



Holy Communion Service

Order 4 (2nd and 4th 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 **Words of Jesus**

KNEEL

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the humble, for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. *Matthew 5:3-10*

SIT or **Confession**

KNEEL

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.

All **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.**

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 Affirmation of Faith

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 **This is our faith.
We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. 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 139: 1-12 – or another Psalm may be read.

¹ You have searched me, LORD, and you know me.

² You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar.

³ You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways.

⁴ Before a word is on my tongue you, LORD, know it completely.

⁵ You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me.

⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain.

⁷ Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?

⁸ If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.

⁹ If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea,

¹⁰ even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.

¹¹ If I say, 'Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me,'

¹² even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you

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.**

You are worthy of our thanks and praise, Lord God of truth, for by the breath of your mouth you have spoken your word, and all things have come into being.

You fashioned us in your image, and placed us in the garden of your delight. Though we chose the path of rebellion you would not abandon your own. Again and again you drew us into your covenant of grace.

As we watch for the signs of your kingdom on earth, we echo the song of the angels in heaven, evermore 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.**

On the night Jesus gave himself up for us all he 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.

All **Amen. Lord, we believe.**

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.

All **Amen. Lord, we believe.**

Therefore, we proclaim the death that he suffered on the cross, we celebrate his resurrection, his bursting from the tomb, we rejoice that he reigns at your right hand on high and we long for his coming in glory.

All **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

As we recall the one, perfect sacrifice of our redemption, Father, by your Holy Spirit let these gifts of your creation be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ; form us into the likeness of Christ and make us a perfect offering in your sight.

All **Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

Look with favour on your people and in your mercy hear the cry of our hearts. Bless the earth, heal the sick, let the oppressed go free and fill your Church with power from on high.

All **Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

Gather your people from the ends of the earth to feast with all your saints at the table in your kingdom, where the new creation is brought to perfection in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

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

All **As our Saviour taught us, so we pray**
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

All **Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,**
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

SIT or **Giving of Communion**

KNEEL

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.

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 **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

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**

All **Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
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).