

Holy Communion
The Penitential Seasons:
Advent and Lent

Common Worship
The Parish of Eaton St Andrew's and Christ Church

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The service of Family Communion used in the Parish of Eaton follows Order One of Common Worship which replaced the Alternative Service Book [ASB] on the 1st January 2001

Holy Communion is celebrated by the whole people of God gathered for worship. The ministry of the members of the congregation is expressed through their active participation together in the words and actions of the service.

The unity of the liturgy is served by the ministry of the president, who in presiding over the whole service holds word and sacrament together and draws the congregation into a worshipping community.

The service has four main sections:

- **The Gathering**, during which the assembly is constituted by singing or saying together the opening prayers, is recalled to penitence to its baptismal status, and is prepared to receive the Word of God.
This section is summed up in the presidential Collect.
- **The Liturgy of the Word**, during which the assembly engages with the Word, as the story of what God has done in Christ is set alongside the community's experience, and in the Sermon the implications are teased out for prayer and action.
- **The Liturgy of the Sacrament**, during which the assembly is offered the possibility of transformation as it is incorporated into the one perfect sacrifice of Christ to the Father and receives the body and blood of Christ in faith with thanksgiving.
- **The Dismissal**, when the assembly is reminded to put into practice the new life it has received, and is sent out into the community to do so.

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Holy Communion for Advent and Lent

*Notices will normally be read before the service begins.
This will be followed by a short silence.*

The Gathering

A hymn may be sung

The Greeting

The president greets the people

All The Lord be with you
and also with you.

[or]

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

Words of welcome or introduction may be said

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

The President says

Hear these commandments which God has given to his people, and examine your hearts.

I am the Lord your God: you shall have no other gods but me. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.

All Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not make for yourself any idol. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth.

All Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not dishonour the name of the Lord your God. You shall worship him with awe and reverence.

All Amen. Lord have mercy.

Remember the Sabbath and keep it holy. Christ is risen from the dead: set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on the earth.

All Amen. Lord have mercy.

Honour your father and mother. Live as servants of God: let us work for the good of all, especially members of the household of faith.

All Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit murder. Live peaceably with all; overcome evil with good.

All Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit adultery. Know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not steal. Be honest in all that you do, and care for those in need.

All Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not be a false witness. Let everyone speak the truth.

All Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not covet anything which belongs to your neighbour.

Remember the words of the Lord Jesus:

'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'

Love your neighbour as yourself, for love is the fulfilling of the law.

All Amen. Lord have mercy.

Confession

Invitation to Confession (Advent)

When the Lord comes,
He will bring to light things now hidden in darkness,
and will disclose the purposes of the heart.

(1 Corinthians 4.5)

Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins:

[or]

Invitation to Confession (Lent)

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit;
a broken and a contrite heart God will not despise.
Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion,
and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith.
(cf Psalm 51.17)

All Father eternal, giver of light and grace,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour,
in what we have thought,
in what we have said and done,
through ignorance, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We have wounded your love,
and marred your image in us.
We are sorry and ashamed,
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 lead us out from darkness
to walk as children of light.
Amen.

The President says

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.

The Kyrie Eleison may be used

All Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

The Collect

*The president introduces a period of silent prayer
with the words 'Let us pray' or a more specific bidding.*

The Collect is said, and all respond

All Amen

The Liturgy of the Word

Readings

Two readings from Scripture precede the Gospel reading

At the end of each the reader says

All This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

A hymn may be sung

Gospel Reading

When the gospel is announced the reader says

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

At the end

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

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith

Let us declare our faith in God

All We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.

We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

The prayers usually include these concerns and may follow this sequence

- ¶ *The Church of Christ*
- ¶ *Creation, human society, the Sovereign and those in authority*
- ¶ *The local community*
- ¶ *Those who suffer*
- ¶ *The communion of saints*

These responses may be used

All Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

[or]

All Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.

The prayers may end with a collect or the following

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

The following prayer may be said

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.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

The president may introduce the Peace with a seasonal sentence

Advent:

In the tender mercy of our God,
the dayspring from on high shall break upon us,
to give light to those who dwell in darkness
and in the shadow of death
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Lent:

Since we are justified by faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has given us access to his grace.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

A hymn may be sung

Preparation of the Table Taking of the Bread and Wine

*The gifts of the people may be gathered and presented.
The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.*

All Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,
the glory, the splendour, and the majesty:
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.
All things come from you
and of your own do we give you.

The president takes the bread and wine.

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 for ever.

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 for ever.

Eucharistic Prayer 'B'

All The Lord be with you
and also with you

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

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

Father, we give you thanks and praise
through your beloved son Jesus Christ, your living Word,
through whom you have created all things;
who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh;
as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin,
he lived on earth and went about among us;
he opened wide his arms for us on the cross;
he put an end to death by dying for us;
and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life;
so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

Short Proper Preface, when appropriate

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and saying:

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.

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.

One of the following acclamations is used

All Praise to you, Lord Jesus:
Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory.

[or]

All Christ is the bread of life:
When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,
until you come in glory.

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 (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.

All Amen.

**A short silence may be kept after which the people
sit or kneel for the Lord's Prayer**

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.

[or]

Every time we eat this bread
and drink this cup,

All we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

The Agnus Dei is 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.

[or]

All 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 invites the people to 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.

[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.

The president and people receive communion

The body of Christ [broken for you]	Amen
The blood of Christ [shed for you]	Amen

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.

*The Post Communion or another suitable prayer is said.
All may say one of these prayers*

All We thank you, Lord,
that you have fed us in this sacrament,
united us with Christ,
and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet
prepared for all peoples.
Amen.

[or]

All Father of 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 Dismissal

A hymn may be sung

*The president may use the following blessing,
or another suitable blessing*

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.

A minister says

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

[or]

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

The ministers and people depart