

CHRIST CHURCH WITH ST MARY'S

SWINDON OLD TOWN PARTNERSHIP OF CHURCHES



Ordinary Time II

1st ⇒ 16th Sunday after Trinity

[June – Aug/Sep]

WELCOME & GREETING

**Words of welcome are said,
and any other preparations for the service**

Please join in with the words in bold

NOTICES

THE GREETING

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

**We then stand to sing our first hymn, during which
the giving plate is presented...**

OPENING HYMN

**An offering prayer is said at the end
of the last verse of the hymn**

CHILDREN'S TALK

**After which children may leave for Sunday Club
in the community centre**

OPENING PRAYERS

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

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OUR APOLOGY TO GOD, ASKING FOR HIS HELP AS WE JOURNEY ON

St Paul says
‘Be imitators of God;
love as Christ loved;
do not grieve the Holy Spirit;
put away all anger and bitterness,
all slander and malice.’
So let us confess our sins to God,
who forgives us in Christ.

cf Ephesians 4.30 – 5.1

**God of mercy,
we acknowledge that we are all sinners.
We turn from the wrong that we have thought and
said and done,
and are mindful of all that we have failed to do.
For the sake of Jesus, who died for us,
forgive us for all that is past,
and help us to live each day
in the light of Christ our Lord. Amen**

The leader says...

May the God of love
bring *us* back to himself,
forgive *us our* sins,
and assure *us* of his eternal love
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

GLORIA

We stand to sing The Gloria

**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

**A leader then says the special prayer (The Collect) for the day
... see the Appendix at back of booklet for Collects set for the
Sunday/Day in question ... then all respond ...Amen.**

BIBLE READING

**Reading[s] from Scripture precedes the Gospel reading. ...
and at the end the reader may say ...**

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN/PSALM [THE GRADUAL]

This may be a Hymn, Psalm or responsorial Psalm setting

Remain standing

GOSPEL READING

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the light of the world, says the Lord.

Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness
but will have the light of life.

Alleluia.

When the Gospel is announced the reader says

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Matthew, Mark, Luke or John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

After the Gospel has been read ...

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

**WHAT IS GOD SAYING TO US FROM THE BIBLE –
HIS LIVING WORD FOR TODAY?**

**We all stand and are invited, if we feel able,
to proclaim the Christian Faith by saying...**

The Creed

**We believe in God the Father,
God almighty, by whose plan
earth and heaven sprang to being,
all created things began.**

**We believe in Christ the Saviour,
Son of God in human frame,
virgin-born, the child of Mary
upon whom the Spirit came.**

**Christ, who on the cross forsaken,
like a lamb to slaughter led,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
he descended to the dead.**

**We believe in Jesus risen,
heaven's king to rule and reign,
to the Father's side ascended
till as judge he comes again.**

**We believe in God the Spirit;
in one Church, below, above:
saints of God in one communion,
one in holiness and love.**

**So by faith, our sins forgiven,
Christ our Saviour, Lord and friend,
we shall rise with him in glory
to the life that knows no end.**

The PRAYERS

Prayers are offered for the world, the Church, our country, our town and those who have asked us to pray for them. There may be short periods of silence for your own prayers.

This response may be used ...

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

And after the final prayer...

Merciful Father,

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

THE PEACE

Please stand

God is love

and those who live in love live in God

and God lives in them.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Everybody has the opportunity to greet one another saying,

“Peace be with you”.

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

HYMN

Remain standing

Pour upon the poverty of our love, and the weakness of our praise, the transforming fire of your presence. **Amen**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

**The Sursum Corda responses are
said or sung as indicated respectively below**

SURSUM CORDA

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 following is then normally said

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation; in your love you made us for yourself.

When we turned away you did not reject us, but came to meet us in your Son.

**You embraced us as your children
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us.

**He opened his arms of love upon the cross and
made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends he took bread, and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to them, saying:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his body
is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins; do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his
blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory, send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

**As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world we offer you this sacrifice of praise and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

SANCTUS

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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.**

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.

We do not presume to come to this your table, O 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

AGNUS DEI

During the invitation to come to the Lord's Table we sing together the Agnus Dei as indicated below ... *this is not announced*

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

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

Jesus, redeemer of the world, give us your peace.

The congregation receives Holy Communion (as directed by a sidesperson) – bread and wine or a simple prayer of Blessing, either way the response is **Amen.**

**The choir sings an Anthem
during Holy Communion.**

**If you would like people to pray with you personally, and
confidentially, someone is available
at the back of church.**

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

**Silence is kept ... then a prayer is said ... this is normally the
Post Communion Prayer set for the day ...**

Then we say together ...

**We thank you, Lord,
that you have fed us in this sacrament,
united us with Christ,
and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet
prepared for all peoples. Amen**

CLOSING HYMN

THE BLESSING AND THE DISMISSAL
WE ARE SENT OUT INTO THE WORLD
TO LIVE AND WORK GUIDED BY GOD

You are called and loved by God the Father
and kept safe by Jesus Christ.
Mercy, peace and love be yours in abundance,
from God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

**The congregation remains standing
as the choir leaves the church. Please sit and listen to
the organ voluntary before leaving.**





Prayer for Ordinary Time

God of Eternity,

As I walk the path of Ordinary Time, help me to count the many ways you are present ~

in the comings and goings of family, friends,
coworkers, and acquaintances;

in the sounds of summer and the beauty of your
magnificent creation;

in the daily routines and responsibilities that make
up the rhythm of my days.

Make all time extra-ordinary as I seek to become more
attuned to your presence.

Amen.

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