

Christmas Season

An Order of Service for Holy Communion



The Parish of St Bartholomew
and St Christopher
Haslemere

The Gathering

Please stand

Hymn and Procession

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

All Amen.

The Welcome

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

All and also with you.

Sit *The minister will welcome the congregation and give out any notices.*

Prayers of Preparation

As we invite God's presence amongst us we prepare to bring
him our worship.

All Almighty God,
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.

Prayers of Penitence

Hear the words of the angel to Joseph:

‘You shall call his name Jesus,
for he will save his people from their sins.’

Therefore, let us seek the forgiveness of God
Through Jesus the saviour of the world.

Silence is kept for us to offer our sins to God.

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.
Amen.

We receive absolution and the assurance of sins forgiven.

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 Gloria in Excelsis

Stand

All Glory be to God on high,
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

Sit *After the collect prayer we all respond:*

All Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

At the end of each lesson the reader says:

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Stand

Hymn

The Gospel Reading

When the Gospel is announced the reader proclaims:

Alleluia, alleluia.

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us,
and we have seen His glory.

All Alleluia

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

All Glory be to thee, O Lord.

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Sermon

The Creed

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.

Our Prayers

You may wish to kneel as we pray for each other and our communities. The following responses may be used.

Lord, in your mercy (or) Lord, hear us.
All hear our prayer. **All** Lord, graciously hear us.

A time of silence may be kept, after which we respond:

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

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

Sharing God's Peace

Stand

Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given
And his name shall be Immanuel, God with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All and with thy spirit.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Please take time to leave your seat and greet others with the peace

Hymn

An offering will be taken up during the hymn.

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*The bread and wine, and the gifts of the people, are brought
forward and placed upon the altar.*

Prayer and Preparation of the Table

The word made flesh is the light of the world,
by your incarnation you embraced our poverty:
by your spirit may we share in your riches.

All Amen

The Holy Communion

We remember Christ's offering of himself for us and his last supper with his disciples, blessing the bread and wine to be for us his body and blood.

Stand

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.
Through him you have redeemed 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 you have made us a people of your own possession,
exalting him to your right hand on high,
and sending forth through him your holy and life-giving Spirit.

And now we give you thanks
because, by the power of the Holy Spirit,
he took our nature upon him
and was born of the Virgin Mary his mother,
that being himself without sin,
he might make us clean from all sin.
Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we laud and magnify your glorious name,
evermore praising you and saying:

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

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 your 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,
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, he gave it to them, saying:
Drink you 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 ofent as you 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 your Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith:

All Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

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 Lord's Prayer

Sitting or kneeling, we pray:

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.

The 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.

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.

The Giving of Communion

All We do not presume
to come to this thy table, O merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in thy manifold and great mercies.
We are not worthy
so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy table.
But thou art the same Lord
whose nature is always to have mercy.
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of thy 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 choir sings an anthem.

*Those who wish to receive a blessing are welcome to come to the
rail carrying this sheet.*

The Prayer after Communion

The Post Communion prayer is said by the President.

All Almighty God,
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 Dismissal

Hymn

The Blessing

Christ, who by his incarnation gathered into one
things earthly and heavenly,
fill you with peace and goodwill
and make you partakers of the divine nature;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

Go in peace. Proclaim the Word made Flesh.

All Glory, thanks and praise to God. Amen.

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