

CHURCH of St. MARY the VIRGIN, WARE

EUCCHARIST DURING LENT
& PASSIONTIDE



This order of service will guide you through today's worship.

Words in purple speech bubbles are intended to help children through the service. They may be helpful too if you are less familiar with St Mary's.

***Coffee, juice and biscuits are served in the Hall after the service.
Please stay for a while if you can.***

The Gathering

Welcome & Notices – including any Banns of marriage

We gather & settle down to share news & sometimes pray for those getting married.

Hymn

Please stand

The Greeting

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

All **And also with you**

After the hymn we greet each other in the name of Jesus, and pray together

Prayer of Preparation

Please kneel or sit

All **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

Summary of the Law

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.**

Saying SORRY

At the beginning of the service we say sorry for the things that get in the way of our relationships with God and with other people.

We pray together, for ourselves and also for the hurtful and difficult things in our world.

In Lent we begin these prayers with a reminder of the Ten Commandments.

Confession

Lent

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart God will not despise. Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion, and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith.

Passiontide

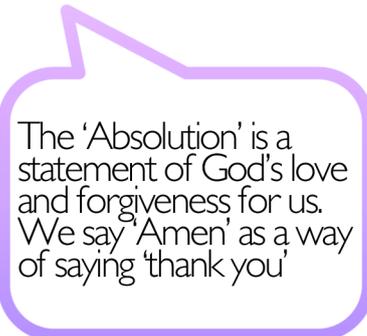
God shows his love for us in that, while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Let us then show our love for him by confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

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.**

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.**



The 'Absolution' is a statement of God's love and forgiveness for us. We say 'Amen' as a way of saying 'thank you'

The Collect

The Liturgy of the Word

Readings

Please sit

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord

All **Thanks be to God**

Hymn

Please stand

Gospel Reading

Praise be to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

The Lord is a great God, O that today you would listen to his voice.

Harden not your hearts.

All **Praise be to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory**

When the Gospel is announced the reader says

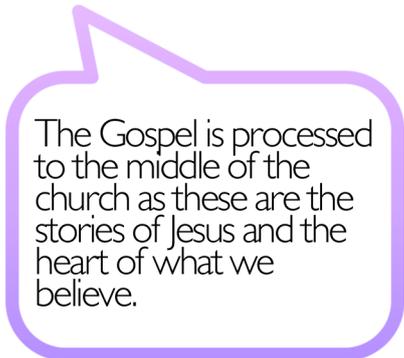
Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to ...

All **Glory to you, O Lord**

And at the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

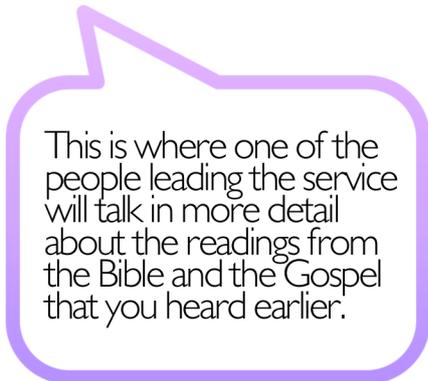
All **Praise to you, O Christ**



The Gospel is processed to the middle of the church as these are the stories of Jesus and the heart of what we believe.

Please sit

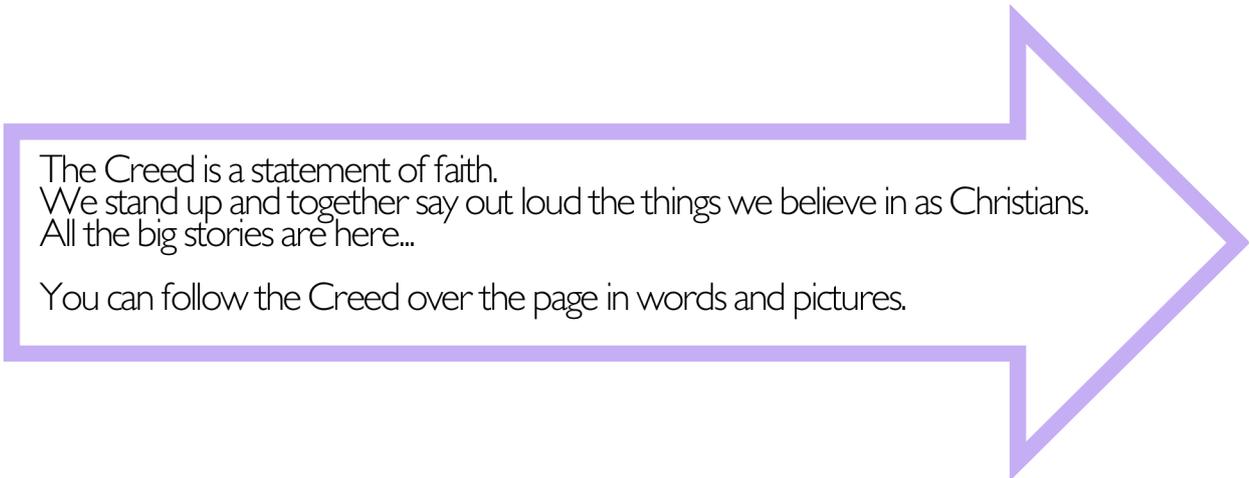
Sermon/Talk



This is where one of the people leading the service will talk in more detail about the readings from the Bible and the Gospel that you heard earlier.

The Creed

Please stand



The Creed is a statement of faith.
We stand up and together say out loud the things we believe in as Christians.
All the big stories are here...

You can follow the Creed over the page in words and pictures.

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

CREATION

**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.**

CHRISTMAS

**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.**

**GOOD
FRIDAY**

**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.**

EASTER

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

ASCENSION

**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.**

PENTECOST

**THE CHURCH
WORLDWIDE**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

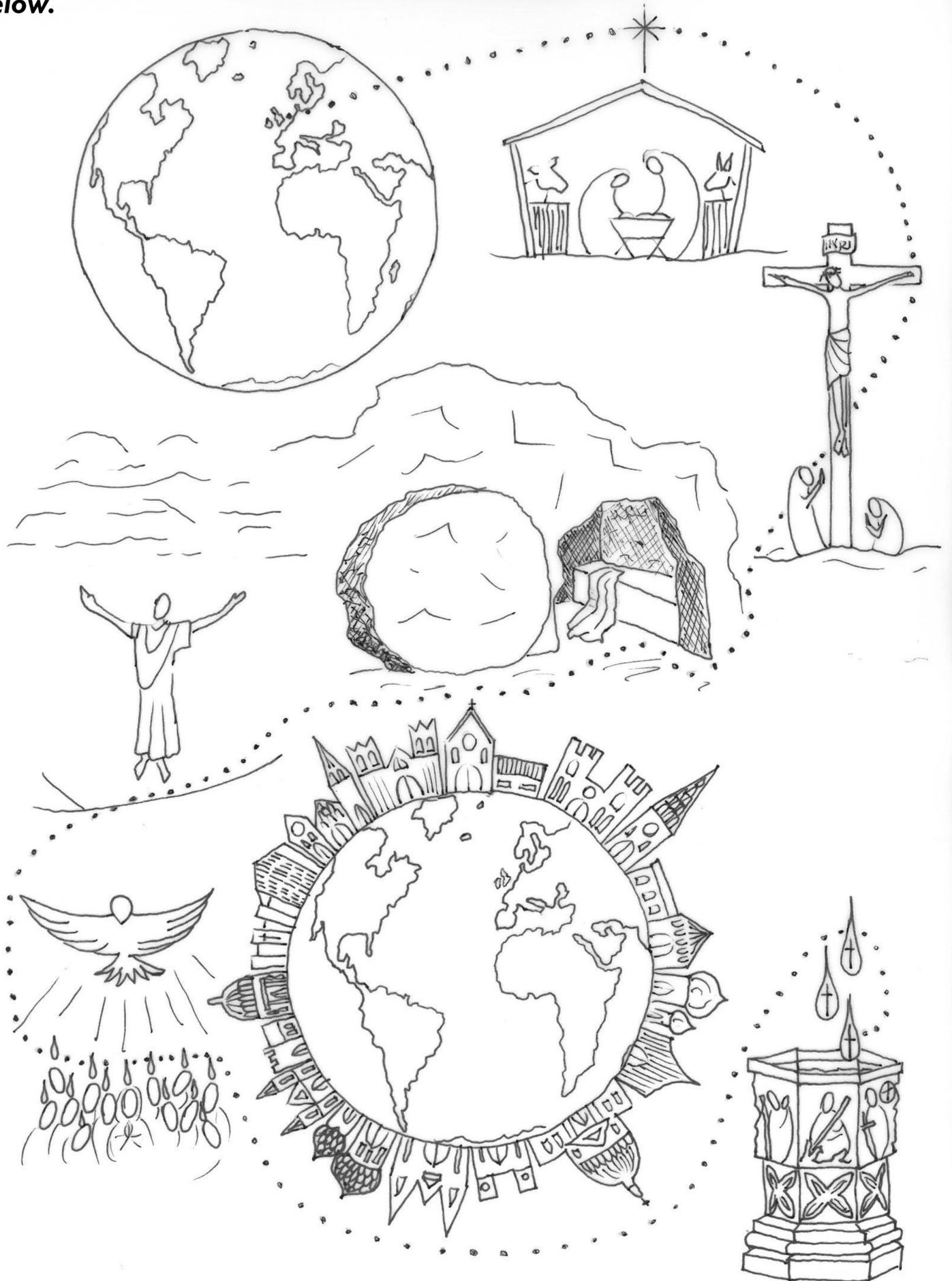
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.**

Amen.

**BAPTISM - OUR
PART IN THE
CHURCH**

As you listen to The Creed, you can follow the prayer through all the stages below.



Prayers of Intercession

Please kneel or sit

During the prayers these responses may be used

Lord, in your mercy

All **hear our prayer.**

And at the end

Merciful Father,

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

In our prayers we pray for:

- The Church
- The World
- Our community, families and friends
- People who are ill or in trouble
- Those who have died

We share these prayers together so be ready to join in the responses

If a different response is to be used it will be announced

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

Now we begin to prepare to share the bread, wine and blessing of Communion.

The Peace

Please stand

Lent

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us access to his grace.

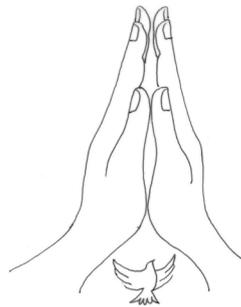
Passiontide

Once we were far off, but now in union with Christ Jesus we have been brought near through the shedding of Christ's blood, for he is our peace.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace by shaking hands with those around you, a wave, a smile or a hug.



“PEACE BE
WITH YOU”

Hymn

During the hymn bread and wine for communion is brought to the altar and the table is prepared.

A collection is taken to enable the work of St Mary's Church. Gift Aid envelopes are available in the pews, please use them if you can. Like all churches we rely on voluntary giving for everything we do, so every donation makes a difference. Thank you for your offering.

You may notice that some people do not put anything in to the plate, or offer a small token – this is because they make their weekly offering through their bank as part of our planned giving scheme. If you would like to find out more, one of the people who welcomed you as you arrived will be able to help you.

Prayer of Preparation

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this bread to set before you,
which earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this wine to set before you,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become for us the cup of salvation.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you

All **and also with you.**

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.**



This prayer moves us towards communion. There is a lot going on in this prayer – words to listen to and think about. Things to join in with. Actions – look at what is happening at the table.

Lent

Father, we give you thanks and praise
through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living 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.
And now we give you thanks because you give us the spirit of discipline,
that we may triumph over evil and grow in grace,
as we prepare to celebrate the paschal mystery
with mind and heart renewed.
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...

Passiontide

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and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life;
so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.
And now we give you thanks because, for our salvation,
he was obedient even to death on the cross.
The tree of shame was made the tree of glory;
and where life was lost, there life has been restored.
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:

All 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.**

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.

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 [N and] 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.

All **Amen**

Silence is kept

The Lord's Prayer

Please kneel or sit

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.**

This is the prayer that Jesus taught us and has been said in this church for over 800 years.

Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

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.**

The bread is broken to prepare it for sharing with the congregation.

The word "consecrated" means that it has been blessed by a priest.

Giving of 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.

Prayer of Humble Access

All **We do not presume to come to this your table, 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.**

During Communion

If you normally receive the bread and wine at communion you are welcome to do so here. Otherwise please come forward for a blessing, just bow your head when you come to the rail as a sign to us. If we're not sure we'll ask you, please do not be embarrassed if that happens.

While everyone is going up for Communion, you might want to sit and pray, draw or do one of the worksheets. You will find paper, pens and worksheets in the Children's Corner at the back of the church.



As everyone receives communion The Agnus Dei may be sung

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 choir may sing an anthem or other music and there will be a hymn for
you to join in with.*

Prayer after Communion

We pray quietly for a few moments and then the post communion prayer for the week may be said, followed by

All **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.**

At this point in the service we may hear from the children who have been taking part in Children's Church

The Dismissal

Hymn

Blessing

Lent

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,
to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

Passiontide

Christ crucified draw you to himself,
to find in him a sure ground for faith,
a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sins forgiven;
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

Sending Out

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

At the end of the service we are sent out to be like Jesus in our everyday lives.

How can you be like Jesus this week?

Please stand

What is Lent?

This is the second penitential period lasting for 40 days leading us from Ash Wednesday, through Holy Week to Easter Eve.

The Church Year is also referred to as the liturgical year and is the annual cycle of seasons and days observed in commemoration of the birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

ADVENT – The Church Year begins with the first Sunday of Advent and is followed by the four weeks leading up to Christmas. This is the first penitential season in the calendar, the other being LENT. The liturgical colour of Advent is Purple.

CHRISTMAS – The Christmas season starts on Christmas Day and continues through Epiphany, the Baptism of Christ to Candlemas or the Presentation of Christ in the Temple. The liturgical colours are White & Gold.

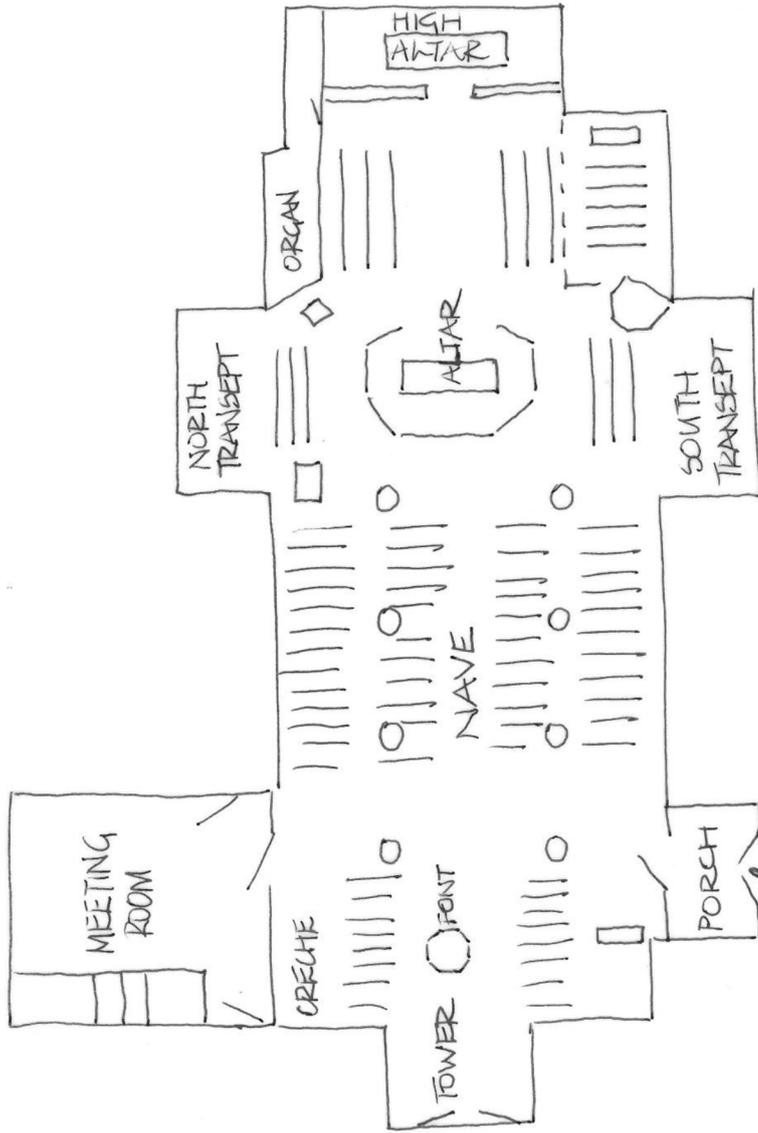
ORDINARY TIME – The first season of Ordinary Time begins on the day following Candlemas and runs to Ash Wednesday. Green is the liturgical colour used for this season.

LENT – The second penitential period of 40 days, which covers Ash Wednesday through Holy Week to Easter Eve. Purple is the colour for Lent.

EASTER – Is celebrated from Easter Day through Ascension Day and finishes at Pentecost. Like Christmas, White or Gold are the colours of this season, except for Pentecost when Red is the liturgical colour. Red is also used to celebrate Saints and Martyrs.

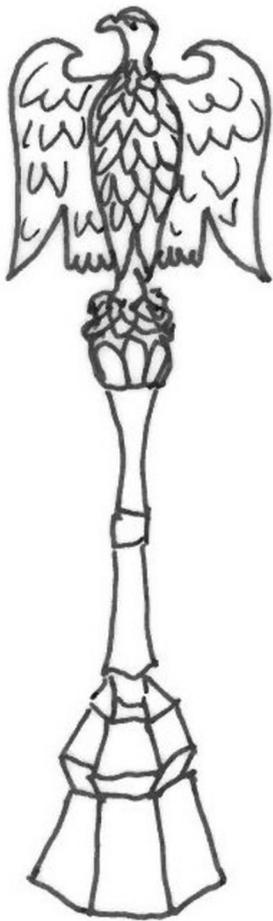
ORDINARY TIME – This second season of Ordinary Time covers the twenty-two weeks after Trinity Sunday and includes All Saints' Day and the Sunday before Advent. Green is again the liturgical colour.

THIS IS A BIRD'S EYE VIEW OF YOUR CHURCH



INTO CHURCH!

PUT A DOT TO
SHOW WHERE
YOU ARE
SITTING



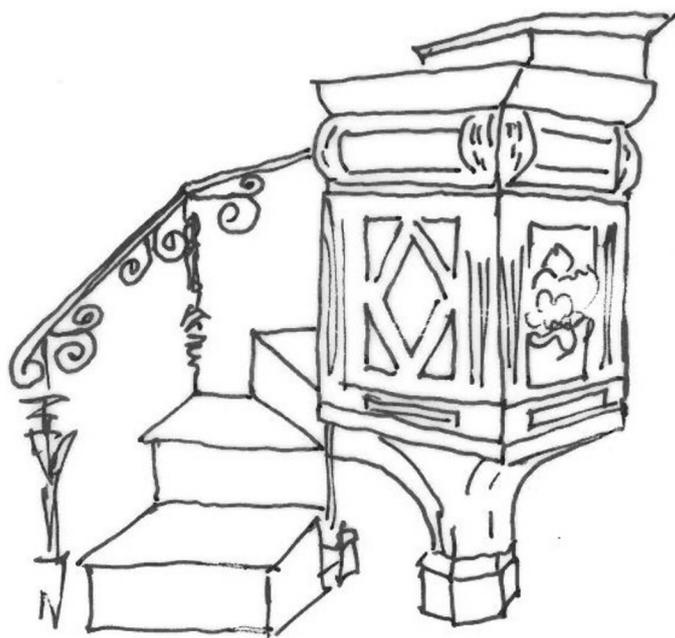
The Lectern

The readings and intercessions are read from the lectern.

The Eagle can fly very high and very far, so is a symbol of the good news of Jesus being carried far and wide. It is also the symbol of St John the Apostle and Evangelist who starts his gospel announcing that Jesus is God.

The Pulpit

The person doing the sermon/talk will sometimes read from here. As it is a high point in the church, it allows the congregation, no matter where they are sitting, to see them.



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WITH YOU

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