



St Anne's Parish Church Greenlands



Weekday Mass

What is Mass?

The Eucharist (or Mass) is at the heart of Christian worship. It is celebrated by Christians around the world as a memorial of the death and resurrection of Jesus, in response to his words at the final meal he shared with his disciples, 'Do this in remembrance of me.' In the Eucharist, God invites us to his table as a foretaste of the heavenly banquet which he has prepared for people of all nations and cultures.

Outwardly, the Eucharist takes the form of a shared meal of bread and wine, recalling the fact that, at the Last Supper, Jesus associated the breaking of bread and sharing of wine with his own imminent death, giving them special significance.

After his resurrection, the disciples recognised Jesus as he broke bread to share with them. Each time we share the meal Jesus shared with his friends, we remember his offering of himself on the cross, we rejoice in his resurrection from the dead, and look forward to the coming of God's Kingdom.

While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. (Matthew 26: 26-28)

The Eucharist (also known as Holy Communion, the Mass, or the Lord's Supper), can take many different forms across the Church of England, and it may be understood by Christians in different ways, but at the heart of the celebration there is always a special prayer of thanksgiving, or 'Eucharistic Prayer' (*eucharistein* means 'to give thanks' in Greek). This is offered by the priest who presides at the service in the name of all who are gathered, giving thanks for all that God has given us in Christ.

At a celebration of the Eucharist, the community gathers, asks God's forgiveness for its sins, listens to readings from the Bible (including a reading from one of the Gospels). A sermon is preached and the community prays together. Bread and wine are brought to the holy table (also called 'the altar'), the priest prays the Eucharistic Prayer, and everyone says the Lord's Prayer together. The community then receives the consecrated bread and wine. At the end of the service, the community is sent out into the world as a 'living sacrifice' to live and work to God's praise and glory.

Please ask one of the sidesmen for further assistance.

¶ *When the sacristy bell rings, stand for the entry of the ministers*

Celebrant: 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.**

From Easter to Whitsun:

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

¶ *Remain standing as the celebrant introduces the service, and then we say the Prayer of Preparation together:*

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 Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant: 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.

¶ Remain standing as the celebrant introduces the confession (saying sorry to God),

GOD so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ to save us from our sins, to be our advocate in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life. Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace with all.

¶ Sit for the confession

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.

¶ *Remain seated as the celebrant pronounces the Absolution (God's forgiveness of our sins)*

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.

All: Amen.

¶ *On principal feast days, stand to say the Gloria in Excelsis (A Song of God's Glory). This is omitted during Advent and Lent.*

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 celebrant says the Collect (today's special prayer)*

At the end: **Amen.**

¶ *Sit for the first Bible reading (words on weekly pew sheet) At the end of the reading:*

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

¶ *A psalm or canticle may follow the first reading.*

¶ *Stand for the Gospel Reading*

Reader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: 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.

¶ *Sit or kneel for the Prayers of Intercession: we pray for the Church, the world, the sick and the departed*

After each prayer:

Leader: Lord in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

After the prayers for the departed:

Leader: Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord,

All: and let light perpetual shine upon them.

At the end of the prayers:

Leader: Merciful Father,

All: accept these prayers, for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

¶ *Stand to share the peace using these or other words*

Celebrant: Christ is our peace. He has reconciled us to God in one body by his Cross. We meet in his name and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you,

All: and also with you.

Celebrant: Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

We exchange a short greeting in the name of Christ with those around us.

¶ *The altar is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it. Then remain standing for the Eucharistic Prayer (the blessing of bread and wine).*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you

All: and also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give thanks and praise.

FATHER, we give you thanks and praise through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your loving Word, through whom you have created all things; who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour. By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh; as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin, he lived on earth and went about among us; he opened wide his arms for us on the cross; he put an end to death by dying for us; and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life; so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

A short Proper Preface may follow

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and 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.**

¶ *Sit as the celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer*

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:

All: 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 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.**

¶ *Remain seated to say the Lord's Prayer*

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

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.**

Celebrant: 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.

¶ Remain seated to say the Agnus Dei

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.

Celebrant: Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

All: Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

Or, from Easter Day to Whitsun

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

All: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

¶ *All are welcome to receive Communion. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please hold this service book as you come forward.*



¶ *After a period of silence the celebrant leads us in thanksgiving to God. We then join together to say the Prayer after Communion:*

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.

¶ *Stand for the blessing*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: and also with you.

Celebrant: 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 rest upon you and remain with you this day and always.

Amen.

The service ends with:

Celebrant: Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: In the name of Christ. Amen.

The Angelus (Regina Caeli during Eastertide) may be said or sung.

THE ANGELUS

∇. The Angel of the LORD brought tidings to Mary,
℞. **And she conceived by the Holy Ghost.**

**Hail Mary, full of grace; the LORD is with thee:
blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is
the Fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother
of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of
our death.**

∇. Behold the handmaid of the LORD.
℞. **Be it unto me according to thy word.**

Hail Mary...

∇. And the Word was made flesh.
℞. **And dwelt among us.**

∇. **Hail Mary...**

∇. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.
℞. **That we may be made worthy of the promises
of Christ.**

Let us pray, Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O LORD, Thy
grace into our hearts; that, we, to whom the Incarnation
of Christ, Thy Son, was made known by the message of
an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to
the glory of His Resurrection. Through the same Christ
our Lord. ℞. **Amen**

REGINA CAELI

For use during Eastertide

**Joy to thee, O Queen of Heaven. Alleluia!
He whom Thou wast meet to bear, Alleluia!
As He promised hath arisen, Alleluia!
Pour for us to God thy prayer. Alleluia!**

Ÿ. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.

Ṛ. For the Lord is risen indeed, alleluia.

Let us pray: O God, who through the resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, didst vouchsafe to give joy to the whole world: grant, we beseech thee, that through His Mother, the Virgin Mary, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord.

Ṛ. Amen.