

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.*

*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

Song	<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>
Bible reading	<i>Sit for a reading from one of the gospels</i> Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to ... Glory to you, O Lord. <i>After the reading</i> This is the gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.
Song	<i>Stand to sing</i>
Short talk	<i>After the talk, please stand</i>
Declaring our faith	We believe in God the Father, for whom every family in heaven and earth is named. <i>We make the action of an embrace</i>

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

We make the action of placing hands on our heart

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

We make the action of strong arms

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

We make the action of crossing ourselves

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; we sometimes say

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

**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.

Song

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 always right to give you thanks,
God our Creator,
loving and faithful, holy and strong.

You made us and the whole universe,
and filled your world with life.

You sent your Son to live among us,
Jesus our Saviour.
He suffered on the cross;
he died to save us from our sins;
he rose in glory from the dead.

You send your Spirit
to bring new life to the world,
and clothe us with power from on high.
And so we join the angels
to celebrate and sing:

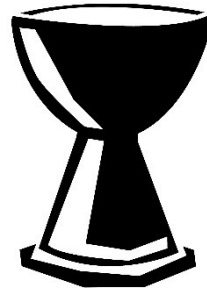
Tune 952 in hymnbook

**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.**

Father, on the night before he died,
Jesus shared a meal with his friends.
He took the bread, and thanked you.
He broke it, and gave it to them, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this to remember me.



After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine.
He thanked you, and gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you.
This is my blood,
the new promise of God's unfailing love.
Do this to remember me.



Christ has died.
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.
Christ will come again.

Father, as we bring this bread and wine,
and remember his death and resurrection,
send your Holy Spirit,
that we who share these gifts
may be fed by Christ's body and his blood.

Pour your Spirit on us
that we may love one another,
work for the healing of the earth,
and share the good news of Jesus,
as we wait for his coming in glory.

For honour and praise belong to you, Father,
with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit:
one God, 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
Bread**

Every time we eat this bread
and drink this cup
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**Giving of
Communion**

All are welcome to receive Communion or a blessing

**Prayer after
Communion**

**Eternal Father,
we thank you for nourishing us
with these heavenly gifts:
may our communion strengthen us in faith,
build us up in hope,
and make us grow in love;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Gloria

Please stand to sing the Gloria (except in Lent or Advent)

**Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo,
gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo.**

**Lord God, heavenly King, peace you bring to us;
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we sing our song of praise.**

**Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo,
gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo.**

**Jesus, Saviour of all, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away our sins, O Lord,
have mercy on us all.**

**Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo,
gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo.**

**At the Father's right hand, Lord, receive our prayer,
for you alone are the Holy One,
and you alone are Lord.**

**Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo,
gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo.**

**Glory, Father and Son, glory, Holy Spirit,
to you we raise our hands up high,
we glorify your name.**

Song

After the notices, please stand for the final song

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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