

Members of all Christian Churches  
are welcome to receive Communion.  
Whatever your faith background or tradition  
you are most welcome to draw near for a blessing.

*Post Communion Prayer*

**Holy and blessed God,**  
**you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son**  
**and filled us with your Holy Spirit:**  
**may we honour you,**  
**not only with our lips**  
**but in lives dedicated to the service**  
**of Jesus Christ our Lord.**

*Church family news*

**Song How deep the father's love for us**

*Blessing*

The love of the Lord Jesus  
draw you to himself,  
the power of the Lord Jesus  
strengthen you in his service,  
the joy of the Lord Jesus fill your hearts;  
And the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen**

After the service please join us for  
refreshments, and remember there are  
people willing to pray with you in confidence.

*Welcome*

*Opening Prayer*

Lord, direct our thoughts, and teach us to pray.  
Lift up our hearts to worship you in spirit and in truth,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Let everything be said and done in the name of the  
Lord Jesus,

**giving thanks to God through Jesus Christ.**

Sing psalms, hymns and sacred songs:  
**let us sing to God with thankful hearts.**

Open our lips, Lord:  
**and we shall praise your name.**

**Song This is amazing grace**

**Song This is the story of the cross**

*Introduction to the theme*

*Confession*

The gospel calls us to turn away from sin  
and be faithful to Christ.  
As we offer ourselves to him in penitence and faith,  
we renew our confidence and trust in his mercy.

Let us return to the Lord our God and say to him:

**Father,**  
**we have sinned against heaven and against you.**  
**We are not worthy to be called your children.**  
**We turn to you again.**  
**Have mercy on us,**  
**bring us back to yourself**  
**as those who once were dead**  
**but now have life through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Absolution*

May almighty God have mercy on us,  
forgive us our sins,  
and bring us to everlasting life,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen

*Affirmation of Faith*

Let us declare our faith in God in the words of the next song...

**Song This I believe**

*Reading*

Acts 10: 34-43

This the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

*Gospel Reading*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Matthew 3: 13-end

**Glory to you, O Lord**

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ**

*Talk*

**Song on Jordon's bank the Baptist's cry**

*Prayers*

*The Peace*

We are all one in Christ Jesus.  
We belong to him through faith,  
heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you**

**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.

*Lord's prayer*

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**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.

*The 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**

*Invitation to Communion*

Jesus is the lamb of God  
who takes away the sin of the world  
Blessed are those who are called to his supper  
**Lord I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

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 cup of salvation,  
we proclaim his death and resurrection  
until he comes in glory

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:  
**Dying you destroyed our death,**  
**rising you restored our life:**  
**Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

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.

*Eucharistic 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,  
it is our duty and our joy,  
at all times and in all places  
to give you thanks and praise,  
holy Father, heavenly King,  
almighty and eternal God,

You celebrated your new gift of baptism  
in signs and wonders at the Jordan.  
Your voice was heard from heaven  
to awaken faith in the presences among us  
of your Word made flesh.

Your Spirit was seen as a dove,  
revealing Jesus as your servant,  
and anointing him with the oil of gladness  
to preach good news to the poor.

Therefore, as we celebrate the union of earth and heaven  
we rejoice to echo the song of the angels above  
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.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**  
**Hosanna in the highest.**  
We praise and bless you, loving Father,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;