

Parish of St Laurence, Northfield

Holy Communion for the Feast Days and Church Seasons

According to Order 1 in Common Worship



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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.

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

PGS Parish Code: **020602050**

Welcome

A **Hymn** may be sung



Please stand if comfortably able

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

The Lord be with you
All and also with you.

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

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.

All **Almighty God,**
our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you,
through our own fault,
in thought, and word, and deed,
and in what we have left undone.
For your Son our Lord Jesus
Christ's sake,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may serve you
in newness of life
to the glory of your name.
Amen.

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.

or a seasonal introduction



or a seasonal confession
including

Lord have mercy
Lord have mercy

Christ have mercy
Christ have mercy

Lord have mercy
Lord have mercy



We say or sing 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.



Glory in the highest heaven,
Peace to people on the earth,
Praise and worship now be given
For this baby's wondrous birth:
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Author of this wondrous story,
Lord our God and heaven's King,
You are due our praise and glory'
You it is to whom we sing:
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Jesus Christ for ever living,
Son of God and God's true Lamb,
Hear our prayer, our sins forgiving,
Seated by the great I AM:
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
You are holy one in three,
Earth's creator dwelling in it,
Now and through eternity:
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

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Tune 'Angels from the realms of glory'

The Collect (Special Prayer for this service)

Let us pray (remain standing if comfortably able)

At the end we all say **Amen**

Please be seated.



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 are comfortably able

The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

Alleluia, alleluia.

seasonal sentence is said

All 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

Nicene Creed or Affirmation of Faith

Please stand if you are comfortably able

Let us profess our faith together

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came
down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit
and the Virgin Mary and was made
man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is
seated at the right hand of the
Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge
the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father
and the Son, who with the Father....**

**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.**

**....and the Son is worshipped
and glorified,
who has spoken through the
prophets.**

**We believe in one holy
catholic and apostolic
Church.**

**We acknowledge one
baptism for the forgiveness
of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection
of the dead, and the life of
the world to come.
Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

In faith and hope let us pray to the Father

Please sit or kneel

The prayers usually include these concerns and may follow this sequence:

The Church of Christ

Creation, human society, the Sovereign and those in authority

The local community

Those who suffer

The communion of saints



These or other responses may be used

All Lord, in your mercy or Lord, hear us
 hear our prayer **Lord graciously hear us**

The Lord's Prayer

Believing the promises of God,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has 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

The President may use an introduction followed by: -

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 comfortably able



Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation: through your goodness we have this bread to set before you, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation: through your goodness we have this wine to set before you, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become for us the cup of salvation.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

(Eucharist means Thanksgiving)

(Prayer E)

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.



The president says a seasonal preface (prayer) which leads into the Sanctus (meaning Holy) which may be said or sung....

**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.



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.



Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

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.

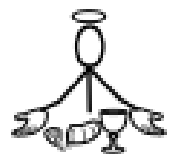


Look with favour on your people,

gather us in your loving arms

and bring us with Laurence and 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 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.**



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 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.

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.



To indicate that you would like to receive a blessing



Prayers for personal use during the administration of Holy Communion

We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your manifold and great mercies.

We are not worthy

so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table.

But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy.

Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear
Son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood,

that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body,

and our souls washed through his most precious blood,

and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

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Hear the words of comfort our Saviour Christ says
to all who truly turn to him:

Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden,
and I will give you rest.

Matthew 11.28

God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son,
that whoever believes in him should not perish
but have eternal life.

John 3.16

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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Post Communion Prayers

Let us pray: -

The priest may say the post-communion prayer on the long, thin notices sheet



We say together

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



A **Hymn** may be sung



The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

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

An organ voluntary is usually played

*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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