



# Holy Communion

*Welcome to St Paul's.  
We hope you feel at home here. Please stay  
for refreshments after the service and say hello.*

*If you'd like to find out more about the church,  
please complete a welcome card –  
available near the entrance –  
and we'll be in touch.*

*This is a service for all ages and having babies  
and children here is a delight. But the sound  
is relayed to the hall and parish rooms,  
which you are welcome to use if you wish.*

*If you would like to give during this service,  
a plate and a card machine are available near the  
entrance. Please gift aid if you're able to do so.*



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## A warm welcome to all

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<b>Hymn</b>	<i>Stand to sing</i>
<b>Greeting</b>	Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you. <b>And also with you.</b>
<b>Prayer of preparation</b>	<b>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.</b>
<b>Collect</b>	<i>Special prayer for today</i>
<b>Bible reading</b>	<i>Sit for a reading from one of the gospels</i> For God's holy word, <b>thanks be to God.</b>
<b>Song</b>	<i>Stand to sing</i>
<b>Drama</b>	<i>Sit for a drama presented by the children and young people</i>
<b>Short talk</b>	<i>After the talk, please stand</i>
<b>Declaring our faith</b>	<b>We believe in God the Father, for whom every family in heaven and earth is named.</b>  <b>We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.</b>

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
who strengthens us  
with power from on high.**

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

*Sit*

**Prayers**

Let us pray for the Church and for the world,  
and let us thank God for his goodness.

*We are led in prayer*

**Prayer of  
penitence**

**Merciful God,  
we have not loved you with our whole heart,  
nor our neighbours as ourselves.  
Forgive what we have been,  
accept us as we are,  
and guide what we shall be.  
Amen.**

May almighty God forgive you,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness  
and help you walk in the light of Christ.  
**Amen.**

*Stand*

**The Peace**

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*Please be aware that some people prefer not to touch*

**Song/hymn**

*During the song, children may wish to go to the parish  
rooms for a drink and a biscuit*

*Sit*

**Communion** The Lord is here.  
**Prayer** **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 voices to join the eternal song of heaven:

*Tune 952 in hymnbook*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord.  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessèd 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:  
**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 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** God's holy gifts  
for God's holy people.  
**Jesus Christ is holy,  
Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.**

*All are welcome to receive Communion or a blessing*

**Prayer after Communion** **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.**

**Hymn**            *After the notices, please stand for the final hymn*

**Blessing**        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.**

*Refreshments are served at the back of church.  
If you are a newcomer or visitor, please come and  
say hello to one of the welcome team or clergy.*



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St Matthew with St Paul  
*Pilgrims on a journey*