



St John the Baptist Church
Clarendon Park, Leicester

Parish Eucharist

Parish Eucharist

This booklet has been prepared with the Order of Service on the right hand page and the commentary (in italics) to assist everyone on the left hand page. The left hand page also includes some prayers you may find helpful.

Please join in with the said or sung responses in **bold type**.

Copyright acknowledgement (where not indicated differently below):

Some material included in this service is copyright: © 1989 National Council of the Churches of Christ, USA

Some material included in this service is copyright: © The Archbishops' Council 2000

Some material included in this service is copyright: © The Archbishops' Council 2002

Some material included in this service is copyright: © The Crown/Cambridge University Press: The Book of Common Prayer (1662)

Please do not take this Order of Service away.

Prayer of Preparation

The following is a prayer that you can use to pray quietly to prepare your hearts for worship as you sit and wait for the service to begin:

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.

Processional Hymn

Please stand

The minister announces the opening hymn from the back. Procession takes place during hymn.

The Greeting

Please stand

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.

Informal words of greeting are added if desired.

We ask for God's forgiveness

Please stand

Verses may be added by the minister.

Minister uses appropriate sentences with the following responses:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Alternative Gloria 1

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

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

To him be glory forever.

To him 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 him be glory forever.

To him 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 him be glory forever.

To him be glory forever.

Alleluia, amen.

Alleluia, amen, alleluia amen, alleluia amen.

Alternative Gloria 2

Glory in the highest to the God of heaven!

**Peace to all your people through the earth be given:
mighty God and Father, thanks and praise we bring,
singing alleluias to our heavenly King.**

Jesus Christ is risen, God the Father's Son:

with the Holy Spirit, you are Lord alone!

**Lamb once killed for sinners, all our guilt to bear,
show us now your mercy, now receive our prayer.**

Christ the world's true Saviour, high and holy one,

seated now and reigning from your Father's throne:

**Lord and God, we praise you; highest heaven adores:
in the Father's glory, all the praise be yours!**

Gloria

Said or sung together except during Lent and Advent.

Either the following is said:

**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.**

Or, this or one of the alternatives opposite is sung as directed:

1. **All glory be to God on high,
his peace on earth proclaim;
to all his people tell abroad
the grace and glory of the Lord,
and bless his holy name.**
2. **In songs of thankfulness and praise
our hearts their homage bring
to worship him who reigns above,
almighty Father, Lord of love,
our God and heavenly King.**
3. **O Christ, the Father's only Son,
O Lamb enthroned on high,
O Jesus, who for sinners died
and reigns at God the Father's side,
in mercy hear our cry.**
4. **Most high and holy is the Lord,
most high his heavenly throne;
where God the Father, God the Son,
and God the Spirit, ever One,
in glory reigns alone.**

THE COLLECT

The silence before the collect allows us each in a personal way to come before God, bringing our attention to Him, inclining our hearts and minds towards Him, focusing on who He is and on his nature. Whatever the circumstances of our lives, we look to Him, trusting Him, believing in His love, goodness and faithfulness to His promises.

The collect is a prayer spoken which then 'collects' up all our prayers together on this particular day.

The Collect

Please stand

The President introduces a short period of silence.

Let us pray.

The President says the Collect for the day or a thematic Collect. The people respond:

Amen.

The Reading or Psalm

Please sit

An Old Testament reading, Epistle or responsorial Psalm is used.

At the end of the reading:

Hear the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Whereas we sit to hear most readings of the Scripture, we stand for the proclamation of the Gospel. We turn to face the place from which it is being read. This is because we believe that Christ is present when the Word is proclaimed. Jesus speaks to us as directly and intimately through the words of the Gospel as he spoke to his friends and the crowds.

Gradual Hymn or Gospel Acclamation

Please stand

Except in Lent and Advent, we sing a Gospel Acclamation: Either an 'Alleluia' chant is used or other song as directed.:

In Lent we say:

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

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

In Advent we say:

Alleluia, alleluia.

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia.

Gospel Reading

Please stand

The minister greets the congregation and announces the gospel:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end...

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Please sit

Alternative Creeds and Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Amen.

Alternative:

**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.

The minister says:

Let us affirm our faith together.

The following affirmation of faith is used, or an alternative opposite:

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world?

We believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

**We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Prayers are offered for the concerns of our church, our school, our local community and the city, nation and world in which we live. There will sometimes be space for silence to add your own prayers.

THE PEACE

We share the peace as way of expressing our love, care and commitment to each other before we share in our 'family meal' the Holy Communion. We share it in obedience to the command of Jesus in Matthew's Gospel:

'So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift.'

Matthew 5.23-24

THE OFFERTORY

In the offertory hymn, the bread and wine is taken up to the altar table and financial offerings are taken and accepted to be used for the ministry and mission of St John's Church.

Prayers of Intercession

Please kneel or sit

Minister:

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father:

Brief biddings of intercession are given, leaving space for silence afterwards.

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

At the end...

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

The Peace

Please stand

An appropriate introduction to the peace is used (see opposite) and then:

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

Offertory Hymn

Please stand

During this hymn, an offering will be taken. If you are a visitor, please do not feel any need to give. If you are a tax-payer, please use the gift aid envelopes provided.

Alternative Sanctus 1

**Holy, most holy, all holy the Lord,
in power and wisdom for ever adored.
The earth and the heavens are full of your love;
our joyful hosannas re-echo above.**

**Blessed, most blessed, all blessed is he
whose life makes us whole, and whose death sets us free:
who comes in the name of the Father of light,
let endless hosannas resound in the height.**

Alternative Sanctus 2

Holy, Holy, Holy God of power and might.
Holy, Holy, Holy God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the Highest
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the Highest

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.

...but came to meet us in your Son.
You embraced us as your children and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.

...we might live in him and he in us.
He opened his arms of love upon the cross and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.

...do this in remembrance of me.
Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his body is the bread of life.

... do this in remembrance of me.
Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his blood is shed for all.

...the body and blood of your dear Son.
As we eat and drink these holy gifts make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.

...to join the eternal song of heaven:

Either say the following or sing one of the variants opposite (as directed).

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest**

Silence is kept.

Psalm 116.11-12

How shall I repay the Lord
for all the benefits he has given to me?
I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call upon the name of the Lord.

A cry from the heart

Lord, come to me and cleanse me.
Lord, come to me and heal me.
Lord, come to me and strengthen me.

A prayer from a Book of Hours (1514)

God be in my head, and in my understanding;
God be in mine eyes, and in my looking;
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;
God be in my heart, and in my thinking;
God be at mine end, and at my departing.

The Lord's Prayer

Please sit or kneel

The president introduces the Lord's prayer:

**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

Please sit or kneel

The President breaks the consecrated bread, saying:

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.**

A Prayer of Abandonment

Father,
I abandon myself into Your hands.
Do with me what You will.
Whatever You may do,
I thank You.
I am ready for all,
I accept all.
Let only Your will be done in me
and in all Your creatures.
I wish no more than this, O Lord.
Into Your hands
I commend my soul.
I offer it to You
with all the love of my heart.
For, I love You, Lord,
and so need to give myself,
to surrender myself into Your hands
without reserve
and with boundless confidence.
For You are my Father.
Amen.

Charles de Foucauld

O Lord, who hast set before us the great hope that thy kingdom shall come, and hast taught us to pray for its coming: give us grace to discern the signs of its dawning, and to work for the perfect day when thy will shall be done on earth as it is in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Percy Dearmer

Giving of Communion

During the year:

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.

In Eastertide:

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

All Christians whose normal practice it is to receive Communion in any church are welcome to receive here. Alternatively, come for a blessing; we would love to talk to you about the Christian faith and baptism!

Prayer after Communion

Please stand

The President may say a thematic or seasonal prayer of thanksgiving. All then say 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.**

Silence is held.

SENT INTO THE WORLD

We leave our service of worship, setting out to follow Jesus in our day to day lives. Our Sunday worship is only part of our worship; we offer every aspect of our lives as worship to God and expect to know and experience his presence daily.

‘Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God – this is your true and proper worship.’ Romans 12:1

We go confident of his love for us, trusting in his faithfulness seeking to live out our commitment to each other as the family of God and to be lights to the world proclaiming the Good News about Jesus through what we say and how we live our lives.

Notices and Banns

Please sit

Blessing

Please stand

...and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn

Please stand

Dismissal

Please stand

Minister:

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

Or, in Eastertide:

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

Prayer Ministry

If you have come today with a particular need and would like somebody to pray with you, please ask one of the welcome team or one of the people leading the service and we would love to pray with you and ask God to meet with you in your place of need. Please do take this opportunity to pray with somebody.

Exploring the Christian Faith

Being here today may have caused you to consider the good news about Jesus again or for the first time. God wants you to respond to his loving invitation to you to live in relationship with Jesus. You can do this using words like these to form a prayer which you can say quietly or silently now.

Heavenly father,

I am sorry for the things that I have done wrong in my life; I need your forgiveness. I believe Jesus came to live, die and was raised from the dead to rescue me from my brokenness. I now turn from my selfish ways and put my trust in you. I know that Jesus is Lord and I will follow him. Thank you that you offer me forgiveness and the gift of your Holy Spirit. I now receive that gift.

Amen

If you have prayed this prayer, please do come and speak to one of the duty team about it.

Or if you would like to explore the Christian faith further, we would be delighted find a helpful way of doing this with you, so please do come and speak to one of the team today.

Services at St John the Baptist Church

Sunday

09:00 Parish Eucharist (2nd Sunday of month: BCP Parish Eucharist at High Altar)

10:30 Informal Service with children's groups (Occasional All-Age Holy services)