



St. Luke's Church
Maidenhead



A service
of
Holy Communion
for use in church during
the coronavirus pandemic



You may find these prayers useful as you prepare for worship:

Eternal God and Father,
you create and redeem us by the power of your love;
guide and strengthen us by your Spirit,
that we may give ourselves in love and service
to one another and to you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lord our God
As with all creation
We offer you the life of this new day,
Give us grace to love and serve you
To the praise of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Keep us, good Lord,
under the shadow of your mercy
in this time of uncertainty and distress.
Sustain and support the anxious and fearful,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may rejoice in your comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Heal us, O God, from all our afflictions
and keep us in your steadfast love;
bind up our wounds,
raise us from death,
and lead us to fullness of life;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

God be in my head, and in my understanding;
God be in my eyes, and in my looking;
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;
God be in my heart, and in my thinking;
God be at my end, and at my departing.

The Gathering

*Music is played before the service.
When the bell is rung, please stand at the entry of the ministers.*

The president says
In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

The Greeting

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

All **and also with you.**

We sit, as words of welcome or introduction may be said.

Music

We listen to a hymn or piece of music.

Prayer of Preparation

This prayer may be said

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.**

Prayers of Penitence

*The president uses a seasonal introduction to confession,
or these or other suitable words*

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.

Lord Jesus, you heal the sick:
Lord, have mercy

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you forgive sinners:
Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you give yourself to heal us
and bring us strength:
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

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.**

Gloria in Excelsis

We stand to say this, or we sit to listen to a recording

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'. The Collect of the day is said and all respond*

All **Amen.**

We sit down.

The Liturgy of the Word

Reading

*At the end the reader may say
This is the word of the Lord.*

All **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading

We stand for the 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.**

Reflection

The Creed

We all stand

Let us declare our faith in God.

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

All Lord, in your mercy, (or)
hear our prayer.

Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.

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

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

We stand. The president introduces the Peace:

We are the body of Christ.

In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.

Let us then pursue all that makes for peace
and builds up our common life.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All **and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

We bow or wave to those both physically present and those online.

Preparation of the Altar

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

Music is played while this is done. We are invited to pray quietly.

The president says this, or another prayer of preparation

Pour upon the poverty of our love,
and the weakness of our praise,
the transforming fire of your presence.

All **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

We stand. The president uses this, or another prayer

The Lord is here. OR The Lord be with you

All **His Spirit is with us. OR 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, you made the world and love your creation.
You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour.
His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death.
And so we gladly thank you,
with saints and angels 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.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:
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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Christ is the bread of life:
All **When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,
until you come in glory.**

Lord of all life,
help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with Luke and all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.
Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,
for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

We sit to pray

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.**

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 president holds up the bread and says:
The Body of Christ, broken for you.*

All **Amen**

Giving of Communion

*Please remain in your place, standing or sitting, as you prefer.
The Host will be brought to you. Please sit once you have received.
If you would prefer a (silent) blessing please cross your hands over
your chest.
We maintain SILENCE throughout.
During the distribution music may be played.*

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept..

The president may say the Post Communion prayer

We may all say this prayer

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.**

The Dismissal

Music

We listen to a hymn or music.

We stand as the president gives a seasonal blessing, or

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.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **in the name of Christ. Amen.**

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and then leave the building immediately, maintaining social distancing.*

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We are not people of fear:
we are people of courage.
We are not people who protect our own safety:
we are people who protect our neighbours' safety.
We are not people of greed:
we are people of generosity.
We are your people God,
giving and loving,
wherever we are,
whatever it costs
For as long as it takes
wherever you call us.

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