Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to the Spirit.
Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to the Spirit.

To God be glory forever.
To God be glory forever.

Alleluia, amen.
Alleluia, amen.
Alleluia, amen.
Alleluia, amen.

THE COLLECT (PRAYER OF THE WEEK)

We pray together in the words of the collect (prayer for the week): the words are at the bottom of the first page of the notice sheet.

BIBLE READINGS AND PSALM

We sit. We hear either one or two readings from the Bible, and we may say or sing a psalm together (the texts are in the notice sheet). After each reading we say:

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

GRADUAL HYMN

We stand. As we sing, the gospel book is carried into the body of the church; we turn toward it. Sometimes we may omit the hymn and simply sing the alleluias, as below.

THE GOSPEL

The reader says or sings the alleluias,and some verses of scripture, to which all respond:

Alleluia.

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

After the gospel:

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

The alleluias may be sung again as the gospel book is carried back to the altar.

THE GOSPEL IN LENT

The reader says or sings:

Praise to you, O Christ,
King of eternal glory.

and then pronounces some verses of scripture, to which all respond:

Praise to you, O Christ,
King of eternal glory.

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

After the gospel:

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

SERMON

Please remain standing until the preacher has led us in prayer.
The sermon may be followed by a time of silence.

We stand.

**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

We kneel or sit. Either of these responses may be used:

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.

At the end:

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

THE PEACE

At most times of the year we stand for the introduction of the peace, concluding:

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

THE PEACE AT EASTER

In the season of Easter we stand for the introduction of the peace, concluding:

Alleluia.
The peace of the risen Christ
be always with you
and also with you. Alleluia.

In every season we are invited to offer those around us a friendly greeting.

OFFERTORY HYMN

We stand.

During the hymn a collection is taken to support the work of the church. You can also give via the contactless machine, or online. If you think of yourself as a member of this church, please also consider joining the Parish Giving Scheme, which is the backbone of the regular funding of the Church. But please know that all are welcome here whether they can give money or not. The greatest gift you give is your prayerful and worshipping presence.

Scan the QR code for different ways to give:

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Some introductory prayers may be said; we then say together:

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.

This opening dialogue is either said or sung:

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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.

The priest praises God for his mighty acts and we sing:

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 kneel. The priest recalls the last supper. Bells are rung when the bread and wine are lifted up. At the end we say or sing:

Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.

The prayer continues, and may conclude in either of these forms:

… in songs of everlasting praise:
Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.

… 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.

Or simply:

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

We stand to pray together:

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.

AGNUS DEI

We sing or say either of these:

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.

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The priest invites us to receive communion with these or other words:

Jesus is the lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper.
Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.

Alleluia.
Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

We sit or kneel. All baptized Christians who normally receive communion are welcome to receive here. Please come forward with those near you. If you would rather not receive communion, please come forward for a blessing instead. If you need a gluten free wafer, don't want wine, or need the bread and wine brought to your seat, please tell the priest or one of the welcome team.

COMMUNION HYMN

An anthem may also be sung by the choir.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The priest leads us in the prayer after communion, to which all respond:
Amen.

We pray together:

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

NOTICES

We share information about what is happening in church the rest of the week.

BLESSING

We stand. The priest pronounces a blessing and all respond:
Amen.

DISMISSAL

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

EASTER DISMISSAL

Go in the peace of Christ.
Alleluia, alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

The service continues with sharing refreshments and fellowship: all are welcome.