



# Common Worship Holy Communion St James's Festival

# ¶ The Gathering

# The Greeting

### The president greets the people

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

All Amen

God is good

- All all the time. All the time
- All God is good

# Hymn

# **Prayer of Preparation**

The deacon invites the people to pray

Let us pray

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 deacon uses these words

The saints were faithful unto death and now dwell in the heavenly kingdom for ever.

As we celebrate their joy, let us bring to the Lord our sins and weaknesses, and ask for his mercy.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, All 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.

# The president says

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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**

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

Merciful God, whose holy apostle Saint James, leaving his father and all that he had, was obedient to the calling of your Son Jesus Christ and followed him even to death: help us, forsaking the false attractions of the w

forsaking the false attractions of the world, to be ready at all times to answer your call without delay; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

# ¶ The Liturgy of the Word

# Reading

At the end of the Scripture reading

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

# Hymn

# **Gospel Reading**

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

# At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

#### Sermon

### The Creed

Let us stand to declare our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit

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**

# The Liturgy of the Sacrament The Peace

The president introduces the Peace

May the God of peace sanctify you: may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before him at the coming of our Lord Jesus with his saints.

1 Thessalonians 5.23; 3.13

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

The deacon says

All

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

### **Offertory Hymn**

### **Preparation of the Table**

### Taking of the Bread and Wine

The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.

The gifts of the people are gathered and presented.

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

### All All things come from you, and of your own do we give you.

#### The president takes the bread and wine.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation: through your goodness

we have this bread to set before you, which earth has given

and human hands have made.

It will become for us the bread of life.

### All Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation: through your goodness we have this wine to set before you,

fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become for us the cup of salvation.

#### All Blessed be God for ever.

# The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

All

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. We rejoice in the glorious splendour of your majesty for you have given us a share with James in the inheritance of the saints in light. In the darkness of this passing age they proclaim the glory of your kingdom. Chosen as lights in the world, they surround our steps as we journey on towards the city of eternal light where they sing the everlasting song of triumph. In communion with angels and archangels and all who have served you on earth and worship you now in heaven, we raise our voices to proclaim your glory, for ever praising you and singing:

 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. 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.

### All 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.

All Amen.

# The Lord's Prayer

Jesus taught us to call God our Father; so in faith and trust we pray:

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.

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, have mercy on us.

> Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy, have mercy on us.

> Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us, grant us peace.

# **Giving of 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.

The president and people receive communion.

Please come forward, as invited, to receive communion. If you are a visitor, and have been baptised, you are very welcome to take communion with us here. If you do not receive communion then we invite you to come forward for a blessing.

# **Prayer after Communion**

### Silence is kept.

Almighty God, who on the day of Pentecost sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame, filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel: by the power of the same Spirit strengthen us to witness to your truth and to draw everyone to the fire of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord

All Amen

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.

# ¶ The Dismissal

# The president prays

God give you grace to follow his saints in faith and hope and love;

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

# All Amen.

All

The deacon says

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord. In the name of Christ. Amen.

The ministers and people depart.



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