

Holy Communion

Ordinary Time



St Nicolas
CHURCH, EARLEY



***Open to God, open to one
another, open to the
community***

Welcome to our service this morning, from wherever you join us. We worship together, whether physically in the building or joining us online. We may be scattered physically, but we worship together as the family of God. May each one of us be blessed as we sing, pray and reflect together.

As you prepare for our service you may like to consider these words of comfort:

'Come to me all who are labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest' Matthew 11 v 28

'God is love. And all those who love live in God and God lives in them' 1 John 4 v 16

*This is the table, not of the righteous,
but of the poor in spirit.
It is made ready for those who love God
and who want to love God more.*

*So come, you who have much faith and you who have little,
You who have been here often
and you who have not been for a long time,
You who have tried to follow and all of us who have failed.*

Christ invites everyone to be known and fed here.'

Adapted from Iona Worship Book

The Gathering

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

Hymn

Welcome

Words of welcome and introduction

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.**

Prayer of Penitence

Invitation to confession

**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.**

May the God of love and power
forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Gloria

**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 Collect

The Liturgy of the Word

One or more Bible readings are heard, followed by;

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Hymn

Gospel Reading:

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

After the reading

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

Sermon

The Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

These responses may be used:
Lord in your mercy **Hear our prayer**
or
Lord hear us **Lord graciously hear us**
at the end:
Merciful Father,
accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Introduction to the Peace followed by:

The peace of the Lord be always with you
And also with you

Hymn

The Preparation of the Table

Gracious God accept the offering of your Church;
the hearts of your people joined in praise and thanksgiving.
In the name of Jesus Christ the Lord **Amen**

The Eucharistic Prayer

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

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;

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory,
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 the 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 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 the Blessed Virgin Mary, Nicolas 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**

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

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 the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world
God is here among us, light in the midst of us,
Bring us to light and life

Giving of Communion

Christ is the true bread which has come down from heaven.
Lord, give us this bread always.

Giving of Communion

The invitation to Communion is extended to all those worshipping with us today, whether in the physical bread we can touch with our bodies or the spiritual communion with God who comes to us wherever we are. Come to God honestly, in the way you know how. In silence, in music or in words. This prayer, or one like it has been helpful for some people.

Dear Christ, I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. May I never be separated from you. Amen *(After the Prayer of St Richard of Chichester)*

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your disciples, 'I am with you always'.
Be with me today, as I offer myself to you.
Hear my prayers for others and for myself, and keep me in your care. Amen

silence is kept

Prayer after Communion

The minister prays the post communion prayer, and then we say together:

**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.**

Notices

The Blessing

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace,
and the blessing....

Final hymn

The Dismissal

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

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