





**Easthampstead**  
Parish Church

# Ordinary Time

## Introduction to the season

Ordinary Time covers the two periods in the Christian calendar in which the Sundays are not directly related to the Christmas or Easter seasons, and the times that precede and succeed them.

Rather than referring to something everyday or common, "ordinary," in this sense, comes from the word ordinal (meaning "numbered"), referring to the fact that the Sundays in these periods are numbered from two points in the Church's year.

The first period of Ordinary Time begins after the celebration of The Presentation of Christ in the Temple and runs until Ash Wednesday.

The second, much longer, period of Ordinary Time begins the day after Pentecost Sunday and lasts until the Kingdom season begins (four Sundays before Advent Sunday).

Green is the usual liturgical colour in these periods. It is a sign of life in nature and as such represents growth, life and hope.

**Our website:**

[www.stmichaelseasthampstead.org.uk](http://www.stmichaelseasthampstead.org.uk)



# Order of Service

*Please stand as ministers, servers and choir process into the church.*

## OPENING HYMN

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

**All Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

*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

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ to save us from our sins, to be our advocate in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,  
firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and  
to live in love and peace with all.

**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.**

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.**

## **HYMN OF THE ANGELS**

*Please stand*

**All ♪ Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.**

**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.**

**Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.**

**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.**

**Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.**

**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.**

**Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.**

## THE COLLECT PRAYER

*The Collect is said and all respond.*

**All    Amen.**

## THE READING

*At the end of the reading the reader says*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All    Thanks be to God.**

## THE GRADUAL HYMN

## THE GOSPEL READING

*The Gospel will be processed to the centre of the Church. Please remain standing and turn to face the Gospel.*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**All ♪ Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

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

**All ♪ Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

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

## THE 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.

## INTERCESSIONS

*This response is used at the end of each prayer.*

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

*This response may be used after remembering those who have died.*

Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord,  
**All and let light perpetual shine upon them.**  
May they rest in peace,  
**All and rise in glory.**

*At the end of the intercessions this response is used.*

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

## THE PEACE

We are all one in Christ Jesus.  
We belong to him through faith,  
heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**All And also with you.**  
Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

## OFFERTORY HYMN



*During the hymn a collection will be taken.* You can make a one off donation or regular contribution through the Parish Giving Scheme. You can access the scheme through the QR code below.



*Any amount you can give will make a difference. The gifts of the people are presented during the hymn. The altar will also be prepared, with the gift of bread and wine placed upon it.*

## PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:  
through your goodness we have this bread to set before you,  
which earth has given and human hands have made.  
It will become for us the bread of life.

**All Blessed be God for ever.**



Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:  
through your goodness we have this wine to set before you,  
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.  
It will become for us the cup of salvation.

**All 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.**

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

From sunrise to sunset this day is holy,  
for Christ has risen from the tomb  
and scattered the darkness of death  
with light that will not fade.

This day the risen Lord walks with your gathered people,  
unfolds for us your word,  
and makes himself known in the breaking of the bread.  
And though the night will overtake this day  
you summon us to live in endless light,  
the never-ceasing sabbath of the Lord.

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

As our Saviour taught, so together 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.**

## THE BREAKING OF 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.**

**All ♪ 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,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
Grant us peace.**

## THE GIVING OF COMMUNION

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin 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.**

*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 prayer is said and all respond.*

**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 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.**

## CLOSING HYMN

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All ♪ In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*The ministers, servers and choir will process out of the church.*

*Refreshments will be served  
in the annexe.*

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

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