



*Ordinary Time*  
*St Nicholas Church, North Walsham*

Transformed by Christ: **Prayerful, Pastoral, Prophetic**

## Welcome!

Whatever brings you here, and whether you are here for the first time, or have been coming for years, you are welcome!

We are here to celebrate and give thanks for our world, and for God's loving kindness to us.

We prepare ourselves with quiet prayer as we look forward to the service beginning. We shall sing, pray, and make this celebration our own, as we receive forgiveness for our failings, hear of God's acts from Holy Scripture, and receive bread and wine, the Body and Blood of Christ - we do this in obedience to Jesus' command at the Last Supper: *do this in remembrance of me.*

We meet in *Ordinary Time* - that is, outside the seasons of festival or preparation of Easter, Lent, Advent or Christmas - but no time is ordinary, as God constantly guides us in creation.

The church has a hearing loop serving the central pews for those who benefit from this. The people who gave you this booklet can direct you to the toilet, *Sunday Kids*, or answer any other enquiry.

There are refreshments after the service - please stay and chat.

The customary times to stand/sit are noted in the order of service. If you prefer to stand, sit or kneel at any point, please feel free to do as you wish.

All join together in saying/singing the words in **bold** type.

You are warmly invited to say the **Lord's Prayer** in whatever version or language you are comfortable with - we unite together in this prayer familiar to Christians in all its forms.

Hymn numbers, readings, the psalm, and clergy contact details can all be found on the notice sheet.

*Common Worship: Services and Prayers for the Church of England (2000)*

*At 10.28am a welcome, notices and banns of marriage are given.*

## **The Gathering**

*As the procession enters, we stand to sing a hymn.*

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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

*We sit and words of introduction are offered. We call to mind our sins and failings.*

**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.**

*The priest assures us of God's forgiveness.*

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*We stand to sing.*

# Gloria in Excelsis

David Thorne



Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God,



Glo - ry to God in the High - est. Glo - ry to God in the



High - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



Lord, God Heav'n-ly King, Al-migh-ty God and Fa - ther, we



wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we\_ praise you for your



glo - ry. Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God,



Glo-ry to God in the High - est. Lord, Je - sus Christ,



on - ly Son of the Fa - ther. Lord God, Lamb of God, you



*The priest prays the Collect (the prayer for the week that collects up all our own prayers). We respond: **Amen.***

## **The Liturgy of the Word**

*We sit. At the end of each Bible reading the reader says:*

**This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.**

*A psalm may be said or sung, or a gradual hymn sung.*

*We stand to greet the Gospel, the Good News of Jesus. An acclamation is sung by the choir. When the Gospel is announced the reader says:*

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the end*

**This is the Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.**

*After a few moments, the sermon begins with a prayer, after which we sit.*

*We remain in silence for a few moments, then all stand to say the Apostles' Creed.*

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,**

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

**born of the Virgin Mary,**

**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,**

**he is seated at the right hand of the Father,**

**and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**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.**

## The Intercessions

*We pray for ourselves, the Church and the needs of the world.*

*These responses may be used:*

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

Lord hear us  
**Lord graciously hear us.**

*At the end:*

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

## The Liturgy of the Sacrament

*We stand.*

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*We exchange the peace, (usually a handshake with the words Peace be with you ). We sing the offertory hymn, during which bread and wine are brought to the altar and a collection is taken for the work of the Church.*

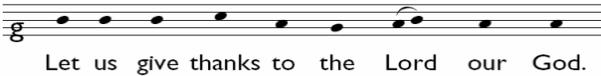
*We remain standing until the Lord s Prayer. If you prefer to stand, sit or kneel at any point, please feel free to do as you wish.*

*The following prayers may be said*

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.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

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.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

# The Eucharistic Prayer



*The following, or another preface may be used.*

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

From sunrise to sunset this day is holy,  
for Christ has risen from the tomb  
and scattered the darkness of death  
with light that will not fade.

This day the risen Lord walks with your gathered people,  
unfolds for us your word,  
and makes himself known in the breaking of the bread.

And though the night will overtake this day  
you summon us to live in endless light,  
the never-ceasing sabbath of the Lord.

And so with choirs of angels,  
with all the heavenly host,  
we proclaim your glory  
and join their unending song of praise:

David Thorne

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of po - wer and  
might, Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na,  
Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
and according to your holy will,  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

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

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,  
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;  
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming in glory,  
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.  
As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,  
we bring before you this bread and this cup  
and we thank you for counting us worthy  
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people  
and gather into one in your kingdom  
all who share this one bread and one cup,  
so that we, in the company of (*N and*) all the saints,  
may praise and glorify you for ever,  
through 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. **Amen.**

*We sit/kneel and say the **Lord's Prayer** in whatever version or language we are comfortable with - we unite together in this prayer familiar to Christians in all its forms.*

**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 priest breaks the consecrated bread saying:*

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.**

*The priest invites us to come forward to receive Holy Communion saying:*

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.

*All who usually receive communion in their own churches are welcome to do  
so here. If you would like to receive a blessing, please carry this service order.*

*During the distribution we sing the Agnus Dei and we kneel or sit and  
anthems and hymns are sung.*

David Thorne

Lamb of God, you  
take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take a-way the  
sin of the world: have mer-cy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world: Grant us peace.

## The Dismissal

*The priest prays the post communion prayer to which all respond:*  
**Amen.**

**Almighty God,  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

*Sunday Kids may tell us what they have been doing during their session.*

*We stand to sing a hymn.*

*We remain standing as the priest gives us God's blessing.*

*...and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.***

*We are dismissed to go out and continue our lives of worship and service.*

*Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.*

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

*Organ music is played as the procession departs. You are welcome to stay to listen to this music which is a part of our worship: please show consideration for the organist and the people who wish to listen to the voluntary as you leave your seats.*

*Please do join us for refreshments!*