

Harvest Festival

An Order of Service for
Holy Communion



The Parish of St Bartholomew
and St Christopher
Haslemere

The Gathering

Please Stand as the procession begins

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.

Prayers of Preparation

Those who go out bearing seeds to sow,
All shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

Psalm 126:6

As we begin our thanksgiving, so ask God to rejoice with us:

Creator God, who made Heaven and Earth.
All Come, Holy Father.

Christ the Lamb, who lived amongst us.
All Come, Holy Son.

Spirit of Life, who transforms our nature.
All Come, Holy Spirit.

Confession

The Lord our God teaches us: 'You shall work six days, but on the seventh day you shall rest; even during ploughing time and harvest you shall rest.' So let us gather at the Cross as wheat into His barn.

Exodus 34:21

**Sit or
kneel**

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

We confess our sin, and the sins of our society,
in the misuse of God's creation.

God our Father, we are sorry
for the times when we have used your gifts carelessly,
and acted ungratefully.

Hear our prayer, and in your mercy:

All forgive us and help us.

We enjoy the fruits of the harvest,
but sometimes forget that you have given them to us.
Father, in your mercy:

All forgive us and help us.

We belong to a people who are full and satisfied,
but ignore the cry of the hungry.
Father, in your mercy:

All forgive us and help us.

We are thoughtless,
and do not care enough for the world you have made.
Father, in your mercy:

All forgive us and help us.

We store up goods for ourselves alone,
as if there were no God and no heaven.
Father, in your mercy:

All forgive us and help us.

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

*Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to God in the highest.*
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.
Glory to God...
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.
Glory to God...
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.
Glory to God...

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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

Eternal God,
you crown the year with your goodness
and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season:
grant that we may use them to your glory,
for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

Sit *At the end of each the reader says:*

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Hymn

The Gospel Reading

Stand *When the Gospel is announced the reader proclaims:*

Lift up your eyes and see that the fields are ripe for harvesting.
Gather the fruit for eternal life.

All Alleluia.

John 4:35-36

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

The Creed

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

All We 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 We 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 We believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

**All We believe and trust in him.
We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. 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

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy and peace.
If we live in the Spirit, let us walk in the Spirit.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Please take time to share the peace and greet others around you

Hymn

The Holy Communion

Stand

The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

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 thanks and praise.

And now we give you thanks
because you have made us carers of your creation.
We praise you day by day
for the marvels of your wisdom and power.
And so we gladly thank you,
with saints and angels praising you, and singing:

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 praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:
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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

Christ is the bread of life:

All When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,
until you come in glory.

Lord of all life,
help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.
Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.
Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,
for ever and ever.

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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

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.

As they receive communion the communicant replies:

Amen.

If you are a visitor and receive Holy Communion in a church you usually attend, whether it is in the Church of England or not, please feel welcome to receive communion here today.

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

The Prayer after Communion

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.

Hymn

The Harvest Collection

We come forward to bring our harvest gifts.

Lord and provider of all things:
you are the giver of grains and seeds, of fruits and berries
and all that grows from the earth,
for all the food we have, of every kind
today we bring a portion from our homes,
to be left in your care.
We thank You and we bless You for this year's harvest.
We lift up our hearts in gratitude,
which, together with rain, wind and earth,
and our hearts of sharing,
has produced this bountiful harvest.

All Amen.

The Dismissal

The Blessing

The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few;
therefore ask the Lord of the harvest
to send out labourers into his harvest.
And the blessing of God Almighty
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit
be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

Freely you have received, freely give.

All In the name of Christ. Amen