

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

**HOLY COMMUNION  
Holy Cross, Sarratt**



**ORDINARY TIME  
Trinity to Advent**

*Organ voluntary*

The Gathering

*Please stand*

*An Introit may be sung*

*A hymn is sung*

**Greeting**

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

*All:*     **and also with you.**

*Words of welcome or introduction may be said*

**Opening Prayer**

*All:*     **Almighty God,  
your Son has opened for us  
a new and living way into your presence.  
Give us new hearts and constant wills  
to worship you in spirit and in truth;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

**Prayers of Penitence**

*These or other words of invitation to confession are used*

Jesus said:  
Before you offer your gift,  
go and be reconciled.  
As brothers and sisters in God's family,  
we come together to ask our Father for forgiveness.

*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.**

*The Gloria is sung*

**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.  
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.

**Collect**

Let us pray

*Silence is kept. The Collect is read and all respond*

*All:*     **Amen.**

**The Word**

*We sit for the readings*

**Readings**

*At end of each reading*

This is the word of the Lord

*All:*     **Thanks be to God**

*A hymn may be sung*

*We stand for the Gospel*

**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 may be played*

*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

We are the body of Christ.  
In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.  
Let us then pursue all that makes for peace  
and builds up our common life.

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

### Preparation of the Table

*A hymn may be sung*

*A collection is taken and presented*

*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.**

You are worthy of our thanks and praise,  
Lord God of truth,  
for by the breath of your mouth  
you have spoken your word,  
and all things have come into being.

You fashioned us in your image  
and placed us in the garden of your delight.  
Though we chose the path of rebellion  
you would not abandon your own.

Again and again you drew us into your covenant of grace.  
You gave your people the law and taught us by your prophets  
to look for your reign of justice, mercy and peace.

As we watch for the signs of your kingdom on earth,  
we echo the song of the angels in heaven,  
evermore praising you and saying/singing:

**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.**

Lord God, you are the most holy one,  
enthroned in splendour and light,  
yet in the coming of your Son Jesus Christ  
you reveal the power of your love  
made perfect in our human weakness.

*[All: Amen. Lord, we believe.]*

Embracing our humanity,  
Jesus showed us the way of salvation;  
loving us to the end,  
he gave himself to death for us;  
dying for his own,  
he set us free from the bonds of sin,  
that we might rise and reign with him in glory.

**[All: Amen. Lord, we believe.]**

On the night he gave up himself for us all  
he 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.

**[All: Amen. Lord, we believe.]**

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.

**[All: Amen. Lord, we believe.]**

Therefore we proclaim the death that he suffered on the cross,  
we celebrate his resurrection, his bursting from the tomb,  
we rejoice that he reigns at your right hand on high  
and we long for his coming in glory.

**[All: Amen. Lord, we believe.]**

As we recall the one, perfect sacrifice of our redemption,  
Father, by your Holy Spirit let these gifts of your creation  
be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;  
form us into the likeness of Christ  
and make us a perfect offering in your sight.

**[All: Amen. Lord, we believe.]**

Look with favour on your people  
and in your mercy hear the cry of our hearts.  
Bless the earth,  
heal the sick,  
let the oppressed go free  
and fill your Church with power from on high.

**[All: Amen. Lord, we believe.]**

Gather your people from the ends of the earth  
to feast with [N and] all your saints  
at the table in your kingdom,  
where the new creation is brought to perfection  
in 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,  
for ever and ever.

**All: Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

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.**

## 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.**

*The Agnus Dei is sung or said as the bread is broken.*

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
grant us your 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.

*Silence is kept*

*An anthem and/or hymn may be sung during the distribution of Communion*

*If you do not normally receive communion but would like to receive a blessing,  
please indicate that to the minister by holding this service booklet when you  
come to the communion rail.*

*The Post Communion prayer is said*

*We may say this prayer*

**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.**

*Notices and Banns*

The Sending Out

*Please stand*

*A hymn may be sung*

**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.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

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

*Please leave the church as directed by the Churchwardens or sidespersons.*

*Organ Voluntary*

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