

Parish of St Laurence, Northfield

Holy Communion for the Season of Easter including Pentecost

According to Order 1 in Common Worship



St Laurence
Northfield



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Welcome

The Sacrament of Communion is placed at the centre of church life at St Laurence Church.



In celebrating Holy Communion together we obey Jesus' command to 'do this in remembrance of me'. Those who are baptized in any Christian Church and whose practice is to receive Holy Communion are welcome to receive at this service. Alternatively, anyone is welcome to receive a blessing.

St Laurence Church has a toilet with baby-changing facilities. It is situated beyond the choir vestry; children **must always** be accompanied by an adult if they enter the vestry area. If you struggle with steps it may be easier to approach the toilet from the outside door – please ask a church warden for help.



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Church/Parish Name: **Northfield St Laurence**

PGS Parish Code: **020602050**

Introduction to the Season of Easter

The Great Fifty Days of Eastertide form a single festival period in which the Church celebrates the gloriously risen Christ:

The Paschal (Easter) Candle is lit for the first time on Easter Eve and is then lit at services until after the Feast of Pentecost.

Alleluia appears frequently in liturgical speech and song; and white or gold vestments and decorations emphasize the joy and brightness of the season.

On the fortieth day there has from the late fourth century been a particular celebration of Christ's ascension. He commissions his disciples to continue his work, he promises the gift of the Holy Spirit, and then he is no longer among them in the flesh. The ascension is therefore closely connected with the theme of mission.

The arrival of the promised gift of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost (used to be called Whit) completes and crowns the Easter Festival. At the end of the service we may use this commission:

Commission on the Feast of Pentecost

For fifty days we have celebrated the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ over the powers of sin and death. We have proclaimed God's mighty acts and we have prayed that the power that was at work when God raised Jesus from the dead might be at work in us.

As part of God's Church here in *Northfield*, I call upon you to live out what you proclaim.

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, will you dare to walk into God's future, trusting him to be your guide?

All **By the Spirit's power, we will.**

Will you dare to embrace each other and grow together in love?

All **We will.**

Will you dare to share your riches in common and minister to each other in need?

All **We will.**


Will you dare to pray for each other until your hearts beat with the longings of God?

All **We will.**

Will you dare to carry the light of Christ into the world's dark places?

All **We will.** *(We now return to page 19)*

Welcome

A **Hymn** may be sung 

Please remain standing if you feel able

**All † In the name of the Father and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Prayer of Preparation

**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.**

Confession and Absolution

Christ died to sin once for all,
and now he lives to God.
Let us renew our resolve to
have done with all that is evil
and confess our sins in
penitence and faith.

cf Romans 6.10

Pause

**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.**

or

Jesus Christ, risen Master and
triumphant Lord,
we come to you in sorrow for
our sins, and confess to you our
weakness and unbelief.

Pause

We have lived by our own
strength, and not by the power
of your resurrection.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Lord, hear us and help us.
We have lived by the light of our
own eyes,
as faithless and not believing.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Lord, hear us and help us.
We have lived for this world
alone, and doubted our home in
heaven. In your mercy, forgive
us.
Lord, hear us and help us.

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.**

We say or sing the **Gloria**

(This may be sung at the end of the service)

Glo - ry to God in the
high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. Lord
God, heav - en - ly King, al - migh - ty God and Fa - ther, We
wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, —
Lord God, — Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have
mer - cy on us; You are — seat - ed at the right hand of the
Fa - ther: — re - ceive our pray'r, — re - ceive, — re - ceive — our pray'r.
For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone — are the
Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ with the Ho - ly
Spir - it in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - - -
men. A - - - men.

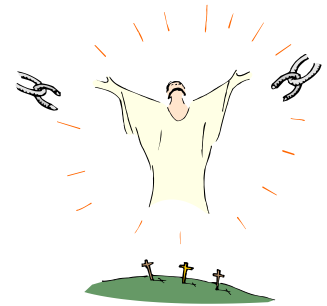
(50) (Sop. Descant)

**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 (Special Prayer for this service)

Let us pray (*remain standing*)

At the end we all say **Amen**

The Liturgy of the Word

Bible Reading(s)

At the end the reader may say
This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God



A **Hymn** may be sung



Gospel Reading

Please stand if you feel able

The Lord be with you
All and also with you.

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the first and the last, says
the Lord, and the living one;
I was dead, and behold I am alive
for evermore. Alleluia.

Alleluia.

cf Revelation 1.17,18

Jesus said, 'I am the resurrection
and the life.

Those who believe in me, even
though they die, will live, and
everyone who lives and believes in
me will never die.' Alleluia.

Alleluia.

John 11.25,26

Alleluia, alleluia.

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

All Glory to you, O Lord

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ



Sermon

The sermon will be followed by a short time of silence

*Please stand for the **Apostles' Creed** or **Affirmation of Faith***

Let us profess our faith together

**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**

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus
Christ the Son of God.

**Though he was divine,
he did not cling to equality
with God,
but made himself nothing.
Taking the form of a slave,
he was born in human
likeness.**

**He humbled himself
and was obedient to death,
even the death of the
cross.**

**Therefore God has raised
him on high,
and given him the name
above every name:
that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bow,
and every voice proclaim
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the
Father. Amen.**

cf Philippians 2.6-11

The Peace

The risen Christ came and stood
among his disciples
and said, 'Peace be with you.'
Then were they glad when they
saw the Lord. Alleluia, **Alleluia.**

Or (Ascension to Pentecost)

God has made us one in Christ.
He has set his seal upon us and,
as a pledge of what is to come,
has given the Spirit to dwell in
our hearts. Alleluia, **Alleluia.**

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Preparation of the Table

during which a **Hymn** may be sung



The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.

Taking of the Bread and Wine

Please remain standing if able

Blessed are you, Lord God of all
creation. In your loving care
you spread before us the table
of life and give us the cup of
salvation to drink.
Keep us always in the fold of our
Saviour and our Shepherd, your
Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Blessed be God for ever.

Or

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

The Eucharistic Prayer

(Eucharist means Thanksgiving)

(Prayer B)

- 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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, always and every-where to give you thanks, almighty and eternal Father, and in these days of Easter to celebrate with joyful hearts the memory of your wonderful works.

For by the mystery of his passion Jesus Christ, your risen Son, has conquered the powers of death and hell and restored in men and women the image of your glory.

He has placed them once more in paradise and opened to them the gate of life eternal.

And so, in the joy of this Passover, earth and heaven resound with gladness, while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation sing for ever the hymn of your glory.....

Or

We give you thanks and praise for the gospel we have received. Christ died for our sins. Alleluia.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Death comes to all through Adam, and sin reigns for a time. New life without end comes through Christ, and he reigns for ever. Alleluia.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Death, where is your victory?
Death, where is your sting?
Death is swallowed up in victory, the victory you give us in Christ. Alleluia.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

We have been crucified with Christ, and live his risen life, to praise you for ever with angels and archangels.....

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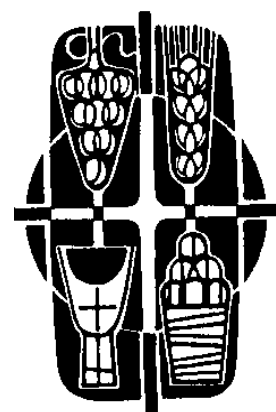
**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might.
Heav'n_ and earth___ are full___ of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho -
san - na in the high - est. Blest is he who comes in the name_ of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.

Jesus Christ is Lord:
**Lord, by your cross and
resurrection
you have set us free.
You are the Saviour
of the world.**

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

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 Laurence 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.**

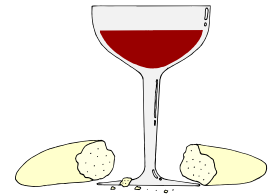
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The Breaking of the Bread

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.**



We sit or kneel to say or sing the Agnus Dei

All **Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us peace.**

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1.2. Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.

SOPR. DESCANT

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3. Lamb of God, you take a - way the

grant us peace.

Slower

sins of the world: grant us peace.

This prayer may be said

**Most merciful Lord, your love compels us to come in.
Our hands were unclean, our hearts were unprepared;
we were not fit
even to eat the crumbs from under your table.
But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation,
and share your bread with sinners.
So cleanse and feed us
with the precious body and blood of your Son,
that he may live in us and we in him;
and that we, with the whole company of Christ,
may sit and eat in your kingdom.
Amen.**

Giving of Holy 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.

*The president and people receive communion.
If you are baptized (christened) and want to grow closer to God
you are welcome to receive Holy Communion.*

Alternatively, everyone is welcome to receive an individual blessing.

*We receive the bread into outstretched hands. If you would like
to receive wine please do so by taking a sip from the chalice. This
is now the ONLY way to receive wine*

*Gluten-free wafers are available. Please ask the person
administering the bread.*



To indicate that
you would like to
receive a blessing

*This is a very holy time so please keep conversation to a minimum (though we
appreciate this is not easy with tiny children.) Hymns may be sung please
join in. The hymn numbers are on the board to the left of the eagle
lectern.*



Prayers for personal use during the administration of Holy Communion

This is the table, not of the church, but of the Lord.
It has been made ready for those who love Him
and who want to love Him more.
So come, you who have much faith and you who have little,
You who have been here often
and you who have not been for a long time,
You who have tried to follow and you who have failed.
Come, not because I invite you:
it is our Lord.
It is His will that those who want Him should meet Him here.

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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

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Almighty God,
let the Eucharist we share fill us with your life.
May the love of Christ which we celebrate here
touch our lives and lead us to you. Amen

Roman Missal



Post Communion Prayers

Let us pray: -

The priest may say the post-communion prayer 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.

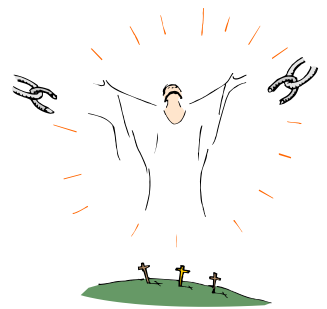
*We say or sing the **Gloria** (if not sung earlier)*

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 Notices and Banns of Marriage

(On the Feast of Pentecost we may use the Commission on page 3)

Please stand for

The Blessing

God, who through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ has given us the victory, give you joy and peace in your faith;
and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Amen

God the Holy Spirit, who filled the disciples with the life of the risen Lord, empower you and fill you with Christ's peace;
and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Amen

A **Hymn** may be sung 

We are raised to new life with Christ.
Go in his peace. Alleluia, alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

With the power that raised Jesus from the dead at work within you,
go in the peace of Christ.
Alleluia, alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

*Refreshments are often served after the
mid-morning Sunday service.*

All welcome.

There is no charge but smiles and donations are welcome!

PLEASE keep a close eye on your children after the service and, so as to keep everyone safe, do not allow them to run around church.

If you have any questions about the service or the Christian faith please speak to a minister or one of the church wardens or welcomers.

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