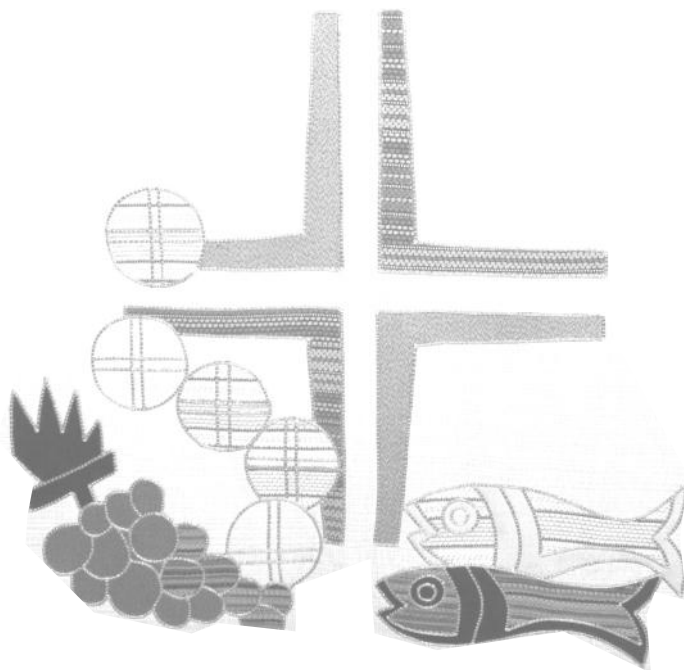


**The Parish Church of
St. John the Baptist, Wakefield**

Holy Communion



Welcome to Worship

Please join in the words in **lowercase bold**

Words printed like this explain what to do,
or what is happening at this point in the service

This service of Holy Communion, sometimes called The Eucharist, or The Lord's Supper, is at the heart of Christian worship. It commemorates the last supper Jesus ate with his disciples before he was seized by the authorities, tried, and put to death by crucifixion - being nailed by the hands and feet to a wooden cross and left to die.

During this service we admit the wrongs we have done, and receive God's forgiveness. We praise God. We listen to readings from the Bible, which tell us of God's work in our world, and Jesus' life, death and resurrection. A sermon teaches us more about this, and encourages us to think more deeply about our faith. We pray to God, thanking him for all that he has done for us and asking help for those people and situations which need it. We then share the peace, shaking hands with our neighbours.

At the Eucharistic prayer the priest symbolically re-enacts what Jesus did at the last supper, blessing bread, breaking it and sharing it as his body, blessing wine and sharing it as his blood. Any baptised Christian may receive communion with us, and all who wish to may come for a blessing.

After communion we thank God, receive his blessing and are sent out to be Christ to the world.

Please ensure your mobile phone is switched to silent

The Gathering

SONG

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

**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*

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

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.

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 READING

Please remain standing.

The reader says:

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

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son**

is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
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 by shaking hands and saying
‘Peace be with you’ or ‘The peace of the Lord be with you’.*

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 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 (Agnus Dei)

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

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.

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

**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.**

SONG

Any banns or notices are announced

The Sending Out

THE BLESSING & DISMISSAL

The president blesses the people after which:

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

In the side chapel there are prayer stations at which
you may light a candle, use a shell, or a heart,
to bring before God a person or situation
which is on your heart.

We serve refreshments after the 10.00am service
and warmly invite you to join us.

If you are new to St John's please
make yourself known to the clergy or welcomers,
and take copies of our information leaflet and magazine,
which will tell you more about us and what we offer.

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