



Holy Communion

Version One

*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.*



A warm welcome to all

Hymn	<i>Stand to sing</i>
Greeting	Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you. And also with you.
Prayer of preparation	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.
Collect	<i>Special prayer for today</i> <i>Sit</i>
Storytime	<i>Children come and sit by the dais steps After the story they go to their groups</i>
First Bible reading	<i>A reading from the Old Testament / epistle</i> For God's holy word, thanks be to God.
Hymn	<i>Stand to sing</i> <i>Remain standing for the gospel reading</i>
Gospel reading	Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to ... Glory to you, O Lord.

After the reading

This is the gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

Sermon *After the sermon there are two minutes' silence
for reflection*

**Prayers of
intercession** Let us pray for the Church and for the world,
and let us thank God for his goodness.

Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.

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

Stand

**Declaring
our faith** **We believe in God the Father,
for whom every family
in heaven and earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**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.**

**Prayers of
penitence**

God so loved the world
that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ
to save us from our sins,
to be our advocate in heaven,
and to bring us to eternal life.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,
firmly resolved to keep God's commandments
and to live in love and peace with 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.**

May the God of love and power
forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Peace

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*We share the peace with our neighbours, greeting
them*

Hymn

The offertory is presented during this hymn

Sit

Communion The Lord be with you.
Prayer **And also with you.**

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 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.

And now we give you thanks
because you are the source of light and life;
you made us in your image
and called us to new life in him.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and singing:

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.

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:

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:

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

Amen.

**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 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.

Tune 952 in hymnbook

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: 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.

All are welcome to receive Communion or a blessing

Prayer after Communion **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.**

Hymn *Remain seated if there are notices, then stand to sing*

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.*

Eucharistic Prayer A

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