

HOLY COMMUNION

ORDINARY TIME

Welcome in the name of Jesus Christ!

Please join in with all the words in **bold** in this service book.

Introduction to the season

Ordinary Time covers the two periods in the Christian calendar in which the Sundays are not directly related to the Christmas or Easter seasons, and the times that precede and succeed them. Rather than referring to something everyday or common, "ordinary," in this sense, comes from the word ordinal (meaning "numbered"), referring to the fact that the Sundays in these periods are numbered from two points in the Church's year.

The first period of Ordinary Time begins after the celebration of The Presentation of Christ in the Temple and runs until Ash Wednesday.

The second, much longer, period of Ordinary Time begins the day after Pentecost Sunday and lasts until the Kingdom season begins (four Sundays before Advent Sunday).

Green is the usual liturgical colour in these periods. It is a sign of life in nature and as such represents growth, life and hope.

WE GATHER TOGETHER

The Greeting

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

We come from scattered lives to meet with God.
Let us recognise his presence with us

Silence is kept

The Prayer of Preparation

**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.**

Please stand

Hymn

Please sit to pray

Prayer of Confession

Jesus says "Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

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.

**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.

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.

Amen.

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 *(the special prayer for this week)*

WE LISTEN AND RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

After the first reading:

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Please stand

Hymn

Please remain standing

Gospel Reading

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

Glory to you O Lord

At the end of the Gospel

This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you O Christ

Please sit

Sermon

Prayers of Intercession

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

At the end:

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

Please stand

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen**

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Please remain standing

The Peace

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
And also with you!

Please greet those around you and offer a sign of peace.

Hymn

After the hymn please remain standing for

The Prayer at the Preparation of the Table

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation;
 through your goodness
 we have these gifts to offer,
 fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
 Take us and our possessions
 to do your work in the world.
Blessed be God for ever.

Please sit

The Eucharistic Prayer- the great Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.
 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 bring you praise *saying*:

**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.

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 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:

**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

**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

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.**

Invitation to 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.

Whether you are a regular member at St John's or a visitor, a child or an adult, EVERYONE is invited to come to the Lord's Table to receive the bread and the wine, or a blessing.

If you are coming for a blessing, please keep your hands by your side.

Our welcomers will indicate when it is time for you to come forward.

Gluten free wafers and non-alcoholic wine are available. Please let us know when you come to Communion if you would like to receive either of these.

If you would like us to bring Communion to you in your seat, please let one of our welcomers know.

Prayer after Communion

**Father of all,
we give you thanks and praise,
that when we 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.**

Please stand

Hymn

WE LEAVE WITH GOD'S BLESSING

The Blessing

Go forth into the world in peace;
be of good courage;
hold fast that which is good;
render to no one evil for evil;
strengthen the fainthearted;
support the weak;
help the afflicted;
honour everyone;
love and serve the Lord,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
be with you this day and always.
Amen.

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

In the name of Christ, Amen.

*Church notices will be given and you are invited to stay for
coffee and fellowship after the service*

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