



## Holy Communion Service

Order 4 (1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays)

***“Do this in remembrance of me”***

### GATHERING

*SIT* **Welcome, Notices & Banns of Marriage**

Informal welcome and introductions  
Marriage Banns and Notices  
Scripture Verse, Prayer etc.

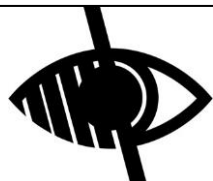
*STAND* **Prayer of Preparation**

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

*All* **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.**

*SIT or* **Hymn**

*KNEEL* *We listen to the singing of a hymn*



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*SIT or  
KNEEL* **Sentences of Scripture**

Hear the words of comfort our Saviour Christ says to all who truly turn to him:

Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

*Matthew 11.28*

God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

*John 3.16*

Hear also what Saint Paul says:

This saying is true, and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

*1 Timothy 1.15*

*SIT or  
KNEEL* **Confession**

You then, who truly and earnestly repent of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from this day forward in his holy ways: draw near with faith, and make your humble confession to almighty God.

*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.**

**Absolution** *(These or other appropriate words)*

May the God of love bring *us* back to himself,  
Forgive *us* our sins  
and assure us of His eternal love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

**STAND Gloria in Excelsis**

*All*     **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 MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

*SIT*     **Bible Readings**

**First Reading**

This is the word of the Lord.

*All*     **Thanks be to God.**

*STAND*     **Gospel Reading**

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.**

*SIT*     **Sermon**

*SIT*     **Time for reflection**

*Sometimes accompanied by organ music.*

*STAND* **The Nicene Creed**

*All* **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.**

*SIT* **Prayers of Intercession**

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

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

## LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

### STAND **The Peace**

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

*We share the peace (in a safe way; staying in our places)*

### STAND **Offering**

*Financial giving is an important part of our worship. We don't pass a collection plate at St Mary's, but standing order forms are available and there are offering boxes by the main door.*

*Minister:* We give thanks for the gifts offered by the congregations for God's work in St Mary's, ChristChurch and for our Mission Partners

*All* **Generous God,  
creator, redeemer, sustainer,  
we offer our gifts to you with joy,  
symbol of the work you have given us to do;  
use them, use us,  
in the service of your world  
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

### STAND **Psalm**

*Those on the right of the church looking forward say the even verses – those on the left say the odd verses.*

*Psalm 138 – or another Psalm may be read.*

<sup>1</sup> I will praise you, LORD, with all my heart; before the 'gods' I will sing your praise.

<sup>2</sup> I will bow down towards your holy temple and will praise your name for your unfailing love and your faithfulness, for you have so exalted your solemn decree that it surpasses your fame.

<sup>3</sup> When I called, you answered me; you greatly emboldened me

<sup>4</sup> May all the kings of the earth praise you, LORD, when they hear what you have decreed.

<sup>5</sup> May they sing of the ways of the LORD, for the glory of the LORD is great.

<sup>6</sup> Though the LORD is exalted, he looks kindly on the lowly; though lofty, he sees them from afar.

<sup>7</sup> Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life. You stretch out your hand against the anger of my foes; with your right hand you save me.

<sup>8</sup>The LORD will vindicate me; your love, LORD, endures for ever – do not abandon the works of your hands.

*STAND* **The Eucharistic Prayer** (Prayer E)

The Lord is here.

*All* **His Spirit is with us.**

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.**

*Preface or*

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 *saying*:

*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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

*All* **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 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.**

*SIT or  
KNEEL* **The Lord's Prayer**

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

*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.**

**Breaking of the 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.**

Draw near with faith.

Receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you.

Eat in remembrance that he died for you,

and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

*Receiving the bread (the wine will not be distributed until guidelines allow)*

*If you are visiting today and take communion in your own church, you are welcome to receive communion with us.*

*If you are unable to walk to the rail, please ask an usher who will arrange for the bread to be brought to you.*

*If you are new to St Mary's and are unsure what to do, then come to the rail and receive a blessing this time. If you chat to us afterwards we'll help prepare you for next time.*

*To receive a prayer of blessing, instead of the bread, please come up to the rail with everyone else, but keep your hands by your sides.*

*For gluten free wafers take a card from the centre table.*

*SIT or* **Prayer after Communion**

*KNEEL*

*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.**

**THE DISMISSAL**

*STAND* **The Grace**

*We say the words of the grace over each other. (2 Corinthians 13)*

*All* **May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all,  
now and evermore, Amen.**

*STAND* **Blessing**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*All* **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

If you are new to St Mary's, please let us know – we'd love to be in touch.  
(office@stmarysely.org).