

Christ Church Lichfield



**Rogation Sunday
Parish Eucharist**

Welcome to Christ Church

We hope that you will enjoy the worship today.

Please join in with the congregational responses which are printed in bold type

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The Gathering

Welcome and notices

We keep a time of silence to prepare for worship

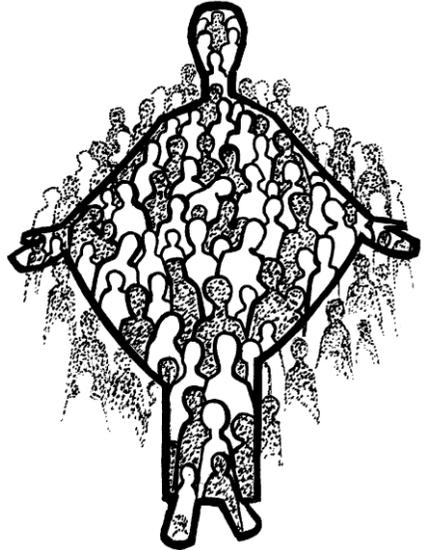
Opening hymn

*during which the choir and ministers enter.
please stand*

In the name of the Father;
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit
Amen.

The Greeting

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



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.

Prayers of Penitence

We are invited to confess our sins using these or other suitable words.

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 to bring us to eternal life.

Let us ask God to have mercy on our tired land,
and to prosper the work of our soiled hands.

Let us ask God to forgive our delusion of self-sufficiency
so that we may praise him for his provision and goodness.

Please sit or kneel for confession

Confession

Lord, you give us this good earth,
yet we take your generous gifts for granted.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, you give us this good earth,
but we squander its rich resources.
Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, you give us this good earth,
but we fail to share your bounty with all of your children.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

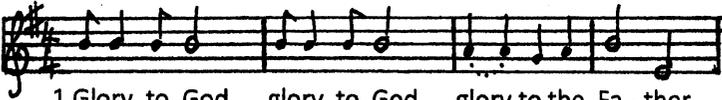


Absolution

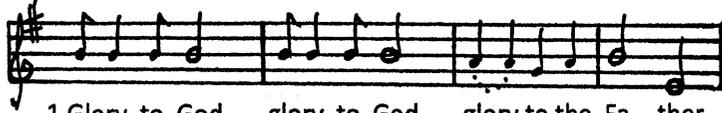
Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

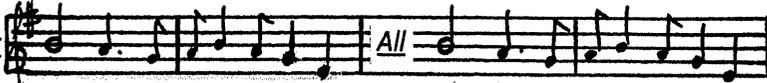
PERUVIAN GLORIA (we stand to sing)

Choir 

1 Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Fa - ther.
 2 Glory to God, glory to God, Son of the Fa - ther.
 3 Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spi - rit.

All 

1 Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Fa - ther.
 2 Glory to God, glory to God, Son of the Fa - ther.
 3 Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spi - rit.

Choir 

To him be glory for ev - er, To him be glory for ev - er,

Choir 

Al - le - lu - ia, A - men, Al - le - lu - ia, A - men, Al - le - lu - ia, A - men, Al - le - lu - ia, A - men.



The Collect

A short time of silent prayer precedes the Collect

Almighty God,
whose will it is that the earth and the sea
should bear fruit in due season:
bless the labours of those who work on land and sea,
grant us a good harvest and the grace
always to rejoice in your fatherly care;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.



The Liturgy Of The Word

Readings

A reading from the Old or New Testament

Please sit

At the end

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual hymn

Please stand

Gospel Reading

We remain standing

Alleluia, alleluia.

'The seed is the word of God,' says the Lord. (Luke 8.11)

Alleluia.

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

which may be followed by a time of silent reflection

Song of Faith

we stand to sing



1 We believe in God the Father, ma-ker of the un-i-verse,
2 We believe he sends his Spi-rit on his Church with gifts of power;



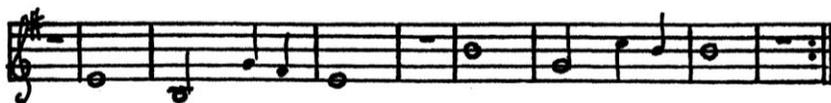
and in Christ his Son, our Saviour, come to us by vir-gin birth.
God, his word of truth af-firming, sends us to the nations now.



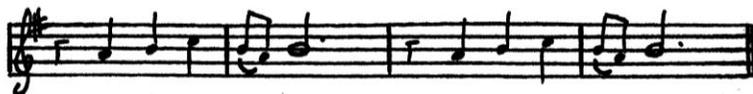
We believe he died to save us, bore our sins, was cru-ci-fied;
He will come a-gain in glo-ry, judge the li-ving and the dead:



then from death he rose vic-to-rious, as-cen-déd to the Fa-ther's side.
e-v'ry knee shall bow before him, then must ev'ry tongue con-fess.



JE-----SUS, LORD OF ALL, JE-----SUS, LORD OF ALL; *(NOW SING
VERSE 2)*



*(AFTER
VERSE 2)* NAME A-BOVE ALL NAMES, NAME A-BOVE ALL NAMES!

Prayers of Intercession

Please sit or kneel

Let us pray to God our creator,
who has given us the earth's goodness for our delight,
and entrusted it to our care and tenderness.

For all who live in captivity to debt,
whose lives are cramped by fear
from which there is no turning
except through abundant harvest;
Lord, we pray:
may those who sow in tears
reap with shouts of joy.

For all who depend on the earth for their daily food and fuel,
whose forests are destroyed for the profit of a few;
Lord, we pray:
may those who sow in tears
reap with shouts of joy.

For those who labour in poverty,
are oppressed by unjust laws,
are prevented from speaking the truth,
and long for a harvest of justice;
Lord, we pray:
may those who sow in tears
reap with shouts of joy.

For all who are captive to greed and waste and boredom,
whose harvest joy is choked
with things they do not need;
Lord, we pray:
may those who sow in tears
reap with shouts of joy.



Save us from all that holds us captive,
restore our vision,
that our mouth may be filled with laughter
and our tongue with songs of joy.

Amen.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Please stand

The president introduces the peace

By prayer and supplication with thanksgiving,
let your requests be made known to God.
And the peace of God,
which passes all understanding,
will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4.6,7)

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.
Please share the peace with those around you.



Preparation of The Table

The offertory hymn

during which a collection is taken, the bread and wine brought forward and the table prepared

Taking of the Bread and Wine

Blessed be God,
by whose grace creation is renewed,
by whose love heaven is opened,
by whose mercy we offer our sacrifice of praise.

Blessed be God for ever.

Eucharistic Prayer E

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.

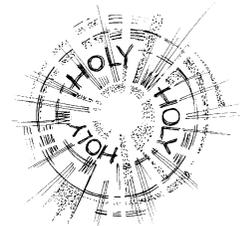
It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and good
to give you thanks and praise,
almighty God and Father,
through Jesus Christ your Son.

Through him you have created us in your own image,
and made us stewards of your good creation.

Through him you teach us to exult in the birds of the air,
the lilies of the field, the precious and life-giving crops of the earth.

Through him you free us from the slavery of sin,
giving him to die upon the cross
and to rise again for our salvation.



Through him, you begin your work of new creation,
 as we look for a new heaven and a new earth
 in which your righteousness dwells.
 Therefore, we join with angels and archangels,
 and give voice to every creature under heaven,
 for ever praising you and singing:

Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho-ly Lord, God of power and might; Heav'n and earth are full of your
 glo-ry, Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he - who comes in the name of the
 Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

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.

Jesus Christ is Lord:

**Lord, by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free.**

You are the Saviour of the world.

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.



The Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in God's new creation

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us.

Please sit or kneel

**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

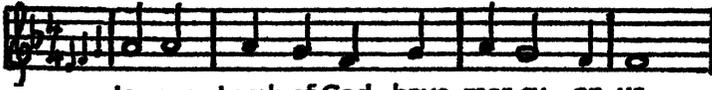
We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many,
we are one body,
because we all share
in one bread.**



Agnus Dei

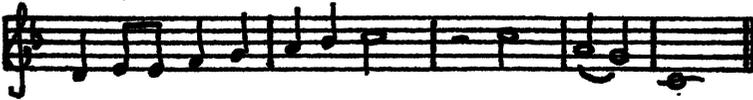
The Agnus Dei is sung



Je-sus, Lamb of God, have mer-cy on us.



Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mer-cy on us.



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

Giving of Communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sins of the world
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*We receive communion during which hymns or songs may be sung
Authorised words of distribution are used and the communicant replies
Amen.*

*We invite all those who receive communion in their own churches to
come forward for communion.*

*If you do not wish to receive communion please feel free to
come forward for a blessing. You may indicate this by keeping
your hands at your side.*

*Because the chalices are deep, please help the chalice assistant
by guiding the chalice when receiving the wine.*

The choir may sing an anthem after the distribution of communion.

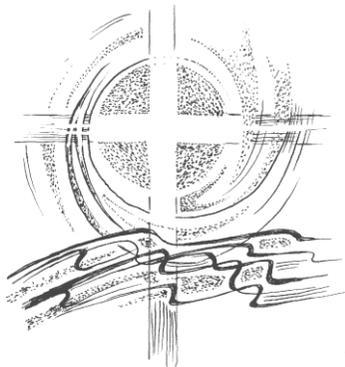
Prayer after Communion

Creator God
you give seed for us to sow
and bread for us to eat:
make us thankful for what we receive
and generous in supplying the needs of others
so all the world may give you thanks and glory,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

**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.



The Dismissal

Final Hymn

Please stand

Blessing

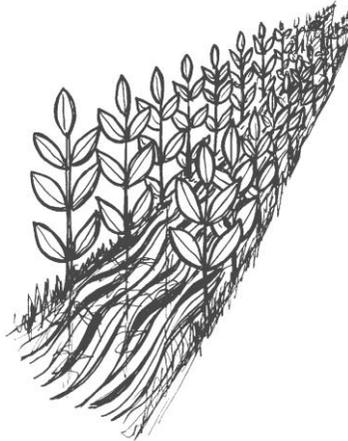
The president gives a final blessing

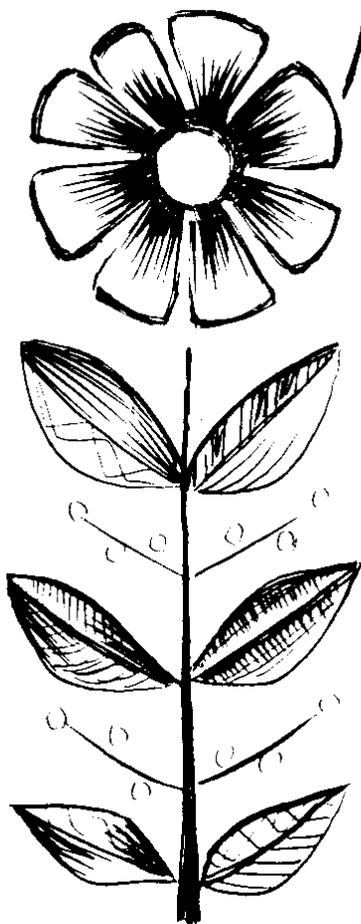
May God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who is the source of all goodness and growth,
pour his blessing upon all things created,
and upon you his children,
that you may use his gifts to his glory and the welfare of all peoples;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Tend the earth, care for God's good creation,
and bring forth the fruits of righteousness.
Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.





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LORD
BLESS
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WHO
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HEAVEN AND EARTH

Ps. 134 (133) :3

