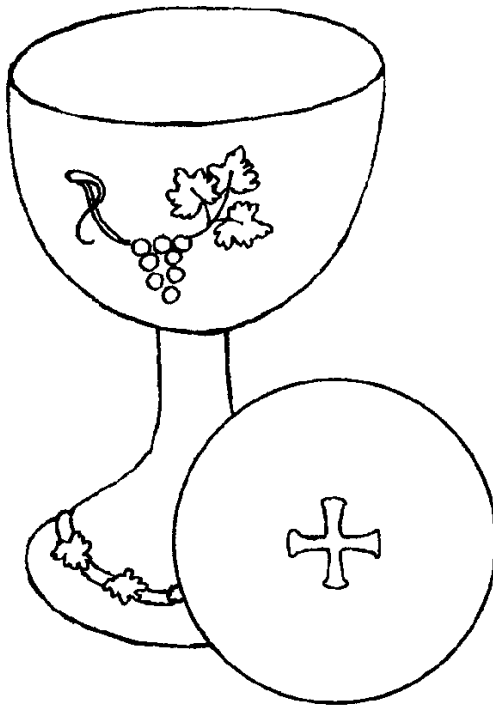


All-age Communion



**St. James,
Hampton Hill**

NOTES ON THE SERVICE

Welcome to St. James's for Holy Communion.
These notes are designed to help us in our worship.

- 1 There are different titles for this service.
 Eucharist means 'thanksgiving' reminding us of Christ's prayer of thanksgiving when he took bread and wine at the Last Supper.
 Holy Communion emphasising fellowship and sharing.
 The Lord's Supper for this is a meal given by Jesus himself.
 The people and the priest
 greet each other in the Lord's name
 confess their sins and are assured of God's forgiveness
 keep silence and pray a collect
 proclaim and respond to the word of God
 pray for the Church and the world
 exchange the Peace
 prepare the table
 pray the Eucharistic Prayer
 break the bread
 receive communion
 depart with God's blessing.

- 2 **During the Peace** the people are asked to greet one another as a sign of our fellowship in Christ and in obedience to his instructions to make peace with anyone with whom we have fallen out before we bring our gifts to the altar.

- 3 **During the Eucharistic Prayer** we reverence Christ's presence among us as we lift up the bread and wine, powerful symbols of the dying love of Jesus, and of the belief that he is alive and with us now as Head of the Church.

- 4 **The vestments** which the priest and servers wear date back to past centuries when they were 'Sunday best' clothes. This historic link has been kept and modified over more than 1,000 years especially in the priest's vestments.

- 5 **The Christian Year** celebrates different aspects of the Christian faith during the course of twelve months. The seasons of the Christian Year are Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent and Easter. The rest of the year is referred to as 'Ordinary Time' as there is no specific focus for celebration. Occasionally a saints' day may fall on a Sunday.

- 6 **Colour** can be seen in the altar frontal, the embroidered scarves (called 'stoles') and the brightly coloured outer vestment ('chasuble') of the priest and colours vary according to the time of the Christian Year: White and Gold (light, joy, purity) for Christ, Mary and the saints;
 Red (blood, fire) for the Holy Spirit, martyrs and the Cross; Purple or Blue (penitence, preparation) for Advent and Lent; Green (hope, creation) for all other times of the year.

We gather

Please stand for the hymn or song

On a Parade Sunday the flags will be brought to the front of the church

Greeting

The president welcomes people with a greeting which may include

The Lord be with you
All and also with you.

Saying sorry to God

The president invites us to remember what we have done wrong and say sorry

Lord, have mercy.
All Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.
All Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.
All Lord, have mercy.

The president declares God's forgiveness

Praise

This, or another song, may be sung

All **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

*The president says the Collect, the prayer of the day,
which is printed on the weekly sheet and at the end
we say*

All **Amen.**

Please sit

We listen to God's Word

First Reading

We listen to a reading from the Bible which is printed on the weekly sheet.

At the end the reader says

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Please stand

A hymn or song is sung

Gospel Reading

When the Gospel is announced the reader says

The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end the reader says

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Talk or Activity

Affirmation of Faith

Please stand

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

All 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?

All 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?

All We believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

**All This is our faith.
We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

We pray

Please kneel or sit

The prayers of intercession may include the following response

Lord, in your mercy.

All Hear our prayer.

We share in Holy Communion

The Peace

Please stand

The president introduces the Peace and then says

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

We share a sign of peace

Preparation of the Table

*The bread and wine are brought forward,
a collection is taken and the altar is prepared*

We sing a hymn or song

The Thanksgiving Prayer

The Lord be with you
All and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is right to praise you, Father,
Lord of all creation;

in your love you made us for yourself.

When we turned away you did not reject us,
but came to meet us in your Son.

**All You embraced us as your children
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

On the night he was betrayed,
at supper with his friends
he took bread, and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to them, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

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

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, and said:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you for the
forgiveness of sins;
do this in remembrance of me.

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

As we proclaim his death and celebrate
his rising in glory, send your Holy Spirit that this
bread and this wine may be to us the body and
blood of your dear Son.

**All As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world
we offer you this sacrifice of praise
and lift our voice to join
the eternal song of heaven:

**All 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.)**

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

All **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.

All **Though we are many, we are one body,**
because we all share in one bread,

All **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.

Giving of Communion

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

All **Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

Please come forward for communion or a blessing

*All who are communicant members of a Christian church
and are baptised are welcome to receive communion*

If you would like a blessing, please keep your head bowed

Prayer after Communion

The president says a prayer

*A hymn or song is sung and on a Parade Sunday
the flags are returned*

We go out to serve God

The Lord be with you

All **and also with you.**

The president says the Blessing which always ends

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

All **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

PRAYERS FOR YOUR PERSONAL USE

Before the service

Most merciful Lord,
your love compels us to come in.
Our hands were unclean,
our hearts were unprepared;
we were not fit
even to eat the crumbs from under your table.
But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation,
and share your bread with sinners.
So cleanse and feed us
with the precious body and blood of your Son,
that he may live in us and we in him;
and that we, with the whole company of Christ,
may sit and eat in your kingdom. Amen.

After the service

Almighty and ever-living God,
we thank you that you graciously feed us,
who have duly received these holy mysteries,
with the spiritual food of the body and blood
of our Saviour Jesus Christ.
By this you assure us of your favour and goodness towards
we are incorporated into the mystical body of your Son,
the blessed company of all faithful people;
we are heirs, through hope, of your everlasting kingdom,
by the merits of Christ's precious death and passion.
Assist us with your grace, heavenly Father,
that we may continue in that holy fellowship,
and walk in goodness the way you have prepared for us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honour and glory, now and for ever.
Amen.

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