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# Holy Communion

*for use in Trinity-tide or Ordinary Time*

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The Benefice of Glinton, Etton, Maxey, Peakirk & Northborough

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We warmly welcome you to our Benefice of five, friendly fellowships  
of Christian friends & families;  
**all are welcome** to stay afterwards  
for refreshments following our services, where available.

*Please introduce yourself and make yourself at home!*

*Should you feel called to become a member of our happy band of pilgrims,  
please complete and return an Electoral Roll form;*

*Parish Giving Scheme forms are also available.*

### **The Beatitudes**

Let us hear our Lord's blessing on those who follow him.

Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn,  
for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,  
for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness,  
for they shall be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful,  
for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart,  
for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they shall be called children of God.

Blessed are those who suffer persecution for righteousness' sake,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

### **Silence for Reflection**

*...Then we may STAND (as we are able) to sing a hymn.*

*The president may say*

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

All **Amen.**

## **The Greeting**

*The president greets the people...*

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

(or)

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.

## **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.**

*We SIT or KNEEL.*

## **Prayers of Penitence**

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:

The first commandment is this:

'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord.  
You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,  
with all your soul, with all your mind,  
and with all your strength.'

The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'  
There is no other commandment greater than these.

On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

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

Brothers and sisters in Christ, as we gather at the Lord's table,  
we must recall the promises and warnings given to us in the Scriptures.

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

All **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!**

*The president says...*

*God our Father forgive you your sins,  
and bring you to the fellowship of his table  
with his saints forever.*

All **Amen.**

*We STAND, as we are able.*

### **Gloria in Excelsis**

*This or another version is either said or sung.*

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.**

**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**

*The president introduces a period of silent prayer with 'Let us pray'  
or a more specific bidding.*

*The Collect is said, and all respond*

All **Amen.**

## **Readings**

*We SIT to hear one or two readings from Scripture preceding the Gospel reading.  
At the end of each the reader says...*

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

*We STAND, as we are able; a hymn may be sung.*

## **Gospel Reading**

*When the Gospel is announced the reader says...*

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 STAND, as we are able.*

## **The Creed**

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 & Holy Spirit.  
Amen.**

*We SIT or KNEEL.*

## **Prayers of Intercession**

*The prayers usually include these concerns and may follow this sequence:*

+ <i>The Church of Christ</i>	+ <i>The local community</i>
+ <i>Creation, human society, the Sovereign &amp; those in authority</i>	+ <i>Those who suffer</i>
	+ <i>The communion of saints</i>

*Either of these responses may be used*

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

Lord, hear us.  
All **Lord, graciously hear us.**

*And at the end...*

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

*We STAND, as we are able.*

## **The Peace**

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*All may exchange a socially acceptable sign of peace.*

## **Preparation of the Table**

*The gifts of the people are gathered and presented.*

*A hymn may be sung.*

*The table is prepared with bread & wine placed upon it.*

Wise and gracious God,  
you spread a table before us;  
nourish your people with the word of life  
and the bread of heaven.

All **Amen.**

*(or)*

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, O Lord,  
and of your own do we give you.**

*The president takes the bread and wine.*

## **The Eucharistic Prayer**

*The president says...*

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

*(or)*

All

The Lord is here.  
**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.**

*If an Extended Preface is used, it replaces all words between the opening dialogue and the Sanctus.*

Father, you made the world and love your creation.  
You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour.  
His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death.  
And so we gladly thank you,  
with saints and angels praising you, and *saying*

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.**

*We SIT or KNEEL.*

We praise and bless you, loving Father,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
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.



Jesus Christ is Lord:

All: **Lord, by your cross and resurrection you have set us free; you are the saviour of the world.**

Lord of all life,  
help us to work together for that day  
when your kingdom comes  
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.  
Look with favour on your people,  
gather us in your loving arms  
and bring us with [*N and*] and all the saints  
to feast at your table in heaven.  
Through Christ, and with Christ and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,  
forever and ever.

All: **Amen!**

*The service continues with 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.**

*(or)*

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

All **Our Father,  
who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

## Breaking of the Bread

*The president breaks the consecrated 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.**

*If the Agnus Dei is used as the bread is broken, all say one of these:*

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

*(or)*

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

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

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

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

**Jesus, redeemer of the world,  
grant us peace.**

## Giving of Communion

*The president says one of these invitations to communion:*

All God's holy gifts for God's holy people.  
**Jesus Christ is holy,  
Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.**

*One of these prayers may be said before the distribution:*

All **Most merciful Lord,  
your love compels us to come in.  
Our hands were unclean,  
our hearts were unprepared;  
we were not fit even to eat the crumbs from under your table.  
But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation,  
and share your bread with sinners.  
So cleanse and feed us  
with the precious body and blood of your Son,  
that he may live in us and we in him;  
and that we, with the whole company of Christ,  
may sit and eat in your kingdom.  
Amen.**

(or)

All **We do not presume  
to come to this your table, merciful Lord,  
trusting in our own righteousness,  
but in your manifold and great mercies.  
We are not worthy  
so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table.  
But you are the same Lord  
whose nature is always to have mercy.  
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,  
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ  
and to drink his blood,  
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body  
and our souls washed through his most precious blood,  
and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

*The president [and the people, when & where possible] receives communion;  
authorised words of distribution are used and the communicant replies, 'Amen!'*

*During the distribution hymns and anthems may be sung.*

### **Prayer after Communion**

*Silence is kept.*

*The Post Communion is said, then all may say one of these prayers:*

All **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.**

(or)

All **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.**

*We STAND, as we are able; a hymn may be sung.*

## **The Blessing**

*The president may use a seasonal blessing, or another suitable blessing:*

*(or)*

The peace of God,  
which passes all understanding,  
keep your hearts and minds  
in the knowledge and love of God,  
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

*At the departure of the minister(s), either of these is said:*

Go in peace  
to love and serve the Lord.

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

Go in the peace of Christ.

All **Thanks be to God.**

