

# ORDER OF SERVICE FOR LENT

*Please stand as the Choir and Clergy enter*

## The Greeting

The Lord be with you

**And also with you.**

## Notices

## Hymn

## 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

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:  
The first commandment is this:  
‘Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord.  
You shall love the Lord your God  
with all your heart,  
with all your soul, with all your mind,  
and with all your strength.’

The second is this:  
‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’  
There is no other commandment greater than these.  
On these two commandments  
hang all the law and the prophets.

**All Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

## Invitation to Confession

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit  
A broken and contrite heart God will not despise  
Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion  
And acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith.  
Let us admit to God the sin which always confronts us.

**All** Lord God we have sinned against you;  
we have done evil in your sight.  
We are sorry and repent.  
Have mercy on us according to your love.  
Wash away our wrongdoing  
and cleanse us from our sin.  
Renew a right spirit within us  
and restore us to the joy of your salvation,  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Kyrie Eleison *(Sung)*

Lord, have mercy	Lord, have mercy
Christ, have mercy	Christ, have mercy
Lord, have mercy	Lord, have mercy

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 a  
new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## The Collect *(the Collect & readings are in the news sheet)*

### First Reading

### Hymn *(optional)*

### Gospel Reading *(please Stand)*

### Sermon

## The Creed

*All stand*

Do you believe in God the Father?

***All* I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

***All* I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He 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,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit:

***All* 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

Lord, in your mercy      **Hear our prayer.**

*And at the end*

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

## The Peace

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ who has given us access to his grace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

**All And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace

*All may exchange a sign of peace*

## **Offertory Hymn**

*(A QR code can be found on the back page)*

## **Prayer at the Preparation of the Table**

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

**All All things come from you, and of your own do we give you. Amen.**

## **The Eucharistic Prayer** *(Kneel in prayer)*

The Lord is here.

**His Spirit is with us.**

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.**

It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise, almighty God and everlasting Father, through Jesus Christ your Son. For in these forty days you lead us into the desert of repentance that through a pilgrimage of prayer and discipline we may grow in grace and learn to be your people once again.

Through fasting, prayer and acts of service you bring us back to your generous heart.

Through study of your holy word you open our eyes to your presence in the world and free our hands to welcome others into the radiant splendour of your love.

As we prepare to celebrate the Easter feast with joyful hearts and minds we bless you for your mercy and join with saints and angels for ever 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**

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,  
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
and as we follow his example and obey his command,  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us his body and his blood;

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.

**To you be glory and praise for ever**

*A bell may be rung*

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.

**To you be glory and praise for ever**

*A bell may be rung*

Therefore, heavenly Father,  
we remember now his offering of himself  
made once for all upon the cross;  
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;  
we look for the coming of your kingdom,  
and with this bread and this cup  
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

**Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.**

Accept through him, our great high priest,  
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,  
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts  
in the presence of your divine majesty,  
renew us by your Spirit  
inspire us with your love and unite us in the body of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

**To you be glory and praise for ever**

Through him, and with him, and in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,  
we worship you, Father almighty,  
in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

*Silence*

## **The Lord's Prayer**

*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**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.  
**Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

*Sung* **Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
grant us peace.**

## **Giving of Communion**

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.

**Most merciful Lord,  
your love compels us to come in.  
Our hands were unclean,  
our hearts were unprepared;  
we were not fit  
even to eat the crumbs from under your table.  
But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation,  
and share your bread with sinners.  
So cleanse and feed us  
with the precious body and blood of your Son,  
that he may live in us and we in him;  
and that we, with the whole company of Christ,  
may sit and eat in your kingdom. Amen.**

### *The President and people receive communion*

*All are welcome to come forward to receive from God. If you have been confirmed or normally receive communion at your church, please receive the bread and the wine. Alternatively, you are welcome to come forward for a prayer of blessing*

*(please keep your hands together at the communion rail). And of course you can remain seated as you feel comfortable. During the distribution hymns and anthems may be sung.*

## **Prayer after Communion**

**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.**

## **Blessing**

Christ give you the grace to grow in holiness  
To deny yourselves, take up your cross and follow him;  
And the blessing of God Almighty  
The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## **Hymn**

## **Dismissal**

We have seen his glory, the glory revealed to all the nations.  
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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