

Parish of St Laurence, Northfield

Family Communion

A Service of the Word with Holy Communion
according to Common Worship



St Laurence
Northfield

Children are very welcome at this service; we realise that they can be noisy at times. If you feel you need to go out, please take refuge in the choir vestry where it is possible to listen to the service.



Hearing loop available



Please: no photography or recording
during worship



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND
BIRMINGHAM

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.



Like any charity we are dependent upon donations and fundraising in order to function. If you would like to support the ongoing ministry of this church you can donate in several ways.

- By cash in the collection plate or donation box. If you pay tax please place it in a Gift Aid envelope (yellow) and complete your details
- Making an e-donation using a credit or debit card
- Making a regular donation through the Parish Giving Scheme.....

You can do this on-line please visit www.parishgivingscheme.org.uk or telephone 0333 002 1271, Monday to Friday between 9am - 5pm. you will need this information

Church/Parish Name: **Northfield St Laurence**
PGS Parish Code: **020602050**

or you can use this QR Code to access Parish Giving



The Gathering

Welcome

A **Hymn** may be sung



Please remain standing if you are comfortably able

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

† You may wish
to cross
yourself
when you
see this sign

The Lord be with you
All **and also with you.**

Sorry Time (Confession)



Let's put our hands on our head.

I wonder if there's anything we've thought this week
that we wish we hadn't thought? *Pause*

We are sorry, **We are sorry.**

Let's put our hands on our lips.

I wonder if there's anything we've said this week that
we wish we hadn't said? *Pause*

We are sorry, **We are sorry.**

Let's cross our hands on our chests.

I wonder if there's anything we've done this week that
we wish we hadn't done? *Pause*

We are sorry, **We are sorry.**

We may sing

**Kyrie, eleison,
Christe, eleison,
Kyrie, eleison.**



The President will then declare words of God's forgiveness known as the Absolution. If the person leading the service is not a priest the words will be slightly different.

The Lord forgive you when you get things wrong and help you to do what is right this coming week. **Amen**

The Collect *(Special Prayer for this service)*

Let us pray *(remain standing if you are comfortably able)*



At the end we all say **Amen**

The Liturgy of the Word

Bible Reading

Sometimes there is a reading at this point.

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God



A **Chant or Hymn or Psalm** may be sung



Gospel Reading

Please stand if you are comfortably able



The Lord be with you
All **and also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *N.*
All **Glory to you, O Lord**

Sometimes we incorporate
the Bible reading(s) within
the sermon

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
All **Praise to you, O Christ**

Please sit.

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith

Please stand if you are comfortably able

Let us declare our faith in God.
All **We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.
We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.
We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.
We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

In faith and hope we bring our prayers before God.

Thank you Time

Let's hold our hands out and think of something we have seen which we are thankful for.



Thank you Lord, **Thank you Lord.** *Clap, Clap*

Let's lift them higher and think of someone who has helped us.

Thank you Lord, **Thank you Lord.** *Clap, Clap*

Let's lift them even higher and think of something we have been able to do.

Thank you Lord, **Thank you Lord.** *Clap, Clap*

Prayer Time

Let's pray for one another

We pray for all at St Laurence church

Prayer hands

Lord Jesus help us, **Lord Jesus help us**

We pray for all who are ill or sad

Fingers showing tears running down cheeks

Lord Jesus help them, **Lord Jesus help them**

We pray for ourselves

Hug yourself

Lord Jesus help me, **Lord Jesus help me**



We gather our prayers together by praying (with actions), the words Jesus taught us

All **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.**



The Peace

Please stand if you are comfortably able

God has called us to live in
peace.

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

Let us offer one another a
sign of peace.

OR

We join hands and sing (Hymn 386)

Let there be love shared
among us, let there be love in
our eyes.

May now Your love sweep this
nation;

cause us, O Lord to arise.

Give us a fresh understanding,
of family love that is real.

Let there be love shared
among us, let there be love.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

Hymn

during which the communion table is prepared



Taking of the Bread and Wine

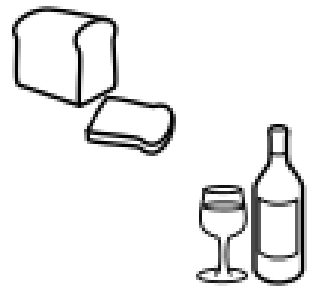
Please remain standing if comfortably able

With this bread that we bring
we shall remember Jesus.

With this wine that we bring
we shall remember Jesus.

Bread for his body, wine for his blood,
gifts from God to his table we bring.

We shall remember Jesus.



The Eucharistic Prayer

(Eucharist means Thanksgiving)

(CW Alternative Prayer I)

The Lord is here

All **His Spirit is with us**

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.**

Holy,

All **Holy, HOLY**



It is always right to give you thanks,
God our Creator, loving and faithful, holy and strong.
You made us and the whole universe,
and filled your world with life.

All Holy,
Holy, HOLY

You sent your Son to live among us,
Jesus our Saviour, Mary's child.
He suffered on the cross;
he died to save us from our sins;
he rose in glory from the dead.



All Holy,
Holy, HOLY

You send your Spirit
to bring new life to the world,
and clothe us with power from on high.
And so we join the angels
to celebrate and sing:



All **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.**

Words with music can
be found on page 15

Father, on the night before he died,
Jesus shared a meal with his friends.
He took the bread, and thanked you.
He broke it, and gave it to them, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this to remember me.



After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine.
He thanked you, and gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you. This is my blood, the new
promise of God's unfailing love. Do this to remember me.



Christ has died.

All **Christ has died.**

Christ is risen.

All **Christ is risen.**

Christ will come again.

All **Christ will come again.**

Father, as we bring this bread and wine,
and remember his death and resurrection,
send your Holy Spirit, that we who share these
gifts may be fed by Christ's body and his blood.



Amen,

All **Amen, AMEN.**

Pour your Spirit on us
that we may love one another,
work for the healing of the earth,
and share the good news of Jesus,
as we wait for his coming in glory.

Amen,

All **Amen, AMEN.**

For honour and praise belong to you, Father,
with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit:
one God, for ever and ever.

Amen,

All **Amen, AMEN.**

The Sanctus bell is sounded



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.**

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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.**

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 (*whether physically or spiritually*) 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 here.
 Alternatively, you are invited to receive a blessing.

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

If you would like communion brought to you in your pew,
 please let a steward know.

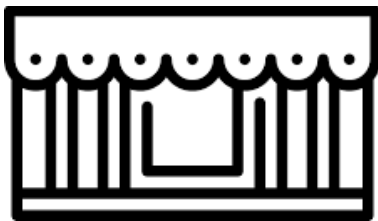


During the administration of communion, hymns may
 be sung. The hymn numbers are on the board to the
 left of the eagle lectern.



To indicate that
 you would like to
 receive a blessing

Look out for:



Altar

The frontal changes colour with the season
 Where else can you see material of the same colour?



Lectern

This holds the Bible



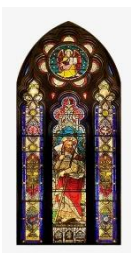
Candles

How many can you spot today?

Font



This is where baptism happens



Look at the **stained glass windows**.
 Who or what can you see in them?
 Maybe next time sit in a different place so you can see another one.

Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray

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.



The Dismissal

The Notices and Banns of Marriage

Please stand if comfortably able for

The Blessing



*The president says
a blessing*

or we sing

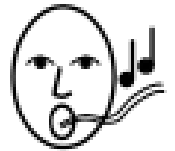


God in heaven, hear my prayer,
Keep me in your loving care.
Be my guide in all I do,
Bless all those who love me too.
God in heaven, hear my prayer
Keep me in your loving care.

...the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

A Hymn may be sung



Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

All **In the name of Christ. Amen**

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

All welcome.

There is no charge but smiles and donations are welcome!

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.

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.

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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.

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

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

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

Slower

grant us peace.

sins_ of the world: grant us_ peace.

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