

**St Lawrence Church  
Abbots Langley**

# **Parish Communion**



**Common Worship  
Order One**

## ***The Gathering***

**WE STAND TO SING THE OPENING HYMN.**

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

**Amen.**

**THE PRESIDENT GIVES THE GREETING AND INTRODUCES THE SERVICE.**

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

**WE OFFER OUR WORSHIP TO GOD AS WE PRAY THE 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.**

**WE KNEEL OR SIT FOR THE PRAYERS OF PENITENCE.**

*These words may be used as we call to mind our sins*

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.

**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 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.**

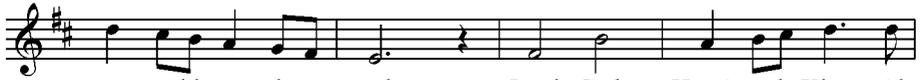
WE STAND TO SING THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS.



Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God,



Glo-ry to God in the High-est. Glo-ry to God in the High - est, and



peace to hispeo-ple on earth, Lord God, Heav'n - ly King, Al-



migh-ty God and Fa - ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we\_



praise you for your glo - ry. Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God,



Glo - ry to God in the High - est. Lord, Je - sus Christ,



on - ly son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you



take\_ a-way the sin of the world; have mercy on us; You are



sea-ted at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.



**WE REMAIN STANDING FOR A PERIOD OF SILENT PRAYER BEFORE THE COLLECT.**

*The Collect is the special prayer for the week that collects up all our individual hopes and needs.*

*We respond 'Amen'.*

## ***The Liturgy of the Word***

**WE SIT FOR TWO READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE.**

*At the end of each the reader says*

**This is the word of the Lord.**

**Thanks be to God.**

**WE STAND FOR THE GRADUAL HYMN  
AND REMAIN STANDING FOR THE GOSPEL READING.**

*When the Gospel is announced the reader says*

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.**

**WE SIT FOR THE SERMON.**

*After the Sermon we remain seated if there is an Anthem sung by the choir.*

**WE STAND TO AFFIRM THE FAITH OF THE CHURCH IN THE WORDS  
OF THE 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,  
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.**

WE SIT FOR ANY NOTICES AND BANNS OF MARRIAGE.

WE KNEEL OR SIT FOR THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION.

*The following response may be used*

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

*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***

WE STAND FOR THE PEACE,  
INTRODUCED WITH A SENTENCE FROM SCRIPTURE.

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

*We exchange a sign of peace,  
(usually a handshake with the words '**Peace be with you**').*

WE REMAIN STANDING TO SING THE OFFERTORY HYMN.  
A COLLECTION IS TAKEN AND THE ALTAR IS PREPARED.

*The following prayers may be said*

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.**

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.**

## WE REMAIN STANDING FOR THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER.

The Eucharistic Prayer is the prayer of thanksgiving in which we praise God and recall the Last Supper. The opening 'dialogue' may be sung or said.



The musical notation consists of three staves of music in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The first staff contains the lyrics: "The Lord be with you: and also with you." The second staff contains: "Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord." The third staff contains: "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give thanks and praise." The music is written in a simple, melodic style with various note values and rests.

The Lord be with you: and also with you.

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.

A seasonal preface may be used instead of this

Father, you made the world and love your creation.  
You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour.  
His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death.  
And so we gladly thank you,  
with saints and angels praising you, and *singing*:



The musical notation consists of three staves of music in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of two sharps (D# and G#). The first staff contains the lyrics: "Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho-ly Lord, God of power and". The second staff contains: "might, Hea-ven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na,". The third staff contains: "Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na in the high-est." The music is written in a simple, melodic style with various note values and rests, including triplets.

Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho-ly Lord, God of power and

might, Hea-ven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na,

Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na in the high-est.



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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

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 [*N and*] 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. **Amen.**

**WE REMAIN STANDING AS THE BELL RINGS THREE TIMES  
THEN WE KNEEL FOR 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 for ever. **Amen.****

THE PRESIDENT BREAKS THE CONSECRATED 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.**

WE SING THE AGNUS DEI



Lamb of God, you take a-way the  
sins of the world: have mer-cy on us. Lamb of  
God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the  
sins of the world: grant us peace.

THE PRESIDENT INVITES US 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.**

*These words may be used.*

*If they are not said publicly you might want to say them privately as you prepare to come forward for Communion.*

**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.**

**ALL ARE ENCOURAGED TO COME UP TO THE ALTAR RAIL.  
ALL BAPTISED AND COMMUNICANT CHRISTIANS ARE WELCOME  
TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION. PLEASE REPLY 'Amen' AS THE  
MINISTER GIVES YOU THE BREAD AND WINE.  
IF YOU DO NOT WISH TO RECEIVE COMMUNION PLEASE COME  
CARRYING THIS BOOKLET WITH YOU SO THE MINISTER KNOWS  
YOU WANT A BLESSING AND NOT COMMUNION.**

**DURING THE DISTRIBUTION WE KNEEL OR SIT AND HYMNS ARE  
SUNG.**

**THE SEEKERS – THE PARISH SUNDAY SCHOOL – COME TO  
RECEIVE A BLESSING AT THE ALTAR RAIL AND THEN MAY TELL US  
WHAT THEY HAVE BEEN DOING.**

**WE REMAIN KNEELING OR SEATED FOR A TIME OF SILENCE  
BEFORE THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION.**

**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 Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## ***The Dismissal***

*The President may use a seasonal blessing or the following*

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.**

**WE STAND TO SING THE FINAL HYMN  
AFTER WHICH A MINISTER SAYS:**

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

*The ministers and people depart.*