



Ss Peter & Paul's
Parish Church

PARISH COMMUNION

ORDER OF SERVICE

INTRODUCTION

Christian prayer and witness has taken place on this site for many centuries. In 1845 St Peter and St Paul became an independent Parish Church, and the building underwent substantial restoration in 1888.

Today we continue this tradition of worship and prayer in our regular Parish Communion services. Here we gather to confess our sins, joyfully confident in the mercy of God. We hear the words of scripture, offer prayers for the needs of the world, and join in the action left by Jesus himself: we break bread and share wine, and in so doing partake in the Body and Blood of Christ.

We delight in welcoming new members to our congregation, and all are welcome of whatever background, or whatever your faith. We hope you enjoy your time with us this morning.

¶ *Throughout this booklet references to standing, sitting, and kneeling are all optional, and if you are unable to stand, or would prefer to remain sitting, please feel free.*

THE OPENING HYMN

¶ *The priest welcomes everyone, gives out notices, and introduces the first hymn. All stand.*

THE GATHERING

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

All **Amen.**

Priest The Lord be with you

All **and with thy spirit.**

¶ *During Eastertide, the priest says:*

Priest Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

¶ *The service continues:*

Priest Almighty God

All **unto whom all hearts be open
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hid:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love thee,
and worthily magnify thy holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

CONFESSING OUR SINS

¶ *The priest invites us to call to mind and confess our sins with these or other words:*

Priest 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 kneel or sit.*

All Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against thee
and against our neighbour,
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are heartily sorry
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past,
and grant that we may serve thee in newness of life
to the glory of thy name.

Priest 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.

¶ *All stand.*

THE GLORIA

¶ *The Gloria is omitted in Advent and Lent.*

Priest Glory be to God on high,
All and in earth peace, good will towards men.
We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee, we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King,
God the Father almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ:
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,

have mercy upon us.
For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ,
with the Holy Ghost,
art the Most High,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

THE COLLECT

¶ *The priest says “Let us pray”, then offers the prayer appointed for the day.*

THE FIRST READING

¶ *All sit.*

¶ *A reading is made from Scripture, ending:*

Reader This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

THE GRADUAL HYMN

¶ *All stand as the priest introduces the second hymn.*

THE GOSPEL READING

Reader The Lord be with you.

All **And with thy spirit.**

Reader Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to X.

All **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

¶ *At the end:*

Reader This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

THE SERMON

¶ *A sermon is preached, applying the words of scripture, and the truth of God, to our day-to-day lives.*

THE CREED

¶ *All stand to affirm our faith.*

Priest I believe in one God

All **the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things
visible and invisible:**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,**

begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost
of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man,
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried,
and the third day he rose again
according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father.
And he shall come again with glory
to judge both the quick and the dead:
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together
is worshipped and glorified,
who spake by the prophets.
And I believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins.
And I look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

THE INTERCESSIONS

¶ *All kneel or sit as intercession is made for the Church, the world, and all our brothers and sisters.*

¶ *The following responses may be used:*

Intercessor Lord, in thy mercy.

All Hear our prayer.

Intercessor Merciful Father,

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

THE PEACE

¶ *All stand as the priest introduces the Peace with the following or similar words:*

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And with thy spirit.

¶ *The Peace is shared by a handshake, kiss, nod, or whatever you feel is appropriate.*

THE OFFERTORY HYMN

¶ *As the altar is prepared, we sing our next hymn.*

¶ *During this hymn a collection will be taken and offered to God for the upkeep and work of our Church.*

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

¶ *The priest says the following, or a similar prayer:*

Priest God of all goodness and grace,
receive the gifts we offer;
and grant that our whole life
may give you glory and praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Priest The Lord be with you.

All **And with thy spirit.**

Priest Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Priest Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

All **It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right and our bounden duty,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks unto thee,
O Lord, holy Father,
almighty, everlasting God,
through Jesus Christ thine only Son our Lord.

¶ *The priest says one of the following, or a Proper Preface:*

[For he is thy living Word;
through him thou hast created all things from the beginning,
and fashioned us in thine own image.

Through him thou didst redeem us from the slavery of sin,
giving him to be born of a woman,
to die upon the cross,
and to rise again for us.

Through him thou hast made us a people for thine own possession,
exalting him to thy right hand on high,
and sending forth through him thy holy and life-giving Spirit.]

[For he is the great high priest,
who has loosed us from our sins
and has made us to be a royal priesthood unto thee,
our God and Father.]

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we laud and magnify thy glorious name,
evermore praising thee and singing:

**All Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

¶ *All kneel or sit*

¶ *The priest says the following, or the words on Page 14:*

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
through thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and as we follow his example and obey his command,
grant that by the power of thy Holy Spirit
these gifts of bread and wine
may be unto us his body and his blood;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread;
and when he had given thanks to thee,
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.

Likewise after supper he took the cup;
and when he had given thanks to thee, he gave it to them, saying:
Drink ye all of this;
for this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father,
we remember his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross;
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;
we look for the coming of his kingdom
and with this bread and this cup
we make the memorial of Christ thy Son our Lord.

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts
in the presence of thy divine majesty,
renew us by thy Holy Spirit,
inspire us with thy love,
and unite us in the body of thy Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord,

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be unto thee,
O Father almighty,
world without end.

All Amen.

¶ *The service continues on Page 16.*

¶ *If the prayer on Page 12 was not used, this prayer is said:*

All glory be to thee,
almighty God, our heavenly Father,
who, of thy tender mercy,
didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ
to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption;
who made there,
by his one oblation of himself once offered,
a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction
for the sins of the whole world;
and did institute,
and in his holy gospel command us to continue,
a perpetual memory of that his precious death,
until his coming again.

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee,
and grant that, by the power of thy Holy Spirit,
we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine,
according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution,
in remembrance of his death and passion,
may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread;
and when he had given thanks to thee,
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.

Likewise after supper he took the cup;
and when he had given thanks to thee, he gave it to them, saying:
Drink ye all of this;
for this is my blood of the new covenant,

which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father,
we thy humble servants,
having in remembrance
the precious death and passion of thy dear Son,
his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
entirely desire thy fatherly goodness
mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and
thanksgiving;
most humbly beseeching thee to grant that
by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ,
and through faith in his blood,
we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins,
and all other benefits of his passion.
And although we be unworthy, through our manifold sins,
to offer unto thee any sacrifice,
yet we beseech thee
to accept this our bounden duty and service,
not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences;
and to grant that all we, who are partakers of this holy
communion,
may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction;
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 unto thee,
O Father almighty,
world without end.

All **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER & FRACTURE

¶ *The priest introduces the Lord's Prayer with these or other words:*

Priest Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has 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.

Priest 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 AGNUS DEI

All O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.

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Priest Behold 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 that thou shouldst come
under my roof, but speak the word only
and my soul shall be healed.

¶ *From Easter Day to Pentecost the following is said:*

Priest Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

All Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

¶ *The priest and people receive Holy Communion. All Baptised Christians are welcome to receive Communion - if you would prefer a blessing please bring this booklet with you as you come forward.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

¶ *The priest leads the Post-Communion Prayer, then all say:*

Priest Almighty God

All we thank thee for feeding us
with the body and blood of thy Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer thee our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.

Send us out

in the power of thy Spirit
to live and work
to thy praise and glory.

Amen.

¶ *The final hymn is sung.*

THE BLESSING

¶ *The priest blesses the congregation with the following or similar words:*

Priest 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.**

Priest Go in the peace of Christ.

All **Thanks be to God.**

¶ *Or in Easter:*

Priest Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

¶ *The organ voluntary is part of our act of worship, please remain quiet.*



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