

Benefice of Sarratt and Chipperfield
Holy Cross, Sarratt and
St Paul's, Chipperfield

HOLY COMMUNION



ORDINARY TIME
On Resuming
Worship in Church
Autumn 2020

A prayer of preparation -

Loving Father

Each thing I have received, from you it came
Each thing for which I hope, from your love it will come,
Each thing I enjoy, it is your bounty,
Each thing I ask, comes of your disposing.

Holy God, loving Father, of the word everlasting,
Grant me to have of you this living prayer:
Lighten my understanding, kindle my will, begin my doing,
Incite my love, strengthen my weakness, enfold my desire.

Cleanse my heart, make holy my soul, confirm my faith,
Keep safe my mind and compass my body about;
As I utter my prayer from my mouth,
In my own heart may I feel your presence.

Carmina Gadelica in Prayers and Blessings in the Celtic Tradition

The Gathering

Organ voluntary

Please remain seated

Greeting

Welcome in the name of Christ.
God's grace, mercy and peace be with you

All: **and also with you.**

Words of welcome or introduction may be said; a hymn may be played

Opening Prayer

**Gracious God, you are our host and guest.
We gather today, in your house,
knowing that you are with us.
As you have welcomed us,
help us to be a welcoming community.
Send your Spirit to blow through our worship
as a breeze blows through the open windows
of a long-closed house.
Amen.**

Prayers of Penitence

These or other words of invitation to confession are used

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.

We pause in silence, sit or kneel

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.**

Almighty God,
who in Jesus Christ has given us
a kingdom that cannot be destroyed,
forgive *us our* sins,
open *our* eyes to God's truth,
strengthen *us* to do God's will
and give *us* the joy of his kingdom,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

Collect

Let us pray

Silence is kept. The Collect is read and all respond

All: **Amen.**

The Word

Gospel Reading

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to *N*

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

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

We sit.

Sermon

We pause in silence/music for reflection

We stand for the Affirmation of Faith

Affirmation of Faith

Let us declare our faith in God.

All: **We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

We sit or kneel to pray

Prayers of Intercession

In joyful expectation of his coming to our aid
we pray to Jesus.

This response may be used:

Lord, in your mercy
All: hear our prayer.

At the end

Lord of the Church,
**All: hear our prayer,
and make us one in heart and mind
to serve you with joy for ever.
Amen.**

The Sacrament

Please remain seated

The Peace

God will speak peace to his people,
to those who turn to him in their hearts.

cf Psalm 85.8; 1 Samuel 12.20

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

Preparation of the Table

Music is played

This prayer may be said:

Blessed be God,
by whose grace creation is renewed,
by whose love heaven is opened,
by whose mercy we offer our sacrifice of praise.

All: **Blessed be God for ever.**

Eucharistic Prayer

We sit or kneel

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.**

Almighty God, good Father to us all,
your face is turned towards your world.

In love you gave us Jesus your Son
to rescue us from sin and death.

Your Word goes out to call us home

to the city where angels sing your praise.

We join with them in heaven's song:

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!**

Father of all, we give you thanks
for every gift that comes from heaven.

To the darkness Jesus came as your light.
With signs of faith and words of hope
he touched untouchables with love and washed the guilty clean.

This is his story.

All: **This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

The crowds came out to see your Son,
yet at the end they turned on him.
On the night he was betrayed
he came to table with his friends
to celebrate the freedom of your people.

This is his story.

All: **This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food;
he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said:
This is my body, given for you all.
Jesus then gave thanks for the wine;
he took the cup, gave it and said:
This is my blood, shed for you all
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this in remembrance of me.

This is his story.

All: **This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

Therefore, Father, with this bread
we celebrate the cross
on which he died to set us free.
Defying death he rose again
and is alive with you to plead for us and all the world.

This is his story.

All: **This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

Send your Spirit on us now
that by these gifts we may feed on Christ
with opened eyes and hearts on fire.

May we and all who share this food
offer ourselves to live for you
and be welcomed at your feast in heaven
where all creation worships you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

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

The Lord's Prayer

Seeking the salvation of the world,
let us pray as our Saviour taught us:

**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.**

The Breaking of the 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.**

Giving of Communion

God's holy gifts
for God's holy people.

**All: Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

*Please remain in your seats to receive Holy Communion.
If you do not normally receive communion but would like to receive a
blessing, please indicate that to the minister.*

*Silence is kept
Music is played during the distribution of Communion*

Prayer after Communion

The Post Communion prayer is said by those gathered

Notices and Banns

The Sending Out

Please stand for the blessing

A hymn may be played

The Blessing

Christ, who has nourished with himself
the living bread,
make *us* one in praise and love,
and raise *us* up at the last day;
and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always.

All: **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

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

Please leave the church as quickly as possible and as directed

Organ Voluntary

Strengthen for service, Lord
the hands that have taken holy things;
may the ears which have heard your word
be deaf to clamour and dispute;
may the tongues which have sung your praise
be free from deceit;
may the eyes which have seen the tokens of
your love shine with the light of hope;
and may the bodies which have been fed with
your body be refreshed with the fullness
of your life;
glory to you for ever.

Syriac Liturgy of Malabar

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