

All Age Eucharist



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Welcome to St John's, Harpenden

From earliest times, Christians gathered at regular hours during each day and night to respond to God's word with praise on behalf of creation and with intercession for the salvation of the world.

On this Sunday morning:

We have come together in the name of Christ,
to offer our praise and thanksgiving,
to hear and receive God's holy word,
to pray for the needs of the world,
and to seek the forgiveness of our sins,
to exchange the Peace,
to pray the Eucharistic prayer,
break the bread,
receive communion and
depart with God's blessing
that by the power of the Holy Spirit
we may give ourselves to the service of God.

People of all ages are welcome at all of our services as a full part of God's family, and this service is especially aimed at being something we can all take part in together.



During this service we invite all, as they are able, to help contribute to the cost of running this church so that we might show God's love to those around us.



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Please join us for refreshments in the church hall immediately after the service

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Processional Hymn 108 (tune 506) - When Jesus Came to Jordan

When Jesus came to Jordan
To be baptized by John,
He did not come for pardon,
But as His Father's Son.
He came to share repentance
With all who mourn their sins,
To speak the vital sentence
With which good news begins.

He came to share temptation,
Our utmost woe and loss,
For us and our salvation
To die upon the cross.
So when the Dove descended
On him, the Son of Man,
The hidden years had ended,
The age of grace began.

Come, Holy Spirit, aid us
To keep the vows we make;
This very day invade us,
And ev'ry bondage break.
Come, give our lives direction,
The gift we covet most:
To share the resurrection
That leads to Pentecost.

Welcome in the name of Christ,
God's grace, mercy and peace be with you

All and also with you

Words of welcome or introduction may be said

We Confess
We say sorry to God

Jesus said, 'Before you offer your gift, go and be reconciled.' As sisters and brothers in God's family, we come together to ask our Father for forgiveness.

Lord Jesus, illuminate the darkness in our hearts:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, open our eyes to your saving love:

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, unstop our ears to hear your living word:

Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

The president declares God's forgiveness with these words

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.**

We sing God's glory! (A&M 416)

We stand to sing God's praise (this is not said during Advent and Lent)

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father.

To God be glory forever.

To God be glory forever.

Alleluia, Amen.

Alleluia, Amen. Alleluia, Amen. Alleluia, Amen!

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to our Saviour.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to our Saviour.

To God be glory forever.

To God be glory forever.

Alleluia, Amen.

Alleluia, Amen. Alleluia, Amen. Alleluia, Amen!

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit.

To God be glory forever.

To God be glory forever.

Alleluia, Amen.

Alleluia, Amen. Alleluia, Amen. Alleluia, Amen!

The Collect

We remain standing to say the special prayer for today

Let us pray that we may be faithful to our baptism.

Heavenly Father,

at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son:

may we recognize him as our Lord

and know ourselves to be your beloved children;

through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Amen.

We Listen

Please sit as we hear from the Bible

First Reading Acts 8:14-17

¹⁴Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. ¹⁵The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit ¹⁶(for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). ¹⁷Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Reading

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

All Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is

more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise of you, O Christ

We Learn

Talk

We Believe

We stand to say together what we believe about God

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

All We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again?

All We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the
people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

All We believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

All This is our faith.

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

Amen.

We Pray

We pray together for the world, our community and those in need.

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer** Or Lord hear us: **Lord graciously hear us.**

We Welcome (*Edward – baptised 28th November*)

There is one Lord, one Faith,
One baptism: by one Spirit we are all
Baptized into one body.

**All We welcome you into the fellowship of faith,
We are children of the same heavenly father; we welcome you.**

We share God's Peace

We stand to share in the peace

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.

The peace of the Lord be with you

All And also with you

We offer each other a sign of peace, either a wave or a hand shake.

Hymn 638 - Give me joy in my heart

Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,
give me joy in my heart, I pray;
give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,
keep me praising till the break of day.

Refrain:

Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna!
Sing hosanna to the king of kings!
Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna!
Sing hosanna to the king!

Give me peace in my heart, keep me loving,
give me peace in my heart, I pray;
give me peace in my heart, keep me loving,

keep me loving till the break of day. [Refrain]

3 Give me love in my heart, keep me serving,
give me love in my heart, I pray;
give me love in my heart, keep me serving,
keep me serving till the break of day. [Refrain]

The altar is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.

With this bread that we bring

All We shall remember Jesus

With this wine that we bring

All We shall remember Jesus

Bread for his body

Wine for his blood

Gifts from God to this table we bring.

All We shall remember Jesus.

We Give Thanks

God makes the bread and wine holy for us

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.

All His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All 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.

**All 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.

All 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.

**All 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.

**All 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.

**All 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:

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in God's new creation, let us pray with confidence as our saviour has taught us

Please remain kneeling or sitting.

**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.
And 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

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.**

Giving of Communion

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

**All Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

The president and people receive communion. All full members of Christian Churches are warmly invited to receive communion. If you would prefer a blessing, please come forward carrying this booklet with you.

Authorised words of distribution are used and the communicant replies 'Amen'

Communion Hymn 358 Be Still for the Presence of the Lord

Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here:

Come bow before him now
with reverence and fear:

In him no sin is found,
we stand on holy ground.

Be still for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here:

Be still, for the glory of the Lord

Is shining all around

He burns with holy fire,

With splendour he is crowned;

How awesome is the sight –

Our radiant king of light!

Be still, for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place:
He comes to cleanse and heal,
The minister his grace.
No work too hard for him,
In faith receive from him.
Be Still, for the power of the Lord,
Is moving in this place.

Prayer after Communion

**All We thank you, Lord,
that you have fed us in this sacrament,
united us with Christ,
and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet
prepared for all peoples.
Amen.**

We are blessed and sent out

We receive God's blessing and are sent out to serve him in the world

Blessing

May God, who in Christ gives us a spring of water
welling up to eternal life,
perfect in you the image of his glory;
and the blessing ...

Hymn477 (tune 394) – Go forth and tell!

Go forth and tell! O Church of God, awake!
God's saving news to all the nations take:
proclaim Christ Jesus, Saviour, Lord and King,
that all the world his glorious praise may sing.

Go forth and tell! God's love embraces all,
he will in grace respond to all who call:
how shall they call if they have never heard
the gracious invitation of his word?

Go forth and tell! The doors are open wide:
 share God's good gifts — let no one be denied;
 live out your life as Christ your Lord shall choose,
 your ransomed powers for his sole glory use.

Go forth and tell! O Church of God, arise!
 Go in the strength which Christ your Lord supplies;
 go till all nations his great name adore
 and serve him, Lord and King for evermore.

Dismissal

Go in the peace of Christ.

All Thanks be to God.

The ministers and people depart. Thank you for joining us today and hope you can stay for refreshments.

Mass Setting:	Peruvian Gloria Peruvian Liturgical Text, collected by John Ballantine (b.1945) Music: Peruvian traditional chant.
Processional:	108 (tune 506) - When Jesus Came to Jordan Words: Fred Prat Green (1903-2000) © 1980 Stainer and Bell Ltd. Music: Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)
Offertory:	638 - Give me joy in my heart Words: Author unknown, adapted by A. Sevison and others Music: Anonymous, arranged by Gerald Hocken Knight (1908-1979)
Communion:	358 - Be still for the presence of the Lord Words and Music. David Evans (b.1957) © Kingswaysongs, 1986.
Final:	477 (tune 394) – Go forth and tell! Words: James Seddon (1915-1983) © Mrs C Seddon / The Jubilate Group. Music: Walter Greatorrex (1877-1949)