

**Legacy Week**

**Holy Communion**

**Order of Service**

*Welcome to our service of Holy Communion.*

*You can follow the service in this booklet. We all join in with the words in **bold**. There are times during the service where you will be invited to stand. If it is more comfortable for you to remain seated, please feel free to do so.*

*Loving God,  
as I come to worship you today,  
help me to put aside the things that trouble me as I pray to  
you in faith,  
sing your praise with gratitude,  
listen to your word with eagerness,  
and receive from you with humility.*

*And when I leave this place  
and return to the things I must face,  
may I know your peace and love to guide me.  
Amen.*

**HYMN** - *please stand.*

**GREETING** *we welcome one another.*

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Jesus said, "Before you offer your gift,  
go and be reconciled.  
As sisters and brothers of God's family,  
we come together to ask our Father for forgiveness.  
Let us return to the Lord our God and say to Him:

*A period of silence is kept.*

**Father,**  
**We have sinned against heaven and against you.**  
**We are not worthy to be called your children.**  
**We turn to you again.**  
**Have mercy on us,**  
**bring us back to yourself as those who once were dead**  
**but now have life through Christ our Lord.**  
**Amen**

**ABSOLUTION** *the priest pronounces God's forgiveness.*

May God who loved the world so much  
that he sent his Son to be our Saviour  
forgive you your sins,  
and make you holy to serve him in the world,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS** *please stand as we praise God for our forgiveness.*

**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** *we remain standing*  
Almighty and everlasting God,  
you love your church and wait for her to become your  
Son's bride.

Give us hearts to love her too and to live our lives  
so that she may grow in strength and purity,  
reflect your love and give back glory to you,

through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD** *please be seated.*

**FIRST READING –**

Acts 9:36-40

*At the end the reader says*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN** *please stand.*

**Gospel Reading**

Luke 12:13-21

*we remain standing*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Luke

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*After the reading*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

*please be seated after the opening prayer. The minister  
relates the bible readings to our daily life and faith.*

**THE CREED** *we stand to say what we believe.*

**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.**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** *please sit or kneel as we bring our  
needs and concerns for the church, the world and ourselves to God.*

*After each prayer the leader may say*

Lord in your mercy

**Hear our prayer**

*At the end the leader may say*

Merciful Father

**Accept these prayers**

**for the sake of your son,**

**Our Saviour Jesus Christ.**

**Amen.**

**THE PEACE** *please stand as we share Christ's peace with one another.*

We are the body of Christ  
**By one Spirit we were baptised into one body**

Keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace  
**We are bound by the love of Christ**

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*We share Christ's peace with one another.*

**HYMN** *during the hymn the Communion Table is prepared.*

**THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT** *we recall Jesus sharing bread and wine with his disciples and instructing them to do the same in remembrance of him.*

**THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER** *we remain standing.*

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.**

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.

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

In Christ you shared our life  
that 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.**

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.

**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.

**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.

**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:

**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** *please sit or kneel.*

As our Saviour taught, us so we pray:

**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.**

## **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 Priest and the people receive Communion*

*A period of silence is kept*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** *please kneel or remain seated as we  
give thanks to God for the communion.*

Father of lights,  
from whom comes every good and perfect gift:  
keep us in the light of Christ,  
to shine in your world,  
that all may believe in you,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**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**

**HYMN** *please stand.*

**BLESSING** *the priest prays for God's blessing*

May God, who clothes the lilies and feeds the birds of the sky,  
who leads the lambs to pasture and the deer to water,  
who multiplies loaves and fishes and changed water into wine, lead us, feed us, multiply us,  
and change us to reflect the glory of our Creator  
now and through all eternity;

The peace of God, which passes all understanding,  
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of  
God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;  
and the blessing of God Almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

**In the name of Christ.**

**Amen**

