



Church of the Resurrection
and St Barnabas, Eastlands

A place of worship and welcome, sharing Christ's love



RE-OPENING THE DOORS

Welcome and Introduction

The Gathering

We meet in the presence of God

**All Who knows our needs
hears our cries
feels our pain
and heals our wounds**

Acclamation at the re-opening of a building for public worship

How awesome is this place.

**All This is none other than the house of God,
and this is the gateway of heaven.**

I saw a ladder which rested on the ground
with its top reaching to heaven,
and the angels of God were going up and down it.

**All This is none other than the house of God,
and this is the gateway of heaven.**

You will see greater things than this.
You will see heaven wide open,
and God's angels ascending and descending
upon the Son of Man.

**All This is none other than the house of God,
and this is the gateway of heaven.**

You are the temple of the living God,
and the Spirit of God dwells in you.
The temple of God is holy,
and you are that temple.

**All This is none other than the house of God,
and this is the gateway of heaven.**

The Easter Candle is lit in witness to the presence of the risen Christ in our midst and the president says

In the darkness of unknowing,
when your love seems absent,
draw near us, O God,
in Christ forsaken,
in Christ risen,
our Redeemer and our Lord.

All Amen.

Prayers of Penitence

The deacon says

My brothers and sisters,
as we prepare to celebrate the presence of Christ
in word and sacrament,
let us call to mind and confess our sins.

Pause

Almighty God,
All 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 pronounces Absolution.

May the God of love draw us
back to Himself,
+ forgive us our sins
and assure us of his eternal love,
through Jesus Christ our Lord

All Amen.

The Collect

The president says the Collect

Almighty God,
we praise you for the many blessings
you have given those who worship you
in this house of prayer;
and we pray that all who seek you
in this place, may find you,
and, being filled with the Holy Spirit,
may become a living temple acceptable to you;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

A Time of Lament

The deacon leads people in a time of lament.

We have experienced a terrible time,
and so much has been lost:
the lives of loved ones; the wellbeing of many;
the loss of jobs and businesses.

We cry out our lament to God as we read the psalm 130, that those who suffer would be comforted.

Out of the depths I have called to you, Lord,
Let your ears be open to hear my voice.

All My hope is in God's word.

If you recorded all our sins
who could come before you?

All My hope is in God's word.

There is forgiveness with you:
therefore you shall be feared.

All My hope is in God's word.

My soul is longing for the Lord,
more than those who watch for daybreak.

All My hope is in God's word.

O Israel, wait for the Lord,
for with the Lord there is mercy.

All My hope is in God's word.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading from the Romans 13:8 - 14

At the end the reader says

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Please stand

The deacon says

Alleluia, alleluia.
Speak Lord, for your servant is listening.
You have the words of eternal life

All Alleluia.

The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according
to *Matthew*.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end the deacon says

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

*The preacher says an opening invocation or prayer, and then
all sit.*

Sermon

*At the end of the sermon all remain seated, standing when the
president stands.*

The Creed

The president says

We stand to affirm our faith, saying together:

**All We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on 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 Intercession and Thanksgiving

The president says

Our nation and the whole world have experienced terrible times, but we have also seen great acts of sacrifice and courage: communities and neighbours have come together; NHS staff, scientists and frontline workers have given so much of themselves.

Here in our own community, many people have delivered shopping and prescriptions; many have donated to the Foodbank so that others can feed their families; our school staff have welcomed back the children and calmed their fears. The virus has impacted us in so many ways as individuals and communities. Yet, we have much to be thankful for in our time of intercession.

Someone comes and reads the prayers of the people

Let us by prayer and intercession with thanksgiving
make our requests to God:

Gracious God,
we pray for peace, justice and reconciliation
throughout the world.

We pray for the honouring of human rights,
and for the relief of the oppressed.

We give thanks for all that is gracious in the lives of
men, women and children.

Lord in your mercy,

All hear our prayer

We pray for the renewal of the Church in faith,
love and service

We pray for David our bishop,
for the life of our Diocese, and for this parish.

We give thanks for the gift of your word,
the grace of the sacraments
and the fellowship of your people.

Lord in your mercy,

All hear our prayer

We pray for this local community
and for all people in their daily life and work.

We pray for the young and the elderly,
for families, and all who are alone.

We give thanks for the outpouring
of human caring and creativity,
and all that reveals your loveliness.

Lord in your mercy,

All hear our prayer

We pray for those who are in need;
for the sick, sorrowful and bereaved.
We pray for all who bring comfort, care and healing.
We give thanks for human love and friendship
and for all that enriches our daily lives.

Lord in your mercy,

All hear our prayer

Let us commend ourselves,
and all for whom we pray,
to the mercy and protection of God –
in a few moments of quiet now,
we bring before God those
who need our prayers.

Pause

Merciful Father

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

The Liturgy of the Sacrament The Peace

Christ is our peace.
He has reconciled us to God
in one body by the cross.
We meet in his name and share his peace.

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

The deacon says

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

We don't physically exchange the peace. We may nod those nearest to us.

Preparation of the Table and The Offering

During the altar is prepared by the president and the gifts of the people are presented the organist plays music.

Offertory Prayer

**All Gracious God, accept these gifts,
and with them our lives,
to be used in your service;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

The president takes the bread and wine that only she is receiving (the Ciborium stays covered) and says

Be present, be present,
Lord Jesus Christ,
our risen high priest;
make yourself known in the breaking of bread.

All Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer B

The president says

The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

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.

Father, we give you thanks and praise
through your beloved Son Jesus Christ,
your living Word, through whom you have created
all things; who was sent by you in your great
goodness to be our Saviour.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh;
as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin,
he lived on earth and went about among us;
he opened wide his arms for us on the cross;
he put an end to death by dying for us;
and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life;
so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy
people.

And now we give you thanks
for your blessing on this house of prayer,
where through your grace we offer you
the sacrifice of praise and are built by your Spirit
into a temple made without hands,
even the body of your Son Jesus Christ.
Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever 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, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness; grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

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.

The deacon says

Great is the mystery of faith:

All Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice
of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of *St Barnabas*
and all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through 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.

Please sit

The Lord's Prayer

The president introduces the Lord's Prayer

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 forgives 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.**

The Agnus Dei is said

Lamb of God,

**All 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.**

Giving of Communion

The president says the following invitation to 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.

The president lifts up the bread and says

The body of Christ.

All Amen.

The president lifts up the cup and says

The blood of Christ.

All Amen.

The president receives the Holy Communion in both kinds, then she puts on a face covering, sanitises hands and puts the gloves on.

- *Please remind seated.*
- *The Holy Communion is administered in silence.*
- *Reverend Maria comes to give you the communion (the bread only).*
- *Stretch out your arms and make a cup of your hands where the communion is dropped.*
- *Keep your face mask on until Reverend Maria has moved on from your row, only then take the face mask off to consume the bread.*

Those at home are encouraged to say these words of the Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe
that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.

During the communion the organist plays music.

Prayer after Communion

*The president says the Post Communion prayer from the pew sheet to which all respond **Amen.***

Then the following prayer is said together

**All Lord God,
sustain us in this vale of tears
with the vision of your grace and glory,
that strengthened by the bread of life,
we may come to your eternal dwelling place;
in the power of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

The Dismissal

Notices

Blessing

The Lord be with you
All and also with you.

Christ, whose glory is in the heavens,
fill this house and illuminate your hearts;
and the blessing of God almighty,
+ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

The Sending Out

As our service draws to a close, we give thanks to God we have been able to return to worship together as the Body of Christ in this place.

The deacon says

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ.

Amen.

The music is played while the ministers and people depart.

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