

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

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Welcome

The Greeting

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

All and also with you.

We come from scattered lives to meet with God.
Let us take a moment to recognize his presence with us.

Silence is kept

As God's people we have gathered:

All let us worship him together.

Hymn

At the name of Jesus

Collect

Almighty God,
you show to those who are in error the light of your truth,
that they may return to the way of righteousness:
grant to all those who are admitted
into the fellowship of Christ's religion,
that they may reject those things
that are contrary to their profession,
and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same;
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

Saying Sorry

God our Father,
we come to you in sorrow for our sins.
For turning away from you,
and ignoring your will for our lives;
Father, forgive us:

All save us and help us.

For behaving just as we wish,
without thinking of you:
Father, forgive us:

All save us and help us.

For failing you by what we do,
and think and say;
Father, forgive us:

All **save us and help us.**

For letting ourselves
be drawn away from you
by temptations in the world about us;
Father, forgive us:

All **save us and help us.**

For living as if we were ashamed
to belong to your Son;
Father, forgive us:

All **save us and help us.**

May Almighty God
who sent his Son into the world
to save sinners,
bring you his pardon and peace,
now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

Reading

Genesis 17:1-7, 15,16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. ²And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.' ³Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, ⁴'As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. ⁷I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. ¹⁵God said to Abraham, 'As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.'

This is the word of the Lord

All **Thanks be to God**

Gospel Reading

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

All **Glory to you, O Lord**

Mark 8:31-38

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' ³⁴ He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

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

Talk

Profession of Faith

Let us affirm together our common faith in Jesus Christ.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist?

All I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again?

All I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of
God and makes Christ known in the world?

All I believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

**All This is our faith.
We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

Prayers of Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

**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 Peace

'Where two or three are gathered together in my name,' says the Lord, 'there am I in the midst of them.'

The Peace of the Lord be always with you
All And also with you

Let us offer each other a sign of peace using sign language.
All Peace be with you

Offertory Hymn

Beauty for brokenness

Preparation of the Table

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 him thanks and praise.

Voice 1 *Why is it right to give thanks and praise?*

Voice 2 *Listen, and we will hear.*

Lord of all life,
you created the universe,
where all living things reflect your glory.
You give us this great and beautiful earth,
to discover and to cherish.

You made us all,
each wonderfully different,
to join with the angels in 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.**

We thank you loving Father,
because when we turned away,
you sent Jesus, your Son.
He gave his life for us on the cross
and shows us the way to live.

Send your Holy Spirit
that these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us Christ's body and his blood.

Voice 1 *Why do we share this bread and wine?*
Voice 2 *Listen, and we will hear.*

On the night before he died,
when darkness had fallen,
Jesus took bread.
He gave thanks, broke it,
and shared it with his disciples, saying:
'This is my body, given for you.
Do this to remember me.'

After they had eaten,
he took the cup of wine, gave thanks,
and shared it with his disciples saying:
'This is my blood,
poured out for you and for many,
for the forgiveness of sins.'

So Father, with this bread and this cup
we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life.
As you feed us with these gifts,
send your Holy Spirit,
and change us more and more,
to be like Jesus, our Saviour.

Voice 1 *How do we follow Jesus Christ?*
Voice 2 *Listen, and we will hear.*

Help us, Father, to love one another,
as we look forward to the day

when suffering is ended,
and all creation is gathered in your loving arms.

And now with St. Giles, St. Nicholas and all your saints
we give you glory, through Jesus Christ,
in the strength of the Spirit, today and forever.

All Amen.

God's holy gifts
for God's holy people.

**All Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
To the glory of God the Father.**

As God's people we have gathered:

All let us worship him together.

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God,
you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves:
keep us both outwardly in our bodies,
and inwardly in our souls;
that we may be defended from all adversities
which may happen to the body,
and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Lord, we thank you
that we have broken your bread,
and received your life.
By the power of your Spirit
keep us always in your love
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Notices

Hymn

All my hope on God is founded

Blessing

A blessing is given.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All In the name of Christ.
Amen.**

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