

The Parish Church of  
St John the Baptist, Wakefield

# Holy Communion at Easter



Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

## **SONG**

**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.**

## **PRAYERS OF PENITENCE**

*Please sit. The minister introduces the prayers of penitence*

*Silence is kept*

Like Mary at the empty tomb,  
we fail to grasp the wonder of your presence.  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

Like the disciples behind locked doors,  
we are afraid to be seen as your followers.  
Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

Like Thomas in the upper room,  
we are slow to believe.  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

May the God of love and power  
forgive you and free you from your sins,  
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,  
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

**THE GLORIA** *Please stand. We sing*  
**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**

*We remain standing. The president introduces a period of silent prayer and then says the special prayer for today. At the end we say **Amen.***

# The Liturgy of the Word

## **FIRST BIBLE READING**

*Please sit. At the end the reader says:*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **SONG**

### **THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Please remain standing*

Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.

**Alleluia!**

He has defeated the powers of death.

**Alleluia!**

Jesus turns our sorrow into dancing.

**Alleluia!**

He has the words of eternal life.

**Alleluia!**

### **THE GOSPEL READING**

*Please remain standing.*

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the end the reader says:*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

*Please sit. The sermon may be followed by a period of silent reflection.*

## **THE CREED**     *Please stand*

Let us declare our faith  
in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Christ died for our sins  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he was buried;  
he was raised to life on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
afterwards he appeared to his followers,  
and to all the apostles:  
this we have received  
and this we believe.  
Amen.**

## **THE PRAYERS**

*Please sit for the prayers of intercession. This or another response may be used*

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

*The prayers may end with this response:*

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

## The Liturgy of the Sacrament

### **THE PEACE**

*Please stand. The president introduces the Peace and then says,*  
The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*The congregation shares the Peace.*

**SONG** *during which the collection is taken*

**THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER** *Please remain standing.*

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.**

*The president praises God for his mighty acts. Then we sing*

**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.**

*The president then recalls the Last Supper Jesus had with his friends. This acclamation is said*

Great is the mystery of faith

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The prayer continues. At the end of the Eucharistic Prayer we say or sing:*

**Blessing and honour and glory and power**

**be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

*OR we say* **Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Please sit. The president introduces the Lord's Prayer. We sing*

**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.

**Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

## **LAMB OF GOD** *We sing*

**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 peace.**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

*The president and people receive communion.*

*If you are not receiving communion, you are invited to come forward to receive a prayer of blessing during communion.*

*SONGS will be sung during communion*

## **AFTER COMMUNION**

*Please remain seated. The Post Communion prayer is said, then*

**God of truth,  
we have seen with our eyes  
and touched with our hands the bread of life:  
strengthen our faith  
that we may grow in love for you  
and for each other;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **SONG**

The Sending Out

## **THE BLESSING & DISMISSAL**

*The president blesses the people after which:*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

**In the name of Christ. Amen. Alleluia, alleluia.**

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