

Giving of Communion

Prayer After Communion

God of glory,
You nourish us with your Word
who is the bread of life.
Fill us with your Holy Spirit,
That through us the light of your glory
May shine in all the world.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen

We Ask For God's Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make his face shine
upon you and be gracious to you,
the Lord look lovingly on you
and give you peace; and the blessing ...
Amen

Hymn - 317 SHINE, JESUS SHINE

We Go In God's Strength

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.



Holy Communion - 4th June 2023 Lighting the Beacons

Hymn - 212 HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

We gather to worship God

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

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.

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.
Amen. Lord, have mercy.

We Say Sorry to God

Isaiah in the temple had a vision of God's glory. With him, we
long for God's cleansing fire to touch our lips and to take away
our sin. So let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly

resolved to keep God's commandments and Live in love and peace with all.

We share a moment of quiet to recall our need for forgiveness.

**O King enthroned on high,
filling the earth with your glory:
holy is your name,
Lord God almighty.
In our sinfulness we cry to you
to take our guilt away,
and to cleanse our lips to speak your word,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.
Amen.

We Listen to God's Word

**Almighty and everlasting God,
you have given us your servants grace,
by the confession of a true faith,
to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity
and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity: keep us
steadfast in this faith,
that we may evermore be defended from all adversities; through
Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen**

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us so 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.**

Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated 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.**

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which is shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

As we come to receive these holy gifts, we pray together:
**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.**

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food;
he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said:
This is my body, given for you all.
Jesus then gave thanks for the wine;
he took the cup, gave it and said:
This is my blood, shed for you all
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this in remembrance of me.
This is our story.

This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup
we celebrate the cross
on which he died to set us free.
Defying death he rose again
and is alive with you to plead for us and all the world.
This is our story.

This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.

**Send your Spirit on us now
that by these gifts we may feed on Christ
with opened eyes and hearts on fire.
May we and all who share this food
offer ourselves to live for you
and be welcomed at your feast in heaven
where all creation worships you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:
Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

Readings:

Isaiah 60 1-5

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 5 13-16

at the end, the reader says:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn 126 FATHER WE LOVE YOU

The 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;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from 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 for Ourselves and Others

We Share God's Peace

Glory to God in the highest and peace to his people on earth!
The peace of the Lord be always with you
And also with you

Hymn - 122 FATHER, LORD OF ALL CREATION

We Celebrate Holy Communion

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Almighty God, good Father to us all, your face is turned towards
your world. In love you gave us Jesus your Son to rescue us from
sin and death. Your Word goes out to call us home to the city
where angels sing your praise.

We join with them in heaven's song:

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Father of all, we give you thanks for every gift that comes from
heaven. To the darkness Jesus came as your light.

With signs of faith and words of hope he touched untouchables
with love and washed the guilty clean. This is his story.

This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.

The crowds came out to see your Son, yet at the end they turned
on him. On the night he was betrayed he came to table with his
friends to celebrate the freedom of your people. This is his story.

This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.