

Parish of St Laurence, Northfield

Holy Communion for Ordinary Time

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. For many, the intimate act of sharing the bread and the wine, given freely to us by Christ our Saviour, is central to our coming together with each other and with God.

St Paul wrote to the church in Corinth

‘I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you:

The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.”

In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.” For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.’ *1 Corinthians 11.23-26*

In celebrating Holy Communion together we obey Jesus’ command to ‘do this in remembrance of me’. Thus, we welcome each other to this celebration and if you are visiting we warmly welcome you into our fellowship.

Jesus also said to his disciples, ‘Make the children welcome.’

We try to do this at St Laurence: Sunday School is run alongside part of our Sunday morning services (except on the 2nd Sunday of the month when we all worship together).

Beyond the organ pipes there is a carpeted area and some books for your use. If you bring toys from home, please try to bring the quieter ones!

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.

Welcome

A **Hymn** may be sung 

Please remain standing if you are able

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

All The Lord be with you
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

The minister introduces the confession

Short silence for reflection

All **Lord God, we have sinned against you; we have done evil in your sight. We are sorry and repent. Have mercy on us according to your love. Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin. Renew a right spirit within us and restore to us the joy of your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Or

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.

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.**

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 to God, Glory to God,
Glory to the Father.

**Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory to the Father.**

To him be glory for ever.

To him be glory for ever.

Alleluia, amen.

Alleluia, amen.

Alleluia, amen. Alleluia, amen.

Glory to God, Glory to God,
Son of the Father.

**Glory to God, Glory to God,
Son of the Father.**

To him be glory for ever. etc

Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory to the Spirit.

**Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory to the Spirit.**

To him be glory for ever. etc

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Hymn 966

The Collect (*Special Prayer for this service*)

This can be found on the white notices sheet

Let us pray (*remain standing*)

At the end we all say **Amen**

Please be seated. At the 8.30am service the Sunday School gathers at the front for prayer prior to moving to the vestry. A chant may be sung.



The Liturgy of the Word

Bible Reading(s)

These can be found on the white notices sheet

At the end the reader says

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God



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

Gospel Reading

Please stand if you are able

The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

When the Gospel is announced the reader says

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

All Glory to you, O Lord

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ

Please be seated. At the 10am service the Sunday School gathers at the front for prayer prior to moving to the vestry. We normally repeat the previous chant 

Sermon

The sermon will be followed by a short time of silence

Please stand for the **Nicene Creed** or the **Affirmation of Faith**

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 ...**

**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, who with
the Father 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.**

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

Please stand if you are able

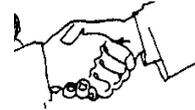
The Peace

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.

We exchange a sign of peace with those around us.



The Preparation of the Table *during which a **Hymn** may be sung*



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

The gifts of the people are gathered and presented.



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Please remain standing if you are able

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.

Wise and gracious God,
you spread a table before us;
nourish your people with the word of life
and the bread of heaven.
Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

(Prayer G)

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.

Blessed are you, Lord God,
our light and our salvation;
to you be glory and praise for ever.

From the beginning you have created all things
and all your works echo the silent music of your praise.
In the fullness of time you made us in your image,
the crown of all creation.

You give us breath and speech, that with angels and archangels
and all the powers of heaven
we may find a voice to sing your praise:

**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.**

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord.
As a mother tenderly gathers her children,
you embraced a people as your own.
When they turned away and rebelled
your love remained steadfast.

From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary,
to be the living bread,
in whom all our hungers are satisfied.

He offered his life for sinners,
and with a love stronger than death
he opened wide his arms on the cross.



On the night before he died,
he came to supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he 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.

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, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.

Christ is the bread of life:
**When we eat this bread and
drink this cup, we proclaim your
death, Lord Jesus,
until you come in glory.**

Father, we plead with confidence
his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross;
we remember his dying and rising in glory,
and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.

Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you
these gifts of your creation; may they be for us the
body and blood of your dear Son.



As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence,
form us in the likeness of Christ,
and build us into a living temple to your glory.

Bring us at the last with Laurence and all the saints
to the vision of that eternal splendour
for which you have created us;

through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
by whom, with whom, and in whom,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

**All Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Sanctus Bell is rung

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

**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 receive communion in any Christian Church you are welcome to receive communion here.

Alternatively, please come to the altar to receive a blessing (please bring this booklet with you).

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 white notices sheet. Please join in.



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, by your Holy Spirit let these gifts of your creation
be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

form us into the likeness of Christ

and make us a perfect offering in your sight.

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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.

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We cannot handle your generosity, Lord.

In some ways we would feel better
if your love were rationed out
according to our merits and deserving.

But you insist on loving us
even when we wound and reject you.

And you teach us to love both friends and enemies,
as you yourself did.

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Lord Jesus, courteous host,
Help us to respect each other
as 'com-panions' - literally, 'bread-sharers',
and as fellow members of your body.

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Drink hope with this wine;
... As a result, you will be intoxicated with charity

Hildegard of Bingen (1098-1179)



Post Communion Prayers

Let us pray

The President may say the post-communion prayer (on the white notices sheet)

**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 for

The Blessing

A **Hymn** may be sung 

Please turn to face the centre of the church as the clergy recess

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
All In the name of Christ. Amen

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

Refreshments are served after the 10am service on most Sundays.

All welcome.

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