

# Royston Parish Church

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## The Eucharist in Ordinary Time

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## WELCOME

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

**All: Amen.**

Welcome in the name of Christ.  
God's grace, mercy and peace be with you

**All: and also with you.**

## PRAYER OF PREPARATION

**All: Faithful one, whose word is life:  
come with saving power  
to free our praise,  
inspire our prayer  
and shape our lives  
for the kingdom of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

## INVITATION TO CONFESSION

We come to God as one from whom no secrets are hidden,  
to ask for his forgiveness and peace.

**All: Most merciful God,  
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
we confess that we have sinned  
in thought, word and deed.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart.  
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.  
In your mercy  
forgive what we have been,  
help us to amend what we are,  
and direct what we shall be;  
that we may do justly,  
love mercy,  
and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

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## ABSOLUTION

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.**

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

**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 AND BIBLE READINGS

## GOSPEL READING

## SERMON

## THE CREED

**All:** Though he was divine,  
he did not cling to equality with God,  
but made himself nothing.  
Taking the form of a slave,  
he was born in human likeness.  
He humbled himself  
and was obedient to death,  
even the death of the cross.  
Therefore God has raised him on high,  
and given him the name above every name:  
that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bow,  
and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*This response may be used:*

Lord in your mercy;

**All:** hear our prayer.

*At the end of the intercessions:*

Merciful Father,

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

## THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you;

**All:** and also with you.

## PRAYERS AT THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

God our sustainer,  
receive the gifts we bring before you, and feed us  
continually with that bread which satisfies all hunger,  
your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord is here.

**All:** 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.

Blessed are you, Lord God,  
our light and our salvation;  
to you be glory and praise for ever.

From the beginning you have created all things  
and all your works echo the silent music of your praise.  
In the fullness of time you made us in your image,  
the crown of all creation.

You give us breath and speech, that with angels and  
archangels  
and all the powers of heaven  
we may find a voice to sing your praise:

**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.

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord.  
As a mother tenderly gathers her children,  
you embraced a people as your own.  
When they turned away and rebelled  
your love remained steadfast.

From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour,  
born of Mary,  
to be the living bread,  
in whom all our hungers are satisfied.  
He offered his life for sinners,  
and with a love stronger than death  
he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died,  
he came to supper with his friends  
and, taking bread, he 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.

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  
and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me.

**All:** Great is the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died:**  
**Christ is risen:**  
**Christ will come again.**

Father, we plead with confidence  
his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross;  
we remember his dying and rising in glory,  
and we rejoice that he intercedes for us  
at your right hand.

Pour out your Holy Spirit as we  
bring before you these gifts of your creation;  
may they be for us the  
body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy things  
in your presence,  
form us in the likeness of Christ,  
and build us into a living temple to your glory.  
Remember, Lord, your Church in every land.  
Reveal her unity, guard her faith,  
and preserve her in peace.

Bring us at the last with [N and] all the saints  
to the vision of that eternal splendour  
for which you have created us;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
by whom, with whom, and in whom,  
with all who stand before you in  
earth and heaven,  
we worship you, Father almighty,  
in songs of everlasting praise:

**All: Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

#### **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.**

## **BREAKING OF BREAD**

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
**All: we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**  
God's holy gifts for God's holy people.  
**All: Jesus Christ is holy,**  
**Jesus Christ is Lord,**  
**to the glory of God the Father.**

## **AGNUS DEI (LAMB OF GOD)**

**All: 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.

## **PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION**

### **THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER IS SAID**

**All: Father of lights,**  
**from whom comes every good and perfect gift:**  
**keep us in the light of Christ,**  
**to shine in your world,**  
**that all may believe in you,**  
**through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **THE BLESSING**

## **BANNS OF MARRIAGE AND NOTICES**

## **THE DISMISSAL**

Grace and peace remain with you,  
and keep you in the love of Christ.  
**All: Amen.**