



Holy Communion in Ordinary Time

**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.

The Gathering

A hymn may be sung

The Greeting

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

All Amen.

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

All and also with you.

(or)

The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

The president may say words of welcome and introduction

Prayer of Preparation

**All 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

The president introduces the Prayers

All 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.

(or)

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.

Or, with suitable penitential sentences the Kyrie Eleison may be used

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

Gloria in Excelsis

The Gloria in Excelsis may be used

**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 introduces the Collect by saying
'Let us pray.'*

The Collect is said, and all respond

All Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

Readings

Please sit

*Either one or two readings from the Scripture precede the
Gospel reading*

At the end of each the reader says

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

A hymn or psalm may be used

Please stand

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.

Sermon

Please sit

The Creed

The Creed is said on Sundays and Holy Days

Please stand

**All 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

Please kneel or sit

These or other responses may be used

Lord, in your mercy.

All Hear our prayer.

(or)

Lord, hear us.

All Lord, graciously hear us.

And at the end

Merciful Father,

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

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Please stand

The president introduces the Peace with a suitable sentence, 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.

Preparation of the Table

A hymn may be sung while the gifts are brought to the altar and the bread and wine placed upon it.

A collection may be taken

The president may use prayers to which all respond

All Blessed be God for ever

(or)

**All 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.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

One of these prayers is used

Eucharistic Prayer A from 'Common Worship'

The Lord be with you (*or*) The Lord is here.
All and also with you. His Spirit is with us.

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 indeed right,
it is our duty and our joy,
at all times and in all places
to give you thanks and praise,
holy Father, heavenly King,
almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.
For he is your living Word;
through him you have created all things
from the beginning,
and formed us in your own image.
Through him you have freed us
from the slavery of sin,
giving him to be born of a woman
and to die upon the cross;
you raised him from the dead
and exalted him to your right hand on high.
Through him you have sent upon us
your holy and life-giving Spirit,
and made us a people for your own possession.

Words for a saint's day or other occasion may follow

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*:

**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.**

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and as we follow his example and obey his command,
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us his body and his blood;
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.

Therefore, heavenly Father,
we remember his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross;
we proclaim his mighty resurrection
and glorious ascension;
we look for the coming of your kingdom,
and with this bread and this cup
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

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

Accept through him,
our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts
in the presence of your divine majesty,
renew us by your Spirit,
inspire us with your love
and unite us in the body of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty,
in songs of everlasting praise:
All Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever.
Amen.

Silence will be kept
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Eucharistic Prayer G from 'Common Worship'

The Lord be with you (*or*) The Lord is here.

All and also with you. His Spirit is with us.

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.

Blessed are you, Lord God,

our light and our salvation;

to you be glory and praise for ever.

From the beginning you have created all things

and all your works echo the silent music

of your praise.

In the fullness of time you made us in your image,

the crown of all creation.

You give us breath and speech, that with angels

and archangels and all the powers of heaven

we may find a voice to sing your praise:

**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.**

How wonderful the work of your hands,

O Lord.

As a mother tenderly gathers her children,

you embraced a people as your own.

When they turned away and rebelled

your love remained steadfast.

From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour,
born of Mary,
to be the living bread,
in whom all our hungers are satisfied.
He offered his life for sinners,
and with a love stronger than death
he opened wide his arms on the cross.
On the night before he died,
he came to supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he 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.
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
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:
All Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.

Father, we plead with confidence
his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross;
we remember his dying and rising in glory,
and we rejoice that he intercedes for us
at your right hand.
Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring
before you these gifts of your creation;
may they be for us the body and blood
of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy things
in your presence,
form us in the likeness of Christ,
and build us into a living temple to your glory.
Bring us at the last with [*N and*] all the saints
to the vision of that eternal splendour
for which you have created us;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
by whom, with whom, and in whom,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty,
in songs of everlasting praise:

**All Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever.
Amen.**

Silence will be kept

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.

(or)

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has
taught us

All Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated 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 **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.**

(or)

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

The president says one of these invitations to communion

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.

(or)

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

(or)

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 'Let us pray' and leads the Post Communion Prayer to which all respond

All Amen.

Then all may say

**All 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.**

(or)

**All 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.**

Notices may be given at this point and banns of marriage may be read.

A hymn will be sung.

The Dismissal

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.

(or)

Go in the peace of Christ.
All Thanks be to God.

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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