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25<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Parish Communion

**The Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**(Rogation Sunday)**

Blended Worship



May Charity of the Month: **Christian Aid**



## The prayer for The Green Howards Regiment

Almighty and most merciful Father,  
we give thanks for the service of The Green Howards Regiment  
which bore the symbol of your cross  
and whose sacrifice is commemorated in our Regimental Chapel.

Today, may your inspiration and protection  
be with The Royal Yorkshire Regiment,  
that it may protect the weak and vulnerable  
and serve the cause of liberty and truth.

We ask this in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Prince of Peace and Saviour of all.

**All** Amen.



# Opening Hymn: God Is Our Strength and Refuge

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- 1. God is our strength and refuge,  
our present help in trouble;  
and we therefore will not fear,  
though the earth should change!  
Though mountains shake and tremble,  
though swirling floods are raging,  
God the Lord of hosts  
is with us evermore!**



## Opening Hymn: God Is Our Strength and Refuge

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2. **There is a flowing river,  
within God's holy city;  
God is in the midst of her –  
she shall not be moved!  
God's help is swiftly given,  
thrones vanish at his presence –  
God is the Lord of hosts  
is with us evermore!**



## Opening Hymn: God Is Our Strength and Refuge

- 3. Come, see the works of our maker,  
learn of his deeds all-powerful:  
wars will cease across the world  
when he shatters the spear!  
Be still and know your creator,  
uplift him in the nations –  
God the Lord of hosts  
is with us evermore!**

Richard Bewes (b. 1934)  
Psalm 46



# The Greeting

**All** The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
**All He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**



## Prayer of Preparation

**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.



## Prayers of Penitence

Let us ask God to have mercy on our tired land,  
and to prosper the work of our soiled hands.

Let us ask God to forgive our delusion of self-sufficiency  
so that we may praise him for his provision and goodness.



## Prayers of Penitence

Lord, you give us this good earth,  
yet we take your generous gifts for granted.  
Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, you give us this good earth,  
but we squander its rich resources.  
Christ, have mercy.

**All** **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, you give us this good earth,  
but we fail to share your bounty with all of your children.  
Lord, have mercy.

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



## Prayers of Penitence

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.

**All** Amen.



## 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.**



## **Gloria in Excelsis**

**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

Let us pray.

God our Father,  
you never cease the work you have begun  
and prosper with your blessing all human labour:  
make us wise and faithful stewards of your gifts,  
that we may serve the common good,  
maintain the fabric of our world  
and seek that justice where all may share  
the good things you pour upon us;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**All** Amen.



# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## Readings

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (16:9-15 NRSV)

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, ‘Come over to Macedonia and help us.’<sup>10</sup> When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

<sup>11</sup>We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis,<sup>12</sup> and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days.



# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## Readings

<sup>13</sup>On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. <sup>14</sup>A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. <sup>15</sup>When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, 'If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.' And she prevailed upon us.

This is the word of the Lord

**All** Thanks be to God



# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## Readings

A reading from the book of Revelation (21:10,22-22:5 NRSV)

<sup>10</sup>In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

<sup>22</sup>I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. <sup>23</sup>And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. <sup>24</sup>The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. <sup>25</sup>Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. <sup>26</sup>People will bring into it the glory and the honour of the nations. <sup>27</sup>But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practises abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.



# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## Readings

22 Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb <sup>2</sup>through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. <sup>3</sup>Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; <sup>4</sup>they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. <sup>5</sup>And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign for ever and ever.

This is the word of the Lord

**All** Thanks be to God



## Second Hymn: God of Mercy, God of Grace

1. **God of mercy, God of grace,  
show the brightness of thy face;  
shine upon us, Saviour, shine,  
fill thy church with light divine;  
and thy saving health extend  
unto earth's remotest end.**
2. **Let the people praise thee, Lord;  
be by all that live adored;  
let the nations shout and sing  
glory to their Saviour King;  
at thy feet their tribute pay,  
and thy holy will obey.**



## Second Hymn: God of Mercy, God of Grace

3. **Let the people praise thee, Lord;  
earth shall then her fruits afford;  
God to man his blessing give,  
man to God devoted live;  
all below, and all above,  
one in joy and light and love.**

Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847)



# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## Readings

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (14:23-29)

**All**      **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. <sup>24</sup>Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.



# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## Readings

<sup>25</sup>‘I have said these things to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup>But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. <sup>27</sup>Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. <sup>28</sup>You heard me say to you, “I am going away, and I am coming to you.” If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. <sup>29</sup>And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**All Praise to you, O Christ**





Sermon

The Revd Canon Martin Fletcher

# The Creed

**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.



# The Creed

**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.**



# The Creed

**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.**

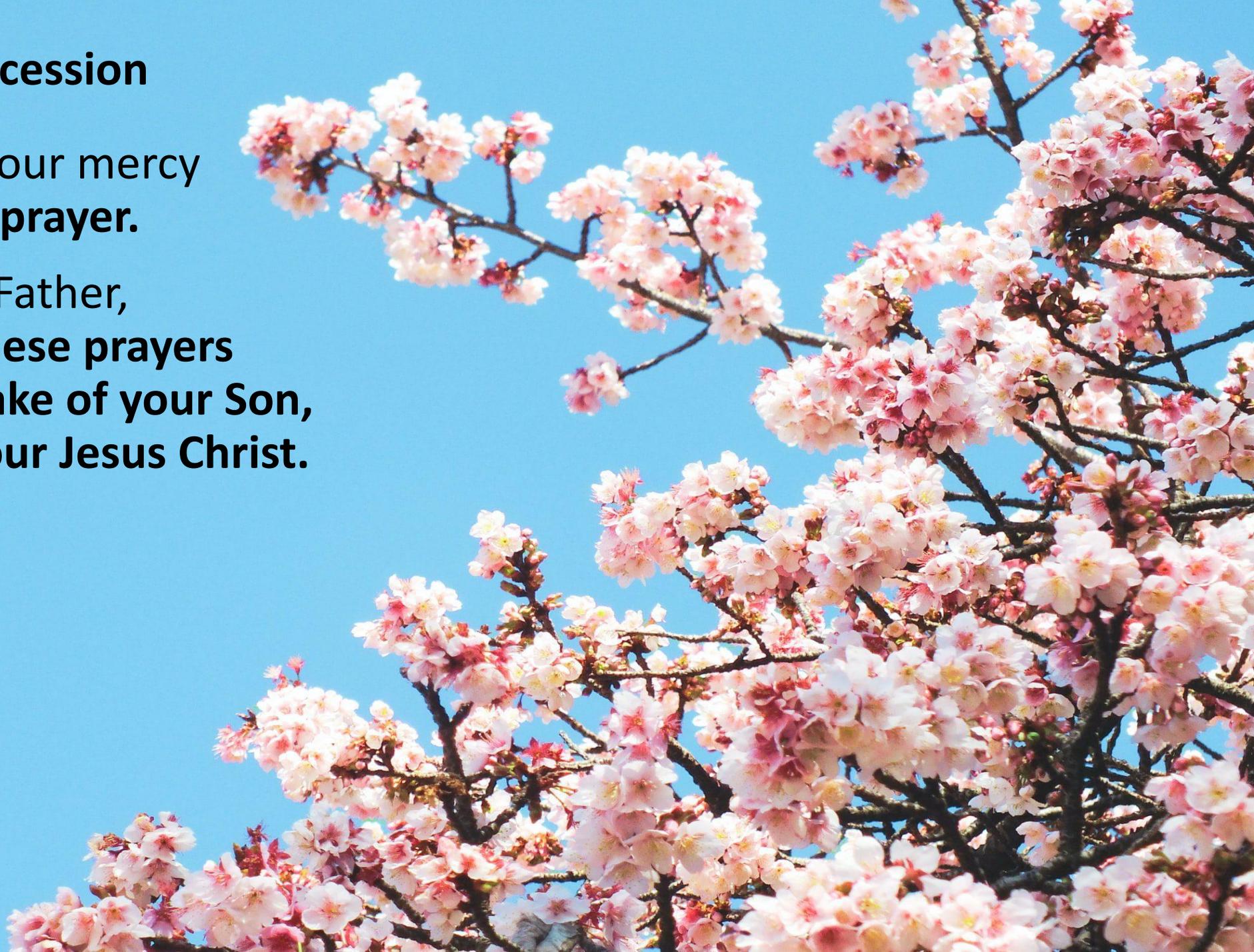
**Amen.**



## Prayers of Intercession

**All** Lord, in your mercy  
hear our prayer.

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

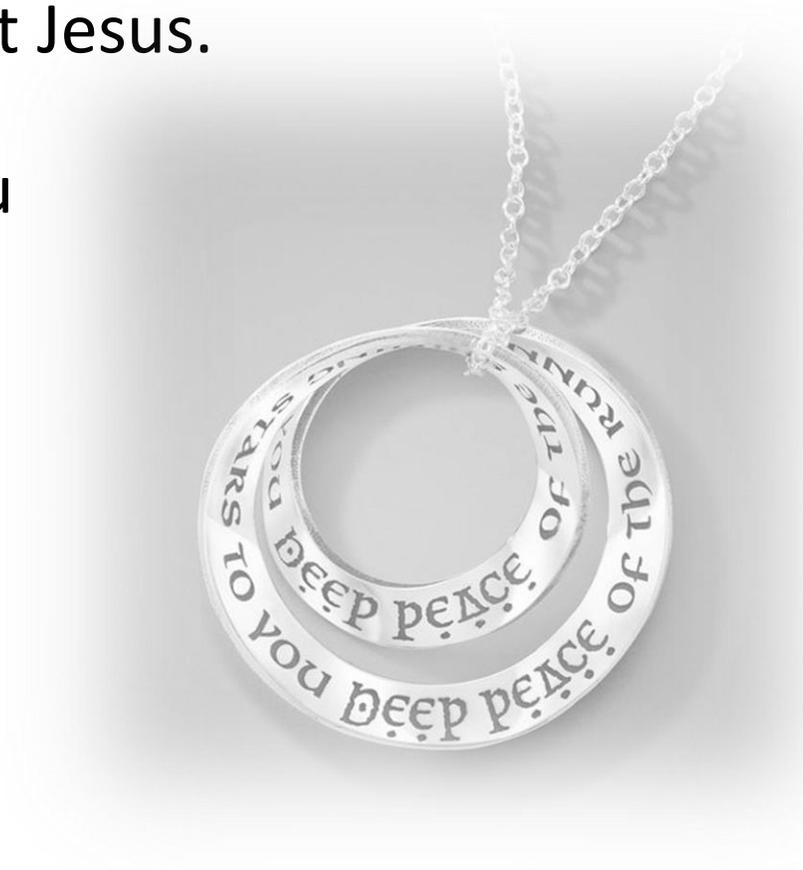


## The Peace

By prayer and supplication with thanksgiving,  
let your requests be made known to God.  
And the peace of God,  
which passes all understanding,  
will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

**All**

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



## Hymn at preparation: Jerusalem the Golden

1. Jerusalem the golden,  
with milk and honey blest,  
beneath thy contemplation  
sink heart and voice opprest.  
I know not, O I know not  
what joys await us there,  
what radiancy of glory,  
what bliss beyond compare.



**Hymn at preparation: Jerusalem the Golden**

- 2. They stand, those halls of Sion,  
conjugilant with song,  
and bright with many an angel,  
and all the martyr throng;  
the Prince is ever with them,  
the daylight is serene,  
the pastures of the blessed  
are decked in glorious sheen.**



**Hymn at preparation: Jerusalem the Golden**

3. **There is the throne of David;  
and there, from care released,  
the shout of them that triumph,  
the song of them that feast;  
and they, who with their leader  
have conquered in the fight,  
for ever and for ever  
are clad in robes of white.**



## Hymn at preparation: Jerusalem the Golden

4. **O sweet and blessed country,  
the home of God's elect!  
O sweet and blessed country,  
that eager hearts expect!  
Jesu, in mercy bring us  
to that dear land of rest;  
who art, with God the Father  
and Spirit, ever blest.**

Bernard of Cluny (12th century)

*tr.* J. M. Neale (1818-1866)



## 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.**



## Preparation of the Table

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.



## Preparation of the Table

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 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.

It is indeed right and good  
to give you thanks and praise,  
almighty God and Father,  
through Jesus Christ your Son.

Through him you have created us in your own image,  
and made us stewards of your good creation.



# The Eucharistic Prayer

Through him you teach us to exult in the birds of the air,  
the lilies of the field,  
the precious and life-giving crops of the earth.  
Through him you free us from the slavery of sin,  
giving him to die upon the cross  
and to rise again for our salvation.  
Through him, you begin your work of new creation,  
as we look for a new heaven and a new earth  
in which your righteousness dwells.  
Therefore, we join with angels and archangels,  
and give voice to every creature under heaven,  
for ever praising you and saying:



# The Eucharistic Prayer

**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.

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;



# The Eucharistic Prayer

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 Eucharistic Prayer

Therefore, heavenly Father,  
we remember 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.

Great is the mystery of faith.

**All**

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**



# The Eucharistic Prayer

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.



# The Eucharistic Prayer

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:

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



# The Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in God's new creation,  
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.**



## Breaking of the Bread

Lord, we died with you on the cross.

**All** **Now we are raised to new life.**

We were buried in your tomb.

**All** **Now we share in your resurrection.**

Live in us, that we may live in you.



# Agnus Dei

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

Jesus, bearer of our sins,  
have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world,  
grant us peace.



## Giving of Communion

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**All** Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.



## Communion Hymn: Come, Thou Holy Spirit, come!

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1. **Come, thou Holy Spirit, come,  
and from thy celestial home  
shed a ray of light divine;  
come, thou Father of the poor,  
come, thou source of all our store,  
come, within our bosoms shine.**
2. **Thou of comforters the best,  
thou the soul's most welcome guest,  
sweet refreshment here below;  
in our labour rest most sweet,  
grateful coolness in the heat,  
solace in the midst of woe.**



## Communion Hymn: Come, Thou Holy Spirit, come!

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3. **O most blessed Light divine,  
shine within these hearts of thine,  
and our inmost being fill;  
where thou art not, man hath naught,  
nothing good in deed or thought,  
nothing free from taint of ill.**
4. **Heal our wounds; our strength renew;  
on our dryness pour thy dew;  
wash the stains of guilt away;  
bend the stubborn heart and will;  
melt the frozen, warm the chill;  
guide the steps that go astray.**



## Communion Hymn: Come, Thou Holy Spirit, come!

5. **On the faithful, who adore  
and confess thee, evermore  
in thy sevenfold gifts descend:  
Give them virtue's sure reward,  
give them thy salvation, Lord,  
give them joys that never end.**

Stephen Langton (*d.* 1228)  
*tr.* Edward Caswall (1814-1878) and others



## Prayers after Communion

God our creator,  
you give seed for us to sow and bread for us to eat:  
as you have blessed the fruit of our labour in this eucharist,  
so we ask you to give all your children their daily bread,  
that the world may praise you for your goodness;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All** Amen.



## Prayers after Communion

**All** Faithful God,  
in baptism you have adopted us as your children,  
made us members of the body of Christ  
and chosen us as inheritors of your kingdom:  
we thank you that in this Eucharist  
you renew your promises within us,  
empower us by your Spirit to witness and to serve,  
and send us out as disciples of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.





Notices

## Final Hymn: Now Let Us from This Table Rise

1. **Now let us from this table rise  
renewed in body, mind and soul;  
with Christ we die and rise again,  
his selfless love has made us whole.**
2. **With minds alert, upheld by grace,  
to spread the word in speech and deed,  
we follow in the steps of Christ,  
at one with all in hope and need.**



## Final Hymn: Now Let Us from This Table Rise

3. To fill each human house with love,  
it is the sacrament of care;  
the work that Christ began to do  
we humbly pledge ourselves to share.
4. Then grant us grace, Companion-God,  
to choose again the pilgrim way,  
and help us to accept with joy  
the challenge of tomorrow's day.

Fred Kaan (b. 1929)



# Blessing

May God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who is the source of all goodness and growth,  
pour his blessing upon all things created,  
and upon you his children,  
that you may use his gifts to his glory  
and the welfare of all peoples;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**All** Amen.

Tend the earth, care for God's good creation,  
and bring forth the fruits of righteousness.  
Go in the peace of Christ.

**All** Thanks be to God.





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