

Parish Eucharist



ABOUT THIS SERVICE

Welcome to **St Margaret's Lee** and to this Eucharist.

In this Eucharist we recall the last meal of Christ with his friends in the Upper Room, and we recognise him in the breaking of the bread. Although our faith is grounded in history, this service is not a nostalgic looking back to the events of the past: it is a celebration that in the Eucharist Christ is truly present to us now, and a promise of the glory that will be ours when the whole universe is made complete in him.

The service falls into four major sections:

The Gathering, in which we come together as God's people, and prepare in penitence and joy to receive Christ in Word and Sacrament;

The Liturgy of the Word, in which we listen to the words of Scripture (culminating in the reading of the Gospel), explore the faith through the sermon and the Creed, and bring our prayers to God;

The Liturgy of the Sacrament, in which bread and wine are blessed in remembrance of Christ's death and resurrection, linking his sacrifice on the cross with our offering of prayer and praise, and transforming the elements of bread and wine into our spiritual food, food we are invited to share in Holy Communion;

The Dismissal, in which we are sent out to be the Body of Christ in the world.

All are warmly invited to receive communion. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please come forward and bow your head as a signal to the priest.

If you have very young children, you are welcome to make use of the creche in the Crypt. There is no children's church during August.

Toilet facilities are in the Crypt.

Welcome

Opening Hymn. During the hymn the ministers enter.

The president says

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

All Amen.

The Greeting

The president greets the people

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you

All and also with you.

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.**

Prayers of Penitence

The introduction to the Confession is given:

Deacon

God the Father forgives us in Christ and heals us
by the Holy Spirit.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,
firmly resolved to seek God's compassion
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.**

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.

All Amen.

All Sing to God new songs of worship,
All his deeds are marvellous.
He has brought salvation to us
With his hand and holy arm.
He has shown to all the nations
Righteousness and saving power
He recalled his truth and mercy
To his people Israel.

Sing to God new songs of worship,
Earth has seen his victory;
Let the lands of earth be joyful
Praising him with thankfulness.
Sound upon the harp his praises,
Play to him with melody;
Let the trumpets sound his triumph,
Show your joy to God the King.

Sing to God new songs of worship
Let the sea now make a noise;
All the earth and in the waters
Sound your praises to the Lord.
Let the hills rejoice together,
Let the rivers clap their hands,
For with righteousness and justice
He will come to judge the earth.

The Collect

The president says

Let us pray,

A period of silent prayer.

The president says the Collect, and all respond

All Amen

There will a reading from either the Old or New Testament.

At the end of the reading:

May the Lord bless this reading
All Thanks be to God.

The Gradual Hymn is sung.

Gospel Reading

Alleluia! Alleluia!
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
One God, who was, and is, and is to come.

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

After the Gospel proclamation:

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

Sermon

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.

Prayers of Intercession

The president introduces the prayers of intercession with these or other suitable words

Let us pray for the church and the world
And let's thank God for his goodness

Kneel

These responses may be used

Lord, in your mercy
All hear our prayer.

Lord, hear us.
All Lord, graciously hear us.

At the end of the prayers:

Merciful Father
**All Accept these prayers
 For the sake of your son
 Our Saviour Jesus Christ.
 Amen**

The Peace

The president introduces the Peace with a suitable sentence

We are the Body of Christ,
In the one spirit we were all baptised into one body.
Let us then renew all that makes for peace
And builds up our common life.

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

The deacon or president says

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All exchange a sign of peace.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

Preparation of the Table Taking of the Bread and Wine

The Offertory Hymn is sung during which the altar is prepared, and the gifts of the people are gathered and presented.

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.

All **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.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The president says

The Lord be with you
All and also with you.

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.

Father, we give you thanks and praise
through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word,
through whom you have created all things;
who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.
By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh;
as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin,
he lived on earth and went about among us;
he opened wide his arms for us on the cross;
he put an end to death by dying for us;
and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life;
so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

A short proper preface may be inserted at this point.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and *singing*:

**All Holy, holy, holy is the Lord
Holy is the Lord God almighty;
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord
Holy is the Lord God almighty;
Who was, and is, and is to come;
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
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.

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.

The deacon or president says

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

All Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.
As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
St. Margaret and all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
forever and ever.

All Amen

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

The president breaks the consecrated 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.**

The Agnus Dei is sung.

**All Oh Lamb of God, come cleanse our hearts
 And take our sin away.
 O Lamb of God, your grace impart,
 And let our guilty fear depart,
 Have mercy Lord, we pray. x2**

**O Lamb of God, our lives restore
Our guilty souls release.
Into our lives your Spirit pour
And let us live for evermore
In perfect heav'nly peace x2**

Giving of Communion

The president says the following or another appropriate invitation to communion

Christ gives bread to eat and justice to share,
come let us taste his goodness today and every day.

All are warmly invited to receive communion. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please bow your head as a signal to the priest.

At the distribution the minister says

The body of Christ.
The blood of Christ.

*The communicant replies each time **Amen**, and then receives.*

Prayer after Communion

At the end of the distribution the president says

Let us pray

The president says the Post Communion prayer to which all respond

Amen

**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 Notices are given out.

The final hymn is sung.

The president says

The Lord be with you
All and also with you.

The president uses this or another suitable blessing

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.
All Amen.

The deacon or president says

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

All are invited for refreshments in the Crypt after the service.

Please do not take this order of service away.

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