

St. Luke's Church  
Maidenhead

## **An All Age Service of Holy Communion**



Welcome to our service of Holy Communion, designed for all ages to worship together. People of all ages from our church family will lead our worship today.

We have come together to worship God, who made the whole world and all that it is in it. God is our loving Father.

As you wait for the service to start you may like to pray quietly or to think about the past week and the one to come. These prayers may help you prepare for worship.

As we approach, you invite us to come closer;  
as we draw near, you welcome us;  
in your welcome we find peace.  
Thank you, loving Father.    Amen.

Loving God, we have come to worship you.  
Help us to pray to you in faith,  
to sing your praise with gratitude,  
and to listen to your word with eagerness;  
through Christ our Lord.    Amen.

Everyone is welcome here to receive bread (and wine, when we are able to use it). Jesus offers himself to all people of all ages and conditions.

**Please join in with the words in bold print.**



## The Gathering

### Hymn

*We stand to sing a hymn, and then we greet each other*

In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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

### Saying sorry

*We say sorry to God for the wrong things we think, do and say, with these , or other words:*

God our Father,  
we want to say sorry.  
For the times we have not lived by your values  
**We are truly sorry**

For the times we have been unkind to others  
**We are truly sorry**

For the times we have not helped people in need  
**We are truly sorry**

*We hear God's words  
of forgiveness*



May the God  
of love and power  
forgive you and free you from your sins,  
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,  
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **The Gloria**

*We praise God for being God!*

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father  
**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father**  
To God be glory for ever  
**To God be glory forever**  
Alleluia! Amen.  
**Alleluia! Amen. Alleluia! Amen. Alleluia! Amen.**

Glory to God, glory to God, Son of the Father  
**Glory to God, glory to God, Son of the Father**  
Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit  
**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit**

**OR: Gloria Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria Gloria alleluia alleluia**

### **The Collect**

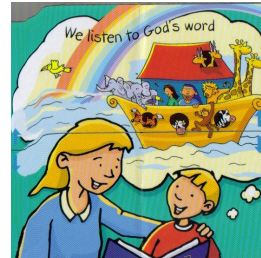
*We stand in silence for a moment, and then the special prayer  
for the day is said, and at the end we say **Amen.***

## **The Liturgy of the Word**

*We sit down to hear a passage from the Bible. At the end the reader will say:*

**This is the word of the Lord.**

**Thanks be to God.**



*We might now stand for the Gospel reading:*

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the end we say:*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Talk**

*We sit down to think about the Bible readings*

**The Creed**

**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

*We pray now for other people.*

*We might say after each short prayer:*

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

*And at the end*

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 up to share God's peace with these, or other words:*

God is love, and those who live in love live in God  
and God lives in them.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*We wave or shake hands with each other.*

### Hymn

*We stay standing to sing a hymn together*

*The altar is prepared and bread and wine are placed on it.*

With this bread that we bring  
**we shall remember Jesus.**  
With this wine that we bring  
**we shall remember Jesus.**

Bread for his body,  
wine for his blood,  
gifts from God to his table we bring.  
**We shall remember Jesus.**

### **The Eucharistic Prayer**

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you.**

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, Mary's child.  
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:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
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.

*A bell is rung*

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.

*A bell is rung*

Jesus Christ has died.  
**Jesus Christ has died.**

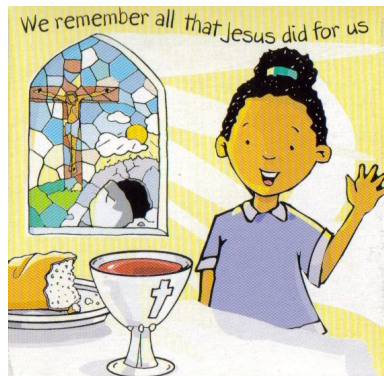
Jesus Christ is risen.  
**Jesus Christ is risen.**



Jesus Christ will come again.  
**Jesus 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.**

*The bread is broken in two*

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

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

*Everyone is warmly invited to receive the bread (and wine)  
or a blessing. We reply **Amen.***

*A hymn may be sung, or music played.*

*We remain seated for this and pray or reflect quietly.*

#### **Prayer after Communion**

**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.**

*There may be notices at this point*

#### **The Dismissal**

*We stand to receive this, or another, blessing*

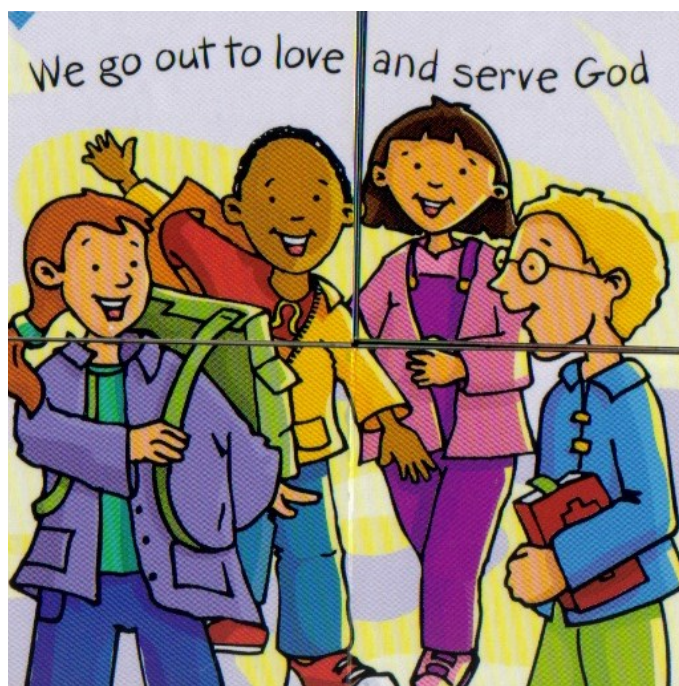
The peace of God, which passes all understanding,  
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love  
of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, and the  
blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*We are sent out to serve God*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

#### **Hymn**

*We sing a final hymn together*



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