

The Parish Church
of
St Richard, Aldwick

The Eucharist

Order of Service
for
Ordinary Time

From Candlemas to Lent &
From Trinity to Advent

Ordinary Time - the 'Green' Season

The Latin *Tempus Per Annum* (time throughout the year') is rendered into English as 'Ordinary Time'. Many sources suggest that Ordinary Time is derived from the word *ordinal*. Meaning 'numbered', since the Sundays of Ordinary Time, as in other seasons, are ordered numerically. However, other sources suggest the etymology of 'Ordinary Time' is related to our word 'ordinary' (which itself has a connotation of time and order, derived from the Latin word *ordo*). Ordinary Time occurs outside of other special liturgical seasons such as Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent and Easter (up to and including Pentecost).

However, Ordinary Time does not need to be 'ordinary' and is not somehow a 'break' from the Liturgical Year. The opposite is actually true: Ordinary Time allows us to consider many different aspects of our faith, outside the remit of the major festivals. Nonetheless, major feasts, such as Saints' Days, when occurring on a Sunday, trump the regular Ordinary Time Sunday lessons and liturgy.

The colour of the season is green because it is the most 'ordinary' colour in our natural environment.

A prayer to help us prepare to worship

Dear Lord and Father, we thank you for your Son's promise that where two or three are gathered, you are there in their midst. We welcome you amongst us today and celebrate the gift of life that you have lavished upon each of us. We ask that in our worship you would open our ears so that we may hear your voice; open our minds so that we may receive your eternal wisdom; and open our hearts so that we may experience your wonderful love. We ask this through Jesus, our Lord. Amen

The Gathering

In this first part of our service we come together for praise, prayer and confession of our sins so that we might prepare ourselves to experience God through Word and Sacrament.

Welcome and Introduction

These or other words of welcome or introduction may be said.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. (Mt 28:19)

All: **Amen.**

The Opening Hymn

The Greeting

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you (1 Tim 1:2)

All: **and also with you.**

Prayers of Penitence

The Summary of the Law may be used (Mk 12:29-31; Mt 22: :40)

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:

The first commandment is this:

'Hear, O Israel, the Lord your 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.**

The Invitation to Confession

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 you bring us to eternal life. (*Jn 3:16; 1 Jn 2:1*)

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.

A time of silence is observed as we call to mind our sins and prepare to confess them and repent of them.

All: **Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through or 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
and please you in newness of life
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

The Absolution

A declaration of God's forgiveness and a promise of His strength.

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

An early Christian hymn, which has been sung at Holy Communion since the 5th Century. Gloria in Excelsis Deo is Latin for Glory to God in the highest, words sung by the angels at the birth of Jesus (Lk 2:14). When sung an optional refrain may be used.

All: Optional Refrain:

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.

**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. *Optional Refrain***

**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. *Optional Refrain***

**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. *Optional Refrain*
Amen.**

The Collect

This is the special prayer for the day, which will be used by Christians throughout the world, uniting us as the Body of Christ. It can be found in the pews sheet.

*All: **Amen***

The Liturgy of the Word

In this second part of the service we listen to what the Holy Spirit might be saying to us through Scripture and the sermon; we declare our faith in the words of the Creed; and we pray together in the intercessions.

Readings

Either one or two readings from Scripture precede the Gospel reading.

*At the end of each the reader may say
This is the word of the Lord*

All: Thanks be to God

The Gradual Hymn

Gospel Reading

The Gospel (which means 'Good News') proclaims the message of Jesus as recorded by one of the four Evangelists: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

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

All: Glory to you, O Lord

*At the end the reader says
This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

All: Praise to you, O Christ

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

In the Nicene Creed we participate with Protestant, Catholic & Orthodox Christians across the world, in stating the ancient Trinitarian beliefs of the Church about God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**All: 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 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.**

Prayers of Intercession

Prayers are offered to God for the Church, the world, the parish, the sick, the bereaved and other concerns. These responses may be used.

Lord, in your mercy (or) Lord, hear us.
All: **hear our prayer** **Lord, graciously hear us.**

and at the end

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

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

In this third part of the service, after the peace has been exchanged, the gifts are brought to God's table, the altar, and then taken, blessed, broken, and shared.

The Peace

In these words from the Bible (1 Cor 12:23, Rom 14:19) we are challenged to love our neighbours as ourselves, and to be peacemakers in the world.

We are the body of Christ.
in the one Spirit we were all baptised into one body.
Let us then pursue all that makes for peace
and builds up our common life.

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

*We shake hands with those around us as a sign of friendship, peace and reconciliation, saying the words **Peace be with you** or similar, echoing the words said by Jesus to his disciples after the resurrection (John 20:19)*

The Offertory Hymn

The Preparation of the Table

The celebrant takes the bread and wine as members of the congregation present them at the altar, and blesses the collection. The table is prepared, and the bread and wine are placed upon it.

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,
the glory, the splendour, and the majesty;
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

**All: All things come from you
and of your own do we give you**

The Eucharistic Prayer (Prayer A)

The Eucharistic (thanksgiving) Prayer is at the heart of the communion service. In it we give thanks for God the Father's goodness, we remember the life and death of Jesus, and we pray for the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Sit

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

It is indeed right,
it is our duty and our joy,
at all times and in all places
to give you thanks and praise,
holy Father, heavenly King,
almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

The following may be omitted if a Short Proper Preface is used

For he is your living Word;
Through him you have created all things from the
beginning, and formed us in your own image.
Through him you have freed us from the slavery of sin,
Giving him to be born of a woman and to die upon the
cross;
You raised him from the dead
and exalted him to your right hand on high.
Through him you have sent upon us
Your holy and life-giving Spirit, and made us a people for
your own possession.

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 (saying):

All: **Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.** *(From Isaiah's vision of God:
Isaiah 6:3):*

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.** *The people's praises on the first
Palm Sunday: Mt 21:9)*

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, and as we
follow his example and obey his command,
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us his body and his blood;
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.

Therefore, heavenly Father,
we remember his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross;
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious
ascension;
we look for the coming of your kingdom,
and with this bread and this cup
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

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

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts
in the presence of your divine majesty,
renew us by your Spirit,
inspire us with your love
and unite us in the body of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
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

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**All: 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** (Mt 6:9-13; Lk 11:2-4)

The Breaking of the Bread

The celebrant breaks the consecrated bread as a symbol of Christ's body which was broken for us on the cross, and to emphasise our unity with Him.

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.** (1 Cor 19:17)

The Agnus Dei (*Lamb of God*) may be sung or said as the bread is broken. This reminds us of the sacrifice of a lamb at Passover – Exodus 12 – and of the way in which John the Baptist acclaimed Jesus as the 'Lamb of God' (Jn 1:29).

Either

**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.**

or

**All: Jesus, Lamb of God,
have mercy on us.**

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

**Jesus, redeemer of the world,
grant us peace.**

The Giving of Communion

The celebrant invites the congregation to communion with these words.

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.

All those who receive communion in other Christian denominations are most welcome to receive the bread and wine. Others are invited to come for a blessing; if so please bring this order of service with you.

The bread and wine are distributed using these words, with the communicant responding each time, Amen, as below.

**The body of Christ keep you in eternal life. Amen
The blood of Christ keep you in eternal life. Amen**

During the distribution of bread and wine Hymns may be sung.

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.

The Post Communion Collect (Prayer for the day) may be said, which can be found in the pews sheet.

Let us share the life of God in the world

**All: Father of all,
we give you thanks and praise,
that when you were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.**

**May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Marriage Banns may be called and Notices given out

The Final Hymn

The Dismissal

We receive God's blessing and are charged to go out and to serve Him in the world.

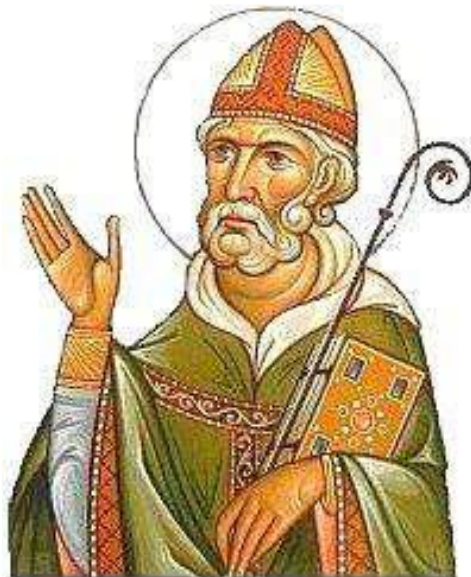
The Blessing

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,
be among you and remain with you always.

All: **Amen**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: **In the name of Christ. Amen.**



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