

Holy Communion  
Easter to Pentecost

*The Parish of Eaton*     *St Andrew's and Christ Church*  
Common Worship

## Common Worship

The service of Family Communion used in the Parish of Eaton follows Order One of Common Worship which replaced the Alternative Service Book [ASB] on the 1st January 2001

Holy Communion is celebrated by the whole people of God gathered for worship. The ministry of the members of the congregation is expressed through their active participation together in the words and actions of the service.

The unity of the liturgy is served by the ministry of the president, who in presiding over the whole service holds word and sacrament together and draws the congregation into a worshipping community.

The service has four main sections:

- **The Gathering**, during which the assembly is constituted by singing or saying together the opening prayers, is recalled to penitence to its baptismal status, and is prepared to receive the Word of God.  
This section is summed up in the presidential Collect.
- **The Liturgy of the Word**, during which the assembly engages with the Word, as the story of what God has done in Christ is set alongside the community's experience, and in the Sermon the implications are teased out for prayer and action.
- **The Liturgy of the Sacrament**, during which the assembly is offered the possibility of transformation as it is incorporated into the one perfect sacrifice of Christ to the Father and receives the body and blood of Christ in faith with thanksgiving.
- **The Dismissal**, when the assembly is reminded to put into practice the new life it has received, and is sent out into the community to do so.

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*Notices will normally be read before the service begins.  
This will be followed by a short silence*

### The Gathering

*A hymn may be sung*

### The Greeting

*The president greets the people*

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

*[or]*

Grace, mercy and peace  
from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ  
be with you

**All** and also with you.

**All** Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

*Words of welcome or introduction may be said.*

### Prayer of Preparation

**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.



## 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

*The president introduces a period of silent prayer with the words  
'Let us pray' or a more specific bidding.  
The people remain standing.*

*The Collect is said, and all respond*

**All** Amen

## The Liturgy of the Word

### Readings

*Two readings from Scripture precede the Gospel reading.*

*At the end of each the reader says*

**All** This is the word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

*A hymn may be sung*

### Gospel Reading

*When the Gospel is announced the reader says*

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

**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

**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.

*[or]*

## Affirmation of Faith

Let us declare our faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ

**All** Christ died for our sins  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he was buried;  
he was raised to life on the third day  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
afterwards he appeared to his followers,  
and to all the apostles;  
this we have received  
and this we believe.  
Amen.

## Prayers of Intercession

In the power of the spirit, and in union with Christ,  
Let us pray to the Father.

*The prayers usually include these concerns and may follow this sequence:*

- ¶ *The Church of Christ*
- ¶ *Creation, human society, the Sovereign  
and those in authority*
- ¶ *The local community*
- ¶ *Those who suffer*
- ¶ *The communion of saints*

*These responses may be used*

**All** Lord, in your mercy  
hear our prayer.

*[or]*

**All** Lord, hear us.  
Lord, graciously hear us.

*The prayers may end with a collect or the following*

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



## Prayers of Penitence

### *Invitation to confession (Easter to the Eve of Ascension)*

Christ our passover lamb has been sacrificed for us.  
Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil  
and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.  
(1 Corinthians 5. 7,8)

### *Invitation to Confession (Ascension to Pentecost)*

What God has prepared for those who love him,  
he has revealed to us through the Spirit:  
for the Spirit searches everything.  
Therefore, let us in penitence open our hearts to the Lord,  
who has prepared good things for those who love him  
(1 Corinthians 2. 9,10)

**All** Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
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*

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.  
**All** Amen.

## The Liturgy of the Sacrament

### The Peace

#### *Easter to the Eve of Ascension*

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples  
and said, 'Peace be with you.'  
Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.  
(John 20. 19,20)

#### *Ascension to Pentecost*

God has made us one in Christ.  
He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come,  
has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. Alleluia.  
(cf 2 Corinthians 1.22)

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

#### *A hymn may be sung.*

### Preparation of the Table Taking of the Bread and Wine

#### *The gifts of the people may be gathered and presented.*

Generous God, creator, redeemer, sustainer,  
at your table we present this money,  
symbol of the work you have given us to do;  
use it, use us, in the service of your world  
to the glory of your name.

**All** Amen.

#### *The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it. The president takes the bread and wine.*

Wise and gracious God,  
you spread a table before us;  
nourish your people with the word of life  
and the bread of heaven.

**All** Amen.

## Eucharistic Prayer (F)

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

**All** Lift up your hearts.  
We lift them to the Lord.

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

You are worthy of our thanks and praise,  
Lord God of truth,  
for by the breath of your mouth  
you have spoken your word,  
and all things have come into being.

You fashioned us in your image  
and placed us in the garden of your delight.  
Though we chose the path of rebellion  
you would not abandon your own.

Again and again you drew us into your covenant of grace.  
You gave your people the law and taught us by your prophets  
to look for your reign of justice, mercy and peace.

As we watch for the signs of your kingdom on earth,  
we echo the song of the angels in heaven,  
evermore praising you and saying:

**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 God, you are the most holy one,  
enthroned in splendour and light,  
yet in the coming of your Son Jesus Christ  
you reveal the power of your love  
made perfect in our human weakness.

Embracing our humanity,  
Jesus showed us the way of salvation;  
loving us to the end,  
he gave himself to death for us;  
dying for his own,  
he set us free from the bonds of sin,  
that we might rise and reign with him in glory.

**All** Amen. Lord, we believe.

On the night he gave up himself for us all  
he 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 we proclaim the death that he suffered on the cross,  
we celebrate his resurrection, his bursting from the tomb,  
we rejoice that he reigns at your right hand on high  
and we long for his coming in glory.

**All** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

As we recall the one, perfect sacrifice of our redemption,  
Father, by your Holy Spirit let these gifts of your creation  
be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;  
form us into the likeness of Christ  
and make us a perfect offering in your sight.

Look with favour on your people  
and in your mercy hear the cry of our hearts.  
Bless the earth,  
heal the sick,  
let the oppressed go free  
and fill your Church with power from on high.

**All** Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Gather your people from the ends of the earth  
to feast with [N and] all your saints  
at the table in your kingdom,  
where the new creation is brought to perfection  
in 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.

*A short silence may be kept after which the people sit  
for kneel for the Lord's Prayer*



## The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**All** 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.

*[or]*

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**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.

## Breaking of the Bread

*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.

*[or]*

Every time we eat this bread  
and drink this cup,

**All** we proclaim the Lord's death  
until he comes.

*The Agnus Dei is said or sung*

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

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

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

*[or]*

**All** Jesus, Lamb of God,  
have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins,  
have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world,  
grant us peace.

## Giving of Communion

*The president invites the people to communion*

*All* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

*The following prayer may be said before the distribution*

*All* We do not presume  
to come to this your table, merciful Lord,  
trusting in our own righteousness,  
but in your manifold and great mercies.  
We are not worthy  
so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table.  
But you are the same Lord  
whose nature is always to have mercy.  
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,  
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ  
and to drink his blood,  
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body  
and our souls washed through his most precious blood,  
and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us.  
Amen.

*The president and people receive communion.*

The body of Christ [keep you in eternal life] Amen  
The blood of Christ [keep you in eternal life] Amen

*During the distribution hymns and anthems may be sung.*

## Prayer after Communion

*Silence is kept.*

*The Post Communion or another suitable prayer is said.*

*Easter to the Eve of Ascension*

*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.

*Ascension to Pentecost*

*All* Faithful God,  
in baptism you have adopted us as your children,  
made us members of the body of Christ  
and chosen us as inheritors of your kingdom:  
we thank you that in this Eucharist  
you renew your promises within us,  
empower us by your Spirit to witness and to serve,  
and send us out as disciples of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.



## **The Dismissal**

**A hymn may be sung.**

**The president may use a seasonal blessing  
or the following**

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.

**All** Amen.

**A minister says**

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

**All** Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

**The ministers and people depart.**