

St George's Church

Service of Holy Communion



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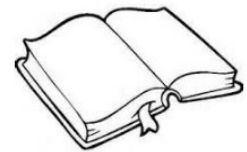
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CONFESSION



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COMMISSION



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God's family, reaching out and welcoming in, because
JESUS IS GOOD NEWS

CALL: God gathers us

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

This is the day that the LORD has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

[Psalm 118:24]

Praise the LORD, O all you nations;

all you peoples, sing his praise.

For his love is great towards us;

his commitment lasts always.

He is faithful now and ever.

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!

[Psalm 117 from Sing Psalms]

As you come to Jesus, the living Stone, you are living stones being built into a temple of the Spirit, to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

**We are a chosen people, a royal priesthood,
a holy nation, God's special possession,
so that we may declare the praises of him
who called us out of darkness into his wonderful light.**

Once you were not a people

but now we are God's people.

Once you had not received mercy

but now we have received mercy.

[1 Peter 2:4-5, 9-10]

Hymn

CONFESSION: God cleanses us

Clothe yourselves with humility toward one another,
because God opposes the proud but shows grace to the humble.
Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand,
that he may lift you up in due time.

Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

[1 Peter 5:5-7]

**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.**

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. If anybody does sin, we have an Advocate with the Father – Jesus Christ, the Righteous One – and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins. *[1 John 1:9 & 2:1-2]*

May God who loved the world so much that he sent his Son to be our Saviour forgive you your sins and make you holy to serve him in the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Collect (set prayer for today)

CONSECRATION: God speaks and transforms us

The first Bible reading ends with this Response:

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand for the Gospel reading

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *N*:
Glory to you, O Lord.

After the reading:

This is the Gospel of the Lord: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Hymn

Creed

**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,
he became 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

Some of the prayers may end in this way:

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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

The Minister will invite you to stand for the Communion Prayer. If you wish to remain seated you are welcome to do so.

COMMUNION: God feeds & unites us

The Lord is here: **His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise, holy Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, we praise and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you, and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

As we draw near to you, Holy God, we come in repentance and faith:

**We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your manifold and great mercies.**

**We are not worthy
so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table.**

**But you are the same Lord
whose nature is always to have mercy.**

**Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of your 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.**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, in your tender mercy you gave your only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption.

He made there, by his once and for all offering of himself, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. He instituted and in his holy gospel commands us to continue a perpetual memory of his precious death until he comes again.

Hear us, O merciful Father, we humbly pray and grant that we – who receive this bread and wine, according to your 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.

On the night that he was betrayed he 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.*

In the same way, after supper, he took the cup, and, when he had given 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. Amen.*

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. **Amen.**

Please sit down again.

A song or hymn will be played as the bread and wine are distributed. You are welcome to sing along.

Notes about Communion

We invite all baptised Christians who trust in Jesus Christ for salvation, who are members of a local church and who seek strength to live as disciples of Christ to receive the bread and wine with us.

The bread and wine will be brought to you. Please remain seated.

Ordinarily we would have a shared cup as an important part of the symbolism of this meal. For now, we will express our unity in the following way:

We will each receive a piece of the broken bread. When everyone has a piece we will eat together. Then we will each receive a glass of wine. When everyone has one, we will drink together.

If you do not wish to receive the bread and wine you can simply indicate that as the server comes near.

Whether you receive bread and wine, or not, please use the time to consider the gift of Jesus' salvation, offered to you. Then pray for others within the church family.

The Lord's Prayer

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

We stand to sing The Doxology:

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him all creatures here below;
praise him above ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

COMMISSION: God sends us

Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul. Live such good lives in this world that, even if you are accused of doing wrong, people may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us. **Amen.**

[1 Peter 2:11-12]

**Father of all,
we give you thanks and praise
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Hymn

Final blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
the Lord turn his face towards you and give you peace. [Numbers 6:24-26]

The blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen!

*Please wait for someone to collect your wine glass before leaving your pew.
If you would like someone to pray with you, please ask.*

We are
CHOSEN and REDEEMED,
to be
HOLY DISCIPLES,
JOYFUL FAMILY,
and
SERVANT MISSIONARIES.

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