

St John the Evangelist Highbridge

The Celebration of Holy Communion

The Gathering and Greeting

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
All **Amen**

Words of welcome and notices may be given. A short period of silence may follow.

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

Or from Easter to Pentecost, the following may be used

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!
All **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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.**

A hymn may be sung (please stand if you are able).

Prayers of Penitence (please sit or kneel)

This, or another seasonal introduction is said:

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.

Silence is kept.

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 life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis *(please stand)*

The Gloria may be said or sung (not normally during Lent and Advent.)

**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 *(please remain standing)*

Silence is kept, and then the prayer of the day is said.

The Liturgy of the Word

Readings *(please sit)*

Either one or two readings from the Old and New Testaments are read.

After the reading:

For the Word of the Lord
All Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading (please stand)

Before the Gospel reading:

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *N.*
All **Glory to you O Lord.**

After the Gospel:

This is the Gospel of the Lord
All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Sermon (please sit)

The sermon may be followed by a prayer, or silent reflection.

The Apostles Creed (please stand)

All **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 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 (please sit or kneel)

The leader of the intercessions may introduce a response, or one of the following may be used:

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

or

Lord, hear us
All **Lord, graciously hear us**

At the end, the following may be said:

Merciful Father
All **accept these prayers**

**for the sake of your Son
Our Saviour, Jesus Christ
Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace (please stand)

The leader introduces the peace with these or other seasonal words:

We are the body of Christ.
In the one Spirit we were all baptised 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
All **And also with you**
Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Hymn (remain standing)

*A hymn may be sung as the altar is prepared, and a collection may be taken.
This or another suitable prayer may be said:*

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

The Eucharistic Prayer (please sit or kneel)

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

Lift up your hearts
All **We lift them up to the Lord**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
All **It is right to give thanks and praise**

The priest continues with the preface, at the end of which all say or sing:

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.**

The priest continues with the Prayer, and then the following acclamation may be said:

Great is the mystery of faith
All **Christ has died,**

**Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

At the end of the Eucharistic Prayer:

All **Amen.**

or

All **Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence, the prayer that Jesus taught us:

All **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.

All **Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

The following may be said or sung:

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.**

Giving of Communion

One of these prayers may be said:

or

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.**

or, from Easter Day to Pentecost

Alleluia! Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.
All **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

or

All **We do not presume
to come to this your table, merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your manifold and great mercies.
We are not worthy
so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table.
But you are the same Lord
whose nature is always to have mercy.
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ
and to drink his blood,
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body
and our souls washed through his most precious blood,
and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us.
Amen.**

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 priest and people receive communion, during which there may be hymns or music.

If you are a member of another church where you normally receive communion, you are welcome to receive with us today. Gluten-free wafers are available if needed - please ask for one when you come forward.

If you would prefer to receive a blessing instead, please come forward and bring this order of service with you.

Prayers after Communion

Silence may be kept.

The Post Communion Prayer or other prayers may be said.

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 Blessing

This blessing or a seasonal alternative is said:

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.**

Dismissal *(please stand)*

A final hymn may be sung.

All Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Or from Easter Day to Pentecost

All Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Please stand as the ministers depart.

Thank you for joining us in worship today.