

**HOLY
COMMUNION**

KINGDOM

Welcome in the name of Jesus Christ!

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

Introduction to the season

The Kingdom Season is the final season of the Christian Year, running from All Saints (1st November) to Advent (Four Sundays before Christmas, the start of the Christian Year); the final Sunday is entitled 'Christ the King'. As we close our year we remember the Kingship of Jesus and prepare to celebrate His glorious return which is the great theme of Advent.

Red is the usual liturgical colour in this period.

WE GATHER TOGETHER

The Greeting

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Among the poor, the proud, the persecuted and the privileged,
Christ our King is coming and making all things new.

With gentle touch and challenging word, with piercing sight and
burning love,

Christ our King is coming and making all things new.

That the kingdom might come and the world might believe;
that power be humbled and the hidden be seen,

Christ our King is coming and making all things new.

Within us and without us, behind us and before, in this place
and in every place, now and evermore,

Christ our King is coming and making all things new.

Please stand

Hymn

Please sit to pray

Prayer of Confession

Let us confess to God the sins and shortcomings of the world; its
pride, its selfishness, its greed; its evil distortions and hatreds.
Let us confess our share in what is wrong, and our failure to seek and
establish that peace which God wills for all his children.

**Lord God, we have sinned against you;
We have done evil in your sight.
We are sorry and repent.
Have mercy on us according to your love.
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.
Renew a right spirit within us and restore us to the joy of your
salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon and forgiveness of all your sins, time for amendment of life, and the grace and strength of the Holy Spirit. **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 Creed

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

We believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church

**This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION

Please remain standing

The Peace

To crown all things there must be love to bind all together and complete the whole. Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

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

To you we come, Father of Lights, with angels and saints,
where heaven and earth unite.

**May Jesus meet us in the breaking of the bread.
Amen.**

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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should
always sing of your glory, holy Father, almighty and eternal
God, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

For you are the hope of the nations, the builder of the city
that is to come.

Your love made visible in Jesus Christ brings home the
lost, restores the sinner and gives dignity to the despised.
In His face your light shines out, flooding lives with
goodness and truth, gathering into one in your kingdom a
divided and broken humanity.

Therefore with all who can give voice in your creation we
glorify your name, for ever praising you and 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.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died,
he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.

He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you, do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine. Again he praised you, gave it to them 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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:
**Dying you destroyed our death,
Rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with all the saints to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever. **Amen**

As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray:

**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 sins,
as we forgive those who sin 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

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Invitation to Communion

Come to this sacred table, not because you must but because you may.

Come not because you are righteous, but because you sincerely love our Lord Jesus Christ, and desire to be his true disciple;

Come, not because you are strong but because you are weak; not because you have any claim on heaven's rewards but because in your frailty and sin you stand in constant need of heaven's mercy and help;

Come to this table to seek the Lord's presence and pray for his Spirit.

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

Faithful God, in baptism you have adopted us as your children, made us members of the body of Christ and chosen us as inheritors of your kingdom. We thank you that at your table you renew your promises within us and empower us by your Spirit to witness and to serve. Amen.

Please stand

Hymn

WE LEAVE WITH GOD'S BLESSING

The Blessing

May Christ our King who makes saints of sinners
make us faithful and strong to do his will, that we
may reign with him in glory;
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and
the Holy Spirit rest on you, and those you pray for, 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*

Acknowledgements

Copyright material is mainly from Common Worship:
Services and Prayers for the Church of England (2000)
Times and Seasons (2006)
All Copyright The Archbishops' Council