



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND



Holy Communion

4th Sunday: An Iona Service

**You are among friends, gathered round the table.
Welcome.**

GATHERING

SIT Welcome, Notices & Bans of Marriage

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

STAND Prayer of Preparation

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

SIT Space for reflection

Live music, recorded music, other focus

BIBLE READING, TALK AND RESPONSE

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.**



Large Print Available

SIT

Sermon

Space for Response

The preacher or minister may lead a time of ministry reflecting the message.

Music may be played.

*SIT or
KNEEL*

Confession

Jesus Christ, risen master and triumphant Lord,
we come to you in sorrow for our sins,
and confess to you our weakness and unbelief.

**All We have lived by our own strength,
and not by the power of your resurrection.
In your mercy, forgive us.**

**We have lived by the light of our own eyes,
as faithless and not believing.
In your mercy, forgive us.**

**We have lived for this world alone,
and doubted our home in heaven.
In your mercy forgive us. Amen.**

Absolution

May the Father of all mercies
cleanse us from our sins,
and restore us in his image
to the praise and glory of his name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

SIT

Prayers of Intercession

Lord, in your mercy

All hear our prayer.

And at the end

Merciful Father,

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

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

All **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.**

STAND

The Peace

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then were they glad when they saw the Lord.

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 Communion Prayer

So now we do in this place
what you did in an upstairs room,
send down your Holy Spirit on us,
and on these gifts of bread and wine
that they may become for us your body,
healing, forgiving and making us whole.
and that we may become for you, your body,
loving and caring in the world until your kingdom comes.
Among friends, gathered round a table,
Jesus took bread, broke it and said,
'This is my body, broken for you.'
And later he took the cup of wine and said,
'This is the new relationship with God,
made possible because of my death.
Take this, all of you, to remember me.'

**All Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, Lamb of God, grant us peace.**

Giving of Communion

This is the table of the Lord.
It is made ready for those who love him
and those who want to love him more.

So, come you who have much faith
and you who have little.

Come you who have been here often
and you who have not been for a long time.

Come you who have tried to follow
and you who have lost your way.
Come and receive the gifts of God.

Receiving the bread and wine

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 Prayer after Communion

**All Lord Jesus Christ,
 you have put your life into our hands;
 now we put our lives into yours.**

**Take us, renew us & remake us.
What we have been is past.
What we shall be, through you, still awaits us.
Lead us on. Take us with you. Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

STAND Final Celebration

Music may be played.

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).