

# Holy Communion

St Mary's East Leake



**The Season of Eastertide**

## **The Greeting**

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

**All and also with you.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**All He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

## **Prayer of Preparation**

*A prayer asking God's Holy Spirit to help us worship.*

**All Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from 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.**

## Confession

*We confess our sins and failures to God*

Christ died to sin once for all, and now he lives to God. Let us renew our resolve, to have done with all that is evil, and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

*cf Romans 6.10*

*A time of quiet*

We have lived by our own strength,  
and not by the power of your resurrection.  
In your mercy, forgive us.

**All Lord, hear us and help us.**

We have lived by the light of our own eyes,  
as faithless and not believing.  
In your mercy, forgive us.

**All Lord, hear us and help us.**

We have lived for this world alone,  
and doubted our home in heaven.  
In your mercy, forgive us.

**All Lord, hear us and help us.**

## Absolution

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.

**All Amen.**

## Canticle

A Song of Mercy and Truth

- 1 O God, will you not give us life again,  
**that your people may rejoice in you?**
- 2 Show us your mercy, O Lord,  
**and grant us your salvation.**
- 3 Truly, his salvation is near to those who fear him, ♦  
**that his glory may dwell in our land.**
- 4 Mercy and truth are met together,  
**righteousness and peace have kissed each other;**
- 5 Truth shall spring up from the earth  
**and righteousness look down from heaven.**
- 6 Righteousness shall go before him  
**and direct his steps in the way.**

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.**

*Psalm 85.6,7,9-11,13*

## The Collect

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ  
is the resurrection and the life:

**All raise us, who trust in him,  
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,  
that we may seek those things which are above,  
where he reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.**

## The Gospel

*John 12:44-end*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to John

**All Glory to you, O Lord.**

Then Jesus cried out, “Whoever believes in me does not believe in me only, but in the one who sent me. The one who looks at me is seeing the one who sent me. I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness.

“If anyone hears my words but does not keep them, I do not judge that person. For I did not come to judge the world, but to save the world. There is a judge for the one who rejects me and does not accept my words; the very words I have spoken will condemn them at the last day. For I did not speak on my own, but the Father who sent me commanded me to say all that I have spoken. I know that his command leads to eternal life. So whatever I say is just what the Father has told me to say.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All Praise to you, O Christ.**

## The Apostles' Creed

**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 again 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.**

## Prayers of Intercession

*These responses may be used*

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

*At the end*

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

## The Peace

*Celebrating the love and peace we share together in Christ*

This is the good news—  
the grave is empty; Christ is risen.

**All Hallelujah!**

the light shines in the darkness,  
and the darkness can never put it out.

**All Hallelujah!**

once we were no people;  
But now we are God's people.

**All Hallelujah!**

Christ is our peace,  
a peace that overcomes all  
which we now share with each other.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

**All And also with you.**

## The Communion Prayer

The Lord is here

**All His Spirit is with us**

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 right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;  
in your love you made us for yourself.



When we turned away you did not reject us,  
but came to meet us in your Son.

**All You embraced us as your children  
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life  
that we might live in him and he in us.

**All He opened his arms of love upon the cross  
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed,  
at supper with his friends  
he took bread, and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to them, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

**All Father, we do this in remembrance of him:  
his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,  
he gave you thanks, and said:  
Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins;  
do this in remembrance of me.

**All Father, we do this in remembrance of him:  
his blood is shed for all.**



As we proclaim his death  
and celebrate his rising in glory,  
send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine  
may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

**All As we eat and drink these holy gifts  
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world  
we offer you this sacrifice of praise  
and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

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

### **Giving of Communion**

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 Sharing of the Bread

The body of Christ, broken in love for you.

**Amen.**

*While communion bread is distributed:*



Remain seated



Keep your hand flat  
to avoid contact



Feel free to use  
hand sanitiser

## The Drinking of the Cup

*At this time, we are not able to share together from the common cup, so as the wine is drunk, you are invited to 'administer' the chalice to the service leader with these words:*

The Blood of Christ.

**All Shed for you and for me. Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in God's new creation, 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.**

### Prayer after Communion

Almighty God,

**All we give you thanks and praise,  
that when we were still far off  
you met us in your Son and brought us home.  
Dying and living, he declared your love,  
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.  
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;  
we who drink his cup bring life to others;  
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.  
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,  
so we and all your children shall be free,  
and the whole earth live to praise your name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## The Blessing

May Christ,  
who out of defeat brings new hope  
and a new future,  
fill you with his new life;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**All Amen.**

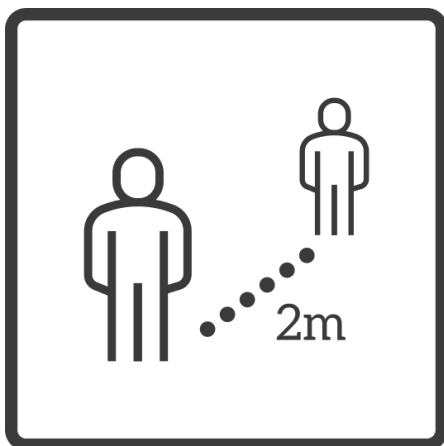
## The Dismissal

Will you please stand

*We turn to face the door.*

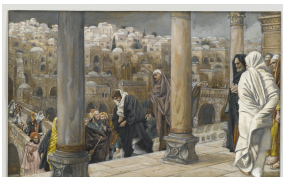
Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

**All Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**



***Immediately after the words of dismissal we leave the church building, beginning with those closest to the door and leaving plenty of space for social distancing. You are encouraged to use hand sanitiser on the way out of church.***

**IT IS EMPHASIZED THAT THERE MUST BE NO MINGLING OF HOUSEHOLD GROUPS AFTER THE SERVICE, INSIDE OR OUTSIDE THE BUILDING**



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