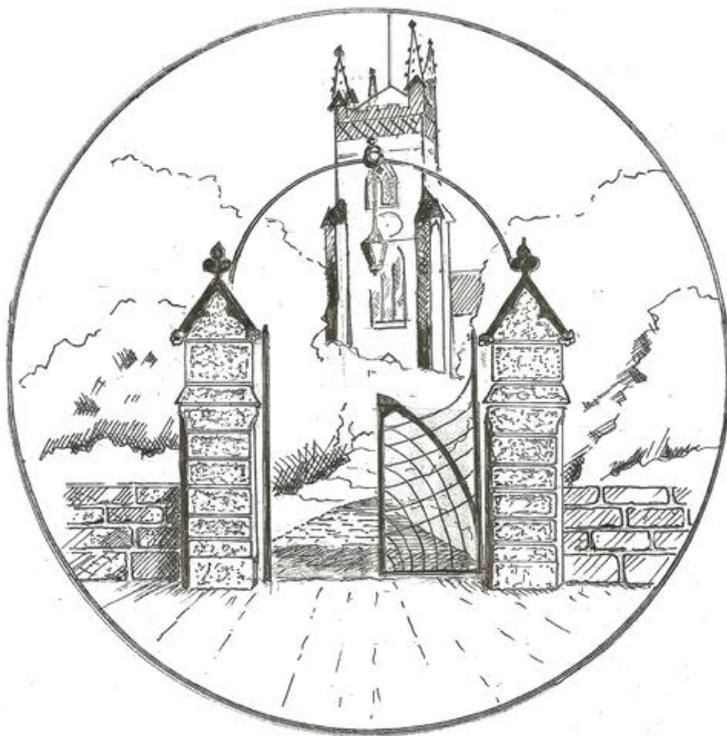


Christ Church Lichfield



Service of Holy Communion

Welcome

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HYMN

The Lord be with you,
and also with you.

**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.**

THE CONFESSION

For the times we have misused
your creation,
Lord have mercy.

For the times we have ignored
our neighbour,
Christ have mercy.

For the times we have not loved you
with all our heart,
Lord have mercy.



Almighty God,
who forgives all those who truly repent,
have mercy upon us,
pardon and deliver us from all our sins,
confirm and strengthen us in all goodness
and keep us in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE COLLECT

The special gathering prayer for this week.

READING from the New Testament

At the end of the reading we say

This is the word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

As the Gospel Reading is introduced we say

Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end of the reading we say

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

CREED

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
who made all things?

I believe and trust in God the Father.

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ
who redeemed the world?

I believe and trust in Jesus Christ.

Do you believe and trust in his Holy Spirit
who gives life to the people of God?

I believe and trust in the Holy Spirit.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

**We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

THE PRAYERS

Lord in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

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

THE PEACE

The gifts of the Spirit are love, joy and peace.
The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

HYMN

Be present, be present,
Lord Jesus Christ,
our risen high priest;
make yourself known
in the breaking of bread.
Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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 right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;
in your love you made us for yourself.
When we turned away you did not reject us,
but came to meet us in your Son.
**You embraced us as your children
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life
that we might live in him and he in us.
**He opened his arms of love upon the Cross
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed,
at supper with his friends he took bread, and 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.
**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his body is the bread of life.**



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 in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death
and celebrate his rising in glory,
send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine
may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

**As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world
we offer you this sacrifice of praise
and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

**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 say the Lord's Prayer.

**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.**

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.**

Everyone is welcome to receive communion.

*If you prefer to receive a blessing, please indicate this
by keeping your hands to your sides.*

POST COMMUNION PRAYERS

First the special prayer for this week.

Then we say together

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.

FINAL HYMN

THE BLESSING

May Christ the good shepherd
enfold you with love,
fill you with peace,
and lead you in hope,
to the end of your days;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

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

In the name of Christ.

Amen.



