



Easthampstead

Parish Church

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HOLY COMMUNION - ORDER ONE

Order of Service

Please stand as the minister processes into the church.

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

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

From Easter Day to Pentecost only this acclamation follows

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

Please be seated. The presiding minister will begin the service with some words of welcome and any notices are given.

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.**

THE PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

The minister will issue an invitation to confession. Then either an invitation to say this prayer together;

**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.**

Or, the following. Each response will be introduced with a seasonal penitential sentence.

**All Lord, have mercy,
Lord, have mercy,**

**All Christ, have mercy,
Christ, have mercy,**

**All Lord, have mercy,
Lord, have mercy.**

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 eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

This Hymn of the Angels may be said if it is a lesser festival, otherwise this is omitted.

HYMN OF THE ANGELS

**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 PRAYER

The Collect is said and all respond

All Amen.

THE READING

THE GOSPEL READING

Please stand for the Gospel reading.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to ...
All Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel is read, after which the minister will say

This is the gospel of the Lord.
All Praise to you, O Christ.

THE SERMON

INTERCESSIONS

This response may be used:

Lord, in your mercy
All hear our prayer.

And at the end this response may be used:

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

THE PEACE

The minister introduces the peace and then says

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

One or more prayers of preparation are said ending with Amen or the words Blessed be God for ever.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Please be seated

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.

The Eucharistic Prayer continues, ending with words similar to

And so, with choirs of angels
and with all the heavenly host,
we proclaim your glory
and join their unending song of praise:

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

**Blesséd is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, Hosanna, 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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**All Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

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 the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Michael, St Mary Magdalene, 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

**All As our Saviour taught, so together 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 BREAKING OF BREAD

The minister may say this

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 this

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,

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

THE GIVING OF COMMUNION

The minister may say this

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**All Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

or this

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.**

or, from Easter Day to Pentecost only this is used

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

All Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Communion is distributed at the Chancel Steps. All who usually receive Communion in their home church are welcome to do so here. If you wish to receive a blessing instead please carry your hymn book. If you are sensitive to gluten, we do have gluten free wafers.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The post-Communion or another suitable prayer is said ending with.

All Amen.

**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

The minister may use a seasonal blessing, or another suitable blessing or this

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.

The minister may say this

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

or, from Easter Day to Pentecost only

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

The minister will process to the back of the Church.

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mobile devices back on.*

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contribution through the Parish Giving Scheme. You can access the
scheme through the QR code below.*



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HOLY COMMUNION - ORDER TWO

Order of Service

The minister will be seated in the Church before the start of the service. The minister will usually say a prayer to which all respond

All Amen.

THE WELCOME

**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.**

SUMMARY OF THE LAW

The minister will read the Summary of the Law. On the first Sundays of Advent and Lent the Ten Commandments (page 18) will replace the Summary of the Law.

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:
The first commandment is this:
'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord.
You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
with all your soul, with all your mind,
and with all your strength.'

The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'
There is no other commandment greater than these.
On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

All Amen. Lord, have mercy.

THE COLLECT

The Collect is said and all respond

All Amen.

THE READING

At the end of the reading the reader will say

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL

Please stand for the Gospel reading.

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end of the Gospel the reader will say

This is the gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

THE NICENE 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.**

THE SERMON

THE OFFERTORY

Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works, and give glory to your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5.16

Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth; where moth and rust consume, and where thieves break in and steal: but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither rust nor moth consume, and where thieves do not break in and steal.

Matthew 6.19

All things come from you, and of your own have we given you.

1 Chronicles 29.14

How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

1 John 3.17

The minister will move to the altar. During which time a collection may be gathered and presented.

INTERCESSION

The minister will say a prayer or prayers to which all respond
All Amen.

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

Brothers and sisters in Christ, as we gather at the Lord's table we must recall the promises and warnings given to us in the Scriptures.

Let us therefore examine ourselves and repent of our sins. Let us give thanks to God for his redemption of the world through his Son Jesus Christ, and as we remember Christ's death for us, and receive this pledge of his love, let us resolve to serve him in holiness and righteousness all the days of our life.

You then, who truly and earnestly repent of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from this day forward in his holy ways: draw near with faith, and take this holy sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to almighty God.

**All Almighty God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
maker of all things, judge of all people,
we acknowledge and lament our many sins
and the wickedness we have committed time after time,
by thought, word and deed against your divine majesty.
We have provoked your righteous anger
and your indignation against us.**

**We earnestly repent,
and are deeply sorry for these our wrongdoings;
the memory of them weighs us down,
the burden of them is too great for us to bear.
Have mercy upon us,
have mercy upon us, most merciful Father.**

**For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that from this time forward
we may always serve and please you in newness of life,
to the honour and glory of your name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with heartfelt repentance and true faith turn to him: have mercy on you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

COMFORTABLE WORDS

Hear the words of comfort our Saviour Christ says to all who truly turn to him:

“Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.”

Matthew 11.28

“God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.”

John 3.16

Hear what Saint Paul says: “This saying is true and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.”

1 Timothy 1.15

Hear what Saint John says: “If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins.”

1 John 2.1,2

PREFACE

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 indeed right,
it is our duty and our joy,
at all times and in all places
to give you thanks and praise,
holy Father, heavenly King,
almighty and eternal God.

A seasonal preface may be said by the minister.

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.**

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

**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.**

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who, in your tender mercy, gave your only Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there by his one oblation of himself once offered a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world; he instituted, and in his holy gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death until he comes again.

Hear us, merciful Father, we humbly pray, and grant that we receiving these gifts of your creation, this bread and this wine, according to your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood;

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 when he had given 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.

All Amen.

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 GIVING OF COMMUNION

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

All As our Saviour taught, so together 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.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The minister will say a prayer to which all respond

All Amen.

HYMN OF THE ANGELS

This Hymn of the Angels will not be said during Advent or Lent.

**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.**

DISMISSAL

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.

The minister will process to the back of the Church.

*Don't forget to turn your
mobile devices back on.*

Ten Commandments

God spoke these words and said: I am the Lord your God
**All Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

You shall not make for yourself any idol,
whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above,
or that is on the earth beneath,
or that is in the water under the earth.

You shall not bow down to them or worship them.
**All Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain
**All Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Remember the Sabbath day, and keep it holy.
For six days you shall labour and do all your work.
But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God.

**All Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Honour your father and your mother
**All Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

You shall not murder.
**All Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

You shall not commit adultery.
**All Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

You shall not steal.
**All Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

You shall not bear false witness.
**All Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

You shall not covet
**All Lord, have mercy upon us,
and write all these your laws in our hearts.**

MORNING PRAYER

Order of Service

Please stand as the minister, and (if present) choir enter.

If Morning Prayer is taking place on Sunday, it starts here. For weekdays and Saturdays, it starts after the prayers of penitence.

WELCOME

HYMN

Brothers and Sisters, we have come together in the presence of almighty God and the whole company of heaven to offer unto him through our Lord Jesus Christ our worship and praise and thanksgiving; to pray, as well for others as for ourselves, that we may know more truly the greatness of God's love and therefore show in our lives the fruits of his grace; and to petition God for those things which people need for their well-being.

Come, let us return to the Lord and say:

**All Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have wandered and strayed
from your ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much the devices
and desires of our own hearts.
We have offended against your holy laws.
We have left undone those things
that we ought to have done;
and we have done those things
that we ought not to have done;
and there is no health in us.
But you, O Lord,
have mercy upon us sinners.
Spare those who confess their faults.
Restore those who are penitent,
according to your promises declared
to us in Christ Jesus our Lord.
And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may live a disciplined,
righteous and godly life,
to the glory of your holy name.
Amen.**

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

All Amen.

Morning Prayer starts here if it is taking place on weekdays and Saturdays.

O Lord, open our lips
All and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

O God make speed to save us.
All O Lord make haste to help us.

Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit.
**All As it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Let us praise the Lord
All The Lord's name be praised

SONG OF REJOICING IN THE LORD

- 1 O come, let us sing to the Lord; ♦
let us heartily rejoice in the rock of our salvation.
- 2 **Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving ♦
and be glad in him with psalms.**
- 3 For the Lord is a great God ♦
and a great king above all gods.
- 4 **In his hand are the depths of the earth ♦
and the heights of the mountains are his also.**
- 5 The sea is his, for he made it, ♦
and his hands have moulded the dry land.
- 6 **Come, let us worship and bow down ♦
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**
- 7 For he is our God; ♦
we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

Psalm 95

**All Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;
let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,
so may the light of your presence, O God,
set our hearts on fire with love for you; now and for ever.

All Amen.

PSALM

At the end of the psalm these words are said or sung;

**All Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

The following is said except in Lent and Advent

SONG OF PRAISE

- 1 We praise you, O God, ♦
we acclaim you as the Lord;
- 2 **all creation worships you, ♦
the Father everlasting.**
- 3 To you all angels, all the powers of heaven, ♦
the cherubim and seraphim, sing in endless praise:
- 4 **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, ♦
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**
- 5 The glorious company of apostles praise you. ♦
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.
- 6 **The white-robed army of martyrs praise you. ♦
Throughout the world the holy Church acclaim you:**
- 7 Father, of majesty unbounded, your true and only Son, ♦
worthy of all praise, the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

- 8 **You, Christ, are the King of glory, ♦
the eternal Son of the Father.**
- 9 When you took our flesh to set us free ♦
you humbly chose the Virgin's womb.
- 10 **You overcame the sting of death ♦
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.**
- 11 You are seated at God's right hand in glory. ♦
We believe that you will come and be our judge.
- 12 **Come then, Lord, and help your people, ♦
bought with the price of your own blood,
and bring us with your saints
to glory everlasting.**

Christian Hymn, AD 387

- All Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

During Lent and Advent the following is said

SONG OF HUMILITY

- 1 Come, let us return to the Lord ♦
who has torn us and will heal us.
- 2 **God has stricken us ♦
and will bind up our wounds.**
- 3 After two days, he will revive us, ♦
and on the third day will raise us up,
that we may live in his presence.
- 4 **Let us strive to know the Lord; ♦
his appearing is as sure as the sunrise.**
- 5 He will come to us like the showers, ♦
like the spring rains that water the earth.
- 6 **'O Ephraim, how shall I deal with you? ♦
How shall I deal with you, O Judah?**
- 7 'Your love for me is like the morning mist, ♦
like the dew that goes early away.
- 8 **'Therefore, I have hewn them by the prophets, ♦
and my judgement goes forth as the light.**
- 9 'For loyalty is my desire and not sacrifice, ♦
and the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.'

**All Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

NEW TESTAMENT READING

SONG OF ZECHARIAH

- 1 Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel, ♦
who has come to his people and set them free.
- 2 **He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour, ♦
born of the house of his servant David.**
- 3 Through his holy prophets God promised of old ♦
to save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all that hate us,
- 4 **To show mercy to our ancestors, ♦
and to remember his holy covenant.**
- 5 This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham: ♦
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
- 6 **Free to worship him without fear, ♦
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.**
- 7 And you, child, shall be called
the prophet of the Most High, ♦
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
- 8 **To give his people knowledge of salvation ♦
by the forgiveness of all their sins.**
- 9 In the tender compassion of our God ♦
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
- 10 **To shine on those who dwell in darkness
and the shadow of death, ♦
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

Luke 1.68-79

**All Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

SERMON

If choir are present an Anthem may be sung

The creed is read on Sundays

CREED

**All I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

INTERCESSIONS

Prayers are offered.

The following responses may be used.

O Lord, show your mercy upon us
All And grant us your salvation

O Lord save the King
All And mercifully hear us when we call upon you

Provide your ministers with righteousness
All And make your chosen people joyful

O Lord save your people
All And bless your inheritance

Give peace in our time, O Lord
**All Because there is none other that defends us from harm,
but only you, O God**

O God, make clean our hearts within us
All And take not your holy spirit from us

COLLECT FOR PEACE

Almighty God, the author of peace and lover of reconciliation,
to know you grants eternal life and
to serve you is perfect freedom:
Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies;
that we, surely trusting in your defence,
may not fear the power of any adversaries;
through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

COLLECT FOR GRACE

Almighty and everlasting God,
we thank you that you have brought us safely
to the beginning of this day.
Keep us from falling into sin or running into danger,
order us in all our doings and guide us to do always
what is righteous in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

The collect prayer is said, all respond saying:

All Amen.

**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.**

HYMN

The Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil,
and keep us in eternal life.

All Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

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EVENING PRAYER

Order of Service

Please stand as the minister, and (if present) choir enter.

If Evening Prayer is taking place on Sunday, it starts here. For weekdays and Saturdays, it starts after the prayers of penitence.

WELCOME

HYMN

Brothers and Sisters, we have come together in the presence of almighty God and the whole company of heaven to offer unto him through our Lord Jesus Christ our worship and praise and thanksgiving; to pray, as well for others as for ourselves, that we may know more truly the greatness of God's love and therefore show in our lives the fruits of his grace; and to petition God for those things which people need for their well-being.

Come, let us return to the Lord and say:

**All Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have wandered and strayed
from your ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much the devices
and desires of our own hearts.
We have offended against your holy laws.
We have left undone those things
that we ought to have done;
and we have done those things
that we ought not to have done;
and there is no health in us.
But you, O Lord,
have mercy upon us sinners.
Spare those who confess their faults.
Restore those who are penitent,
according to your promises declared
to us in Christ Jesus our Lord.
And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may live a disciplined,
righteous and godly life,
to the glory of your holy name.
Amen.**

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

All Amen.

Evening Prayer starts here if it is taking place on weekdays and Saturdays.

O Lord, open our lips
All and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

O God make speed to save us.
All O Lord make haste to help us.

Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit.
**All As it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Let us praise the Lord
All The Lord's name be praised

That this evening may be holy, good and peaceful,
let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

As our evening prayer rises before you, O God,
so may your mercy come down upon us
to cleanse our hearts
and set us free to sing your praise
now and for ever.
All Amen.

PSALM

At the end of the psalm these words are said or sung;
**All Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

SONG OF MARY

This may be said or sung.

- 1 My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour; ♦
he has looked with favour on his lowly servant.
- 2 **From this day all generations will call me blessed; ♦
the Almighty has done great things for me
and holy is his name.**
- 3 He has mercy on those who fear him, ♦
from generation to generation.
- 4 **He has shown strength with his arm ♦
and has scattered the proud in their conceit,**
- 5 Casting down the mighty from their thrones ♦
and lifting up the lowly.
- 6 **He has filled the hungry with good things ♦
and sent the rich away empty.**
- 7 He has come to the aid of his servant Israel, ♦
to remember his promise of mercy,
- 8 **The promise made to our ancestors, ♦
to Abraham and his children for ever.**

Luke 1.46-55

**All Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

NEW TESTAMENT READING

SONG OF SIMEON

This may be said or sung.

- 1 Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace: ♦
your word has been fulfilled.
- 2 **My own eyes have seen the salvation ♦
which you have prepared in the sight of every people;**
- 3 A light to reveal you to the nations ♦
and the glory of your people Israel.

All **Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
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and shall be for ever. Amen.**

SERMON/TESTIMONY/TEACHING

If choir are present an Anthem may be sung

The creed is read on Sundays

CREED

All **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

INTERCESSIONS

Prayers are offered.

The following responses may be used.

All **O Lord, show your mercy upon us
And grant us your salvation**

O Lord save the King

All **And mercifully hear us when we call upon you**

Provide your ministers with righteousness

All **And make your chosen people joyful**

O Lord save your people

All **And bless your inheritance**

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All **Because there is none other that defends us from harm,
but only you, O God**

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All **And take not your holy spirit from us**

COLLECT FOR PEACE

Almighty God, source of all our desires,
good counsels and just works,
grant to us that peace which the world cannot give,
so that we may be obedient to your commandments,
and also that, through your loving kindness,
you may deliver us from fear of our enemies;
and may pass our time in rest and quietness,
through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

All **Amen.**

COLLECT FOR AID AGAINST ALL PERILS

Lighten our darkness,
Lord, we pray,
and in your great mercy
defend us from all perils and dangers of this night,
for the love of your only Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.

All **Amen.**

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Prayers for all occasions

These prayers may be used

A PRAYER FOR THE SOVEREIGN

Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness,
bless our Sovereign Lord, ...
and all who are in authority under him;
that they may order all things
in wisdom and equity, righteousness and peace,
to the honour of your name,
and the good of your Church and people;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

A PRAYER FOR THE ROYAL FAMILY

Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness,
bless, we pray, ...
and all the Royal Family.
Endue them with your Holy Spirit;
enrich them with your heavenly grace;
prosper them with all happiness;
and bring them to your everlasting kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

A PRAYER FOR BISHOPS AND OTHER PASTORS

Almighty and everlasting God,
the only worker of great marvels,
send down upon our bishops and other pastors
and all congregations committed to their care
the spirit of your saving grace;
and that they may truly please you,
pour upon them the continual dew of your blessing.
Grant this, O Lord,
for the honour of our advocate and mediator, Jesus Christ.

All Amen.

FOR THE UNITY OF THE CHURCH

Heavenly Father,
you have called us in the Body of your Son Jesus Christ
to continue his work of reconciliation
and reveal you to the world:
forgive us the sins which tear us apart;
give us the courage to overcome our fears
and to seek that unity which is your gift and your will;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

All Amen.

FOR THE PEACE OF THE WORLD

Almighty God,
from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed:
kindle, we pray, in the hearts of all, the true love of peace
and guide with your pure and peaceable wisdom
those who take counsel for the nations of the earth
that in tranquillity your kingdom may go forward,
till the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

All Amen.

A GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants
give you most humble and hearty thanks
for all your goodness and loving kindness.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ,
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And give us, we pray, such a sense of all your mercies
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful,
and that we show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up ourselves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honour and glory, for ever and ever.

All Amen.

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