



The Eucharist

Welcome to this Eucharist at the Church of the Resurrection.

Before he was crucified, Jesus took bread and wine, blessed them and said ‘this is my body..’ and ‘this is my blood...’ He told the disciples to ‘do this, in remembrance of me.’ As we remember Jesus here, we call to mind the whole history of our salvation. We hear the words of Scripture, and we pray for the needs of the world. By sharing bread and wine as Jesus commanded, we are mystically caught up in the events of Jesus’ death and his resurrection from the dead.

Our liturgy here reflects the belief and practice of the Church of England, but Christians of all traditions are welcome to join us.

For reflection before the service begins

O taste and see that the Lord is gracious;
blessed is the one who trusts in him.

Psalm 34. 8

Surely the Lord is in this place and this is none but the house of God and the gate of heaven. And into that gate they shall enter and in that house they shall dwell, where there shall be no cloud nor sun, no darkness nor dazzling, but one equal light; no noise nor silence, but one equal music; no fears nor hopes, but one equal possession; no foes nor friends, but one equal communion and identity; no ends nor beginnings, but one equal eternity.

John Donne, *Sermon CXLVI*

The Order for the Eucharist
at the Church of the Resurrection

The Gathering

*We say or sing the words in **bold** type.
We stand as the procession enters and the opening hymn is sung.*

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.

Prayers of Penitence

The confession is introduced with these or other words:

Brothers and Sisters in Christ, as we prepare to celebrate these sacred mysteries, let us call to mind and confess our sins.

**Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned in thought,
word and deed.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy, forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

The Kyrie eleison is either said or sung.

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**
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 life
eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis

The Gloria is either said or sung. It is omitted during Advent and Lent.

**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 priest introduces a period of silent prayer with the words 'let us pray,'
and then offers the prayer appointed for the day.*

Readings

Please sit. Readings from both the Old Testament and the New Testament are usually read. A psalm may be said or sung between the readings.

At the end of each, the reader says:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

A hymn is sung before the Gospel reading.

Gospel Reading

We remain standing for this reading. The Gospel is heralded by an acclamation that may be either said or sung.

During Lent, the Alleluia is not used.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia.

When the Gospel is announced the reader says:

The Lord be with you

And also with you

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

at the end:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Please sit for the sermon.

The Creed

Following a moment's silence after the sermon, we stand to affirm our faith together in the ancient words of the Nicene Creed.

**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.**

Prayers of Intercession

Please sit or kneel as we offer our prayers for the Church and for the world.

These responses may be used:

Lord, in your mercy *or* Lord, hear us.
hear our prayer. Lord, graciously hear us.

When praying for the departed, the following response may be used:

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

at the end:

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

The Peace

Please stand. The Peace is introduced with these or other words:

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
and also with you.

*We share with one another a sign of peace
(e.g. a handshake, a wave, or a nod of the head).*

The Preparation of the Table

A hymn is sung as the altar is prepared. A collection is taken, and the money we offer for the life and work of the church is a reminder to us of our complete dependence on the generosity of God. The information for bank transfers can be found towards the back of this booklet. It is not just money we offer, however – we come to the altar with our whole lives laid before God as we open our hearts to the transforming power of the Holy Spirit.

This prayer, or another, is said over the gifts.

Wise and gracious God,
you spread a table before us;
nourish your people with the word of life and the bread of heaven.
Amen.

The Eucharistic ('Thanksgiving') Prayer

Please remain standing. Parts of this prayer may be either said or sung, and will vary according to the season of the Church's year.

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

Sanctus and Benedictus

This hymn, recalling the worship of the angels (Isaiah 6.3), is said or sung.

**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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**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 the Blessed Virgin Mary, (*N. and N.*)
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. **Amen.**

Silence is kept.

The Lord's Prayer

After a moment's silence, we say the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples.

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**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 forgive 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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

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.**

Agnus Dei

The Agnus Dei may be either said or sung.

**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.**

Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

We pray together this prayer of preparation.

**Most merciful Lord,
your love compels us to come in.
Our hands were unclean,
our hearts were unprepared;
we were not fit
even to eat the crumbs from under your table.
But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation,
and share your bread with sinners.
So, cleanse and feed us
with the precious body and blood of your Son,
that he may live in us and we in him;
and that we, with the whole company of Christ,
may sit and eat in your kingdom. Amen.**

*Children's Church come first to the altar rail, and all are invited to follow.
All baptised Christians are welcome to receive the Eucharistic gifts of bread
and wine that we share here.*

*If you would like to receive a blessing instead of the Eucharistic bread and
wine, then please bring this booklet with you to the altar rail as a sign.*

Each communicant receives with the words:

The body of Christ. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ. **Amen.**

As you prepare to receive Christ himself in bread and wine, you may wish to use one of the following prayers:

O most Sacred, most loving Heart of Jesus,
concealed in the Holy Eucharist, you beat for us still...
I worship you, then, with all my love and reverence... O my God,
when you permit me to receive you, and for a while you take up
your abode within me, make my heart beat with your heart.

St John Henry Newman

Of thy Mystic Supper, O Son of God, today admit me a partaker:
for I will not tell the secret to thine enemies,
nor betray thee with a kiss like Judas;
but like the thief I will confess thee:
Remember me, O Lord, in thy kingdom.

A Prayer from the Byzantine Liturgy

After communion, you may wish to use this prayer:

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things;
may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and
dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from
deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine
with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with
your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life;
glory to you for ever.

Malabar Liturgy, Common Worship, Eighth Sunday after Trinity

Prayer after Communion

The post-communion prayer is said, and we then pray together:

**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.**

Notices

Notices are given, and the final hymn is announced.

The Blessing and Dismissal

The following blessing, or another according to the season, is used:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you

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.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen

Thank you for joining us!

You are warmly welcome to join us for refreshments and conversation after our service. If this is your first time with us, please introduce yourself – we'd love to get to know you.

If you would like to sign up to our mailing list, please speak to someone over coffee, or you can be in touch through our email address or the website.

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Further Prayers for Reflection after Communion

O sacred banquet in which Christ is received, the memory of his passion is renewed, our lives are filled with grace, and a pledge of future glory is given!

O sacrum convivium

I love you, O my God, and my only desire is to love you until the last breath of my life. I love you, and I would rather die loving you, than live without loving you. I love you Lord, and the only grace I ask is to love you eternally. My God, if my tongue cannot say in every moment that I love you, I want my heart to repeat it to you as often as I draw breath.

St Jean-Baptiste Marie Vianney

Soul of Christ, sanctify me;
Body of Christ, save me;
Blood of Christ, inebriate me;
Water from Christ's side, wash me;
Passion of Christ, strengthen me;
O good Jesus, hear me;
Within Thy wounds hide me;
Suffer me not to be separated from Thee;
From the malicious enemy defend me;
In the hour of my death call me,
And bid me come unto Thee,
That I may praise Thee with Thy saints
and with Thy angels forever and ever. Amen

Anima Christi

O God, of your goodness, give me yourself,
for you are enough for me.

Julian of Norwich

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