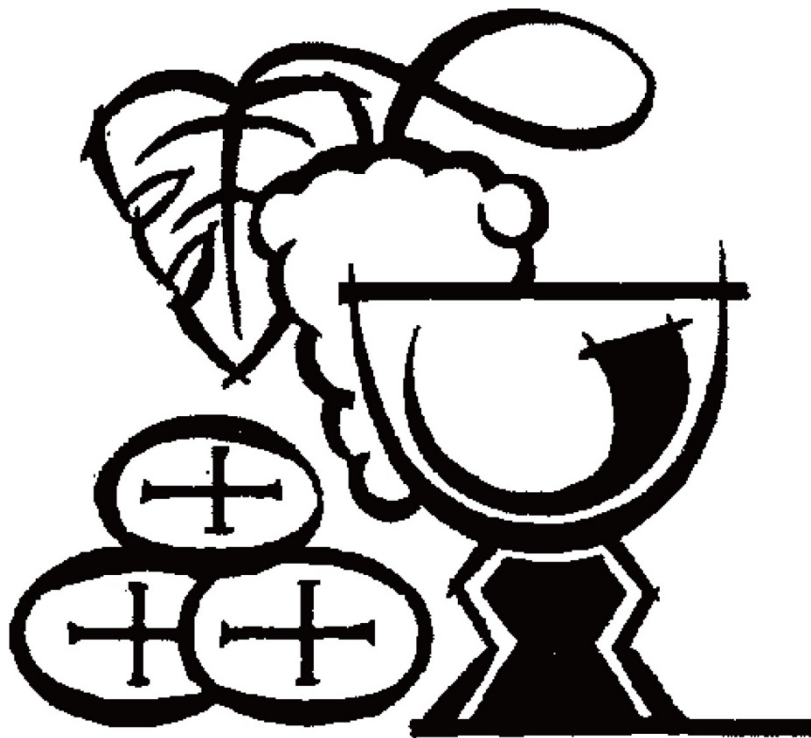


The Order for the Celebration
of Holy Communion
During Ordinary Time

St. Peter and St. Paul, Deddington

St. John the Evangelist, Hempton

Barford St. Michael and Barford St. John



What is Ordinary Time?

'Ordinary time' is the name we give to those parts of the Church's year which are not marked out as special times such as Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter. Ordinary time is a time when we grow in faith and love on a steady diet of word and sacrament, when we get on with living the Christian life – and there is nothing 'ordinary' about that!

The colour we use during Ordinary Time is green to symbolise growth and new life.

Thank you for joining us for worship. We pray that you will discover a special moment during communion, and that this will be for you what the Celtic Christians called a 'thin place' where the veil is drawn back; where earth touches heaven; a place where we rejoice in the presence of Christ made real to us in bread and wine.

Preparing for Worship

You may find the following prayer helpful in your preparation for worship. Other prayers are included at the end of this booklet for you to use.

Let me come into the church of God
to meet the Spirit of God:
not to give religion an hour, but to live in the eternal;
not to maintain a solemn habit,
but to bow in the holy place before the Holy One;
not to judge the words of a preacher,
but to draw life from the Word and Truth everlasting;
not to be moved or soothed by music,
but to sing from the heart divine praises;
not that my eyes may roam over architecture or
congregation, but that my soul may look up to Christ in glory.

THE GATHERING

*(Words in **bold** print are said by everyone.)*

*Before the service begins Notices are given and Banns of Marriage are read.
A time of silence is then kept as we all prepare for worship.*

Everyone STANDS to sing the first HYMN when it is announced.

The minister says

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

Amen.

The Greeting

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

And also with you.

*The minister greets the people, words of welcome may be said and the service is
introduced.*

Prayer of Preparation

**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

Led by the minister. Everyone KNEELS or SITS.

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.

Or

Let us open our hearts to the Lord,
Who has prepared good things for all who love Him,
And confess our sins in penitence and faith.

**Most merciful God, Father of our Lord, Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

Or

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
We have sinned against you and against our neighbour,
In thought and word and deed, through negligence,
through weakness, through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry 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 grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

The Kyrie eleison may be said or sung

Lord, have mercy

Lord, have mercy

Christ, have mercy

Christ, have mercy

Lord, have mercy

Lord, have mercy

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. **Amen.**

The Gloria

*Written in the 4th century, this is one of the earliest hymns of the Christian Church.
Everyone STANDS and says or sings*

**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.**

**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.**

**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

As we remain STANDING the minister introduces a period of silence with the words "Let us pray".

The Collect is either read together or the minister says the Collect and all respond Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Readings

Everyone SITS. There may be one or two readings from the Bible.

At the end the reader says

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

A HYMN or PSALM is sung or said

Gospel Reading

The gospel is read from the middle of the church as a sign that God's Word is for all his people. We turn to face the Gospel reader as a sign of respect and to hear Christ speak to us.

When the Gospel is announced the reader says:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The ministers return to their places.

Sermon

At the end of the sermon a period of silence is kept for reflection.

The Creed

Everyone STANDS when the Minister stands. This statement of belief was first issued in 325AD to distinguish Christianity from other beliefs and heresies.

Let us affirm our faith in God, who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Everyone KNEELS or SITS

The prayers usually include these concerns

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

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

Or

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

And at the end

Merciful Father,

Accept these prayers

for the sake of your Son,

our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

The Peace

Everyone STANDS

The words and actions that follow symbolise the command of Jesus to be reconciled to one another before receiving Communion.

Christ is our peace.
He has reconciled us to God
in one body by the cross.
We meet in his name and share his peace.

Or

In the one spirit we are all baptized into one body.
Let us then pursue all that makes for peace
and builds up our common life.

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

The minister may say

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Everyone may exchange a sign of peace with those around them, for example by shaking hands and saying 'Peace be with you'.

Preparation of the Table and Taking of the Bread and Wine

A HYMN is sung during which the bread and wine are presented. The altar is prepared, and a collection is taken and offered. The minister takes the bread and wine and says

**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.**

Or

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.
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.
Blessed be God for ever.

The Eucharistic Prayer

Everyone remains STANDING

The Lord is here
His Spirit is with us

Lift up your hearts
We lift them to the Lord

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.

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

**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.

*Everyone KNEELS or SITS and may then watch as the president in word and action
recalls Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples.*

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.

Great is the mystery of faith

Or Praise to you Lord Jesus

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

Dying you destroyed our death,

rising you restored our life:

Lord Jesus, 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.

Amen.

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**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**

Or

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today day 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

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.
**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

The Agnus Dei may be sung or said

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world
grant us peace.**

Giving of Communion

The minister says these or other words as an invitation to communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word,
and I shall be healed.**

A prayer of humble approach to the Lord's table may be said

**Most merciful Lord,
your love compels us to come in.
Our hands were unclean, our hearts were unprepared;
we were not fit even to eat the crumbs from under your table.
But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation,
and share your bread with sinners.
So cleanse and feed us
with the precious body and blood of your Son,
that he may live in us and we in him;
and that we, with the whole company of Christ,
may sit and eat in your kingdom. Amen.**

The minister receives Holy Communion, gives it to the other ministers and then to all other communicants. If you wish to receive a blessing you are very welcome to come forward. Please carry this booklet in your hand to indicate this.

During the distribution of Communion the choir may sing an anthem or we join together in singing hymns and songs.

Prayer after Communion

The ministers return to their places and the president says

Let us pray

A Post Communion prayer may be said by the minister before the following prayer is said by everyone

**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**

The Blessing

These or other words are used

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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 HYMN is sung

THE DISMISSAL

We turn to face the back of church where the minister says
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

PLEASE LEAVE THIS ORDER OF SERVICE IN CHURCH

Personal Thanksgiving after Communion

In Communion we are spiritually fed and empowered to go out and live, love and work for Christ.

Call to mind the week ahead, the jobs to be done, the people you will meet, the decisions you may have to make and pray that the Spirit of the Risen Lord Jesus will help you to decide how best to love and serve others.

You may like to use the following prayers:

Strengthen for service Lord, the hands that have taken holy things;
May the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute;
May the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit;
May the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope;
And may the bodies which have been fed with your body
Be refreshed with the fullness of your life.

Malabar Liturgy

Jesus, I receive your love
poured out for me
in bread and wine.
Accept this gift of my life,
brought to the altar
without conditions.
Do your work in me,
and let me be, like you,
taken, blessed,
and given for others. Amen.

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