

ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH, CANTERBURY



The Holy Eucharist in Ordinary Time



Welcome to our worship at St Stephen's today

This booklet contains the Order for Holy Communion according to Common Worship in ordinary time. The Common Worship calendar and lectionary (the order of readings) is split into 'seasonal time' and 'ordinary time'. Ordinary time covers the Sundays between the end of the Epiphany season and the beginning of Lent, and the Sundays between Pentecost and the beginning of Advent.



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The Gathering

On Sunday and Festivals we STAND, if you are able, to sing a HYMN.

The Greeting

The president says

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

All **Amen.**

Words of welcome or introduction may be said.

The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

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.**

Prayers of Penitence

A minister introduces the prayers of penitence in these, or other suitable words

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 **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.**

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.

All **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis

The Gloria in Excelsis may be said, or is sung on Sundays and Festivals; the music can be found in the separate booklet.

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

The president introduces a period of silent prayer with these words:

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

Let us pray.

The Collect is said, and all respond

All **Amen.**

We SIT for the readings.



The Liturgy of the Word

One or two readings from Scripture follow.

At the end of each the reader says

This is the word of the Lord.

All

Thanks be to God.

On Sundays we STAND, if you are able, to sing a hymn.

We remain STANDING for the Gospel Reading.

Gospel Reading

An acclamation may be sung by the choir or said by the reader, and all respond

All

Alleluia.

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

All

Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end the reader says

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Please STAND, if you are able, for the Creed.

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.

Prayers of Intercession

We SIT or KNEEL for the prayers.

The following responses may be used

All Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

(or)

All Lord, hear us
Lord graciously hear us.

And at the end

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



The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Please STAND, if you are able.

The president introduces the Peace and then says

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

On Sundays the Offertory Hymn is sung, the gifts are taken up and the elements brought to the Lord's table.

If you would like to make a donation towards the work of St Stephen's, a plate will be passed around for cash donations; if you are able to Gift Aid your donation please complete a giving envelope. There is a card reader for contactless contributions at the back of church and you can also make a donation by scanning this QR code on your smart phone.



Preparation of the Table Taking of the Bread and Wine

The altar is prepared by the ministers and the elements set upon it. When all is ready the president takes the bread and wine and says

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 forever.**

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 forever.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

(Prayer E)

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 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 in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
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.

All Great is the mystery of faith:
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 Stephen, [N]
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 be yours, O loving Father,
for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

We SIT or KNEEL and silence is kept.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, 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.

Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated 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.**

Agnus Dei

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.**

(or)

**Jesus, Lamb of God,
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins,
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, redeemer of the world,
grant us peace.**

Giving of Communion

The president says the following or another invitation to 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.**

The president and people receive the Sacrament. If you do not want to receive the sacrament please come forward and cross your hands before you so that the ministers know to pray a blessing for you.

During the distribution of communion, music may be played, and the choir may sing a hymn and an anthem.

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.

All The Lord be with you
And also with you.

Let us pray.

The president prays the post communion prayer, and we then pray together

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 president says this or another blessing.

Christ, who has nourished us with himself the living bread,
make you one in praise and love, and raise you up at the last day;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

Notices may be given here.

We then STAND, if you are able, to sing the final HYMN.

A minister says

Go in the peace of Christ.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Refreshments are available in the Church Hall after the service on Sunday and Wednesday mornings – we hope that you will join us.

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