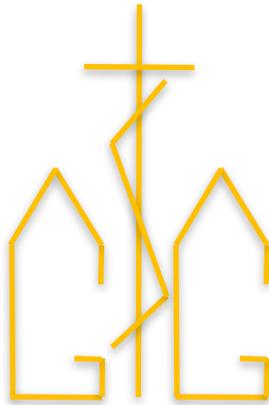


Parish Communion

Easter to Pentecost



St. George's Tuffley, Gloucester.

Welcome to our worship today

We are delighted to see you. May you know the loving hospitality of God and his people here. Do join in with as much or as little as you wish. Large-print copies of this order of service are available; please ask a steward.

When we receive communion, all are welcome to share the bread and wine. If you prefer, you may come forward for a prayer of blessing instead; just indicate by folding your hands together. If you are unable to go to the rail, please ask and we will bring communion to you. We have gluten-free wafers and alcohol-free wine available; please let us know before the service begins.

Our service, in outline:

THE GATHERING:

We greet each other.

We prepare to worship God.

We say sorry to God and are assured of God's forgiveness.

We declare God's glory.

We pray a special prayer for today.

THE WORD:

We proclaim and respond to God's word.

We declare our faith in God.

We pray for the church and the whole world.

THE SACRAMENT:

We exchange a sign of peace.

We prepare the table for Holy Communion.

We pray, giving thanks to God, for his gift of Jesus.

We break the bread.

We receive Holy Communion.

THE DISMISSAL:

We depart with God's blessing.

Please join in with the items in **bold**. Bible references are in smaller text.

This is a great festival season! For we are

- celebrating that Christ has triumphed over death,
- rejoicing that he has returned to his Father in heaven, and
- revelling in God's gift of the Spirit at Pentecost, empowering us all in God's mission to build his kingdom of transforming love in the world.



THE GATHERING

Please stand when the Processional Bell is rung.

Hymn

Hymn numbers are shown on boards at the front of the church and on the news sheet.

The Greeting

The priest greets the people.

We meet in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Alleluia, Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Words of welcome or introduction may be said.

We ask God's help to prepare for worship

Let us pray.

**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

In baptism we died with Christ,
so that as Christ was raised from the dead,
we might walk in newness of life.

Let us receive new life in him
as we confess our sins in penitence and faith

Romans 6.4

(or)

Christ has gone up on high, leading captivity captive
and bringing gifts for all people.

As we prepare ourselves to meet him here in the courts of heaven
let us call to mind our many failures and sins.

Silence is kept as we each acknowledge and name our sins before God.

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



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.

The priest declares God's pardon:

May the God of love and power
forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Thanking God for his forgiveness, we proclaim his glory using these words (or similar words from Hymn 955 in the orange hymn book).

**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.**

Prayer for today

After a period of silent prayer, we collect our prayers together in the words of the first prayer on the news sheet.

THE WORD

We proclaim God's Word

Please sit.



*A member of the congregation reads from the **Old Testament.***

At the end the reader says

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*We may hear a **Psalm**, chosen to echo the Old Testament reading.
We respond using words on the news sheet.*

*A member of the congregation reads from the **New Testament.***

At the end the reader says

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand for the hymn and gospel reading.

Hymn.

*We may sing words to herald the **Gospel.***

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Matthew / Mark / Luke / John. **Glory to you, O Lord**

*A minister reads from the **Gospel.***

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

When the choir is with us they may sing an anthem.

Sermon. Please sit.

We pause to consider our response to God's word.

The Creed

Please stand to affirm the church's faith in God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, using one of the ancient creeds uniting the church across the world.

**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 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 Nicene Creed

Prayers

Please sit as a member of the congregation leads us in prayer for the church and the world.



We may use one of these responses.

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

(or) Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.

Merciful Father,
**Accept these prayers, for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

We share God's Peace

Please stand.

The priest introduces the peace with a suitable sentence, and then says:

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

We exchange a sign of peace.

THE SACRAMENT

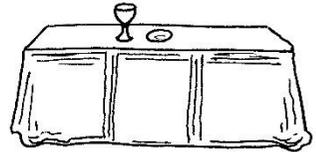
Hymn

During the hymn, we may collect and present to God our gifts of money for the ongoing work of the church.

We also present bread and wine as symbols of our human work. These are placed on the communion table.

The Table is prepared

One or more of these or other prayers may be said:



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

**Gracious God,
accept the offering of your Church,
the hearts of your people
joined in praise and thanksgiving,
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

(or)

**God of life, Saviour of the poor,
receive with this money,
gratitude for your goodness,
penitence for our pride,
and dedication to your service in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer

We pour out our great thanksgiving to God.

At key moments, the 'Sanctus' bell may ring, reminding us of the mystery of Christ's sacrifice, and his living presence among us.



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.

(Either) 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.

**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.**

Our prayer continues at the top of page 11.

(or) And now we give you thanks
because in his victory over the grave a new age has dawned,
the long reign of sin is ended,
a broken world is being renewed
and humanity is once again made whole.

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

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and God of might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest;**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he, blessed is he,
blessed is he who comes in the name,
he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest;**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

Setting: Margaret Rizza

We kneel or sit.

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.

Jesus Christ is Lord:

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

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 *George 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:**

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

*When the choir is with us we may sing the six-fold **Amen**.*

The Lord's Prayer



Let us pray for the coming of
God's kingdom, as our Saviour
has taught us.

**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.**

(or)
As our Saviour taught us, so
we pray:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name;
your kingdom come,
your will be done;
on earth as in Heaven.
Give us today our daily
bread,
and forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin
against us,
and lead us not into
temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
are yours now and forever.
Amen.**

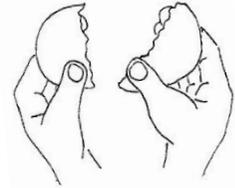
Matthew 6:9-13

We break 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.**

1 Corinthians 10:17



As the bread is broken, we may say or sing:

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the
world,
have mercy on us. *(repeat)***

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the
world,
grant us peace.**

John 1:29

(or)

**Jesus, Lamb of God,
Jesus, Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of
the world:
have mercy on us. *(repeat)***

**Jesus, Lamb of God,
Jesus, Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of
the world:
grant us your peace,
grant us your peace.**

Setting: Margaret Rizza

We share in Communion

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Please indicate if you wish to receive gluten-free wafer or alcohol-free wine.

As we receive communion, there may be quiet singing or instrumental music, followed by silence.

Prayers

We thank God using the post-communion prayer for the day, printed on the news sheet. Then we pray:

**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.**

Please stand for the hymn.

Hymn

Please sit for our notices.

THE DISMISSAL

Please stand as the priest introduces God's blessing with suitable words, and then says:

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

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

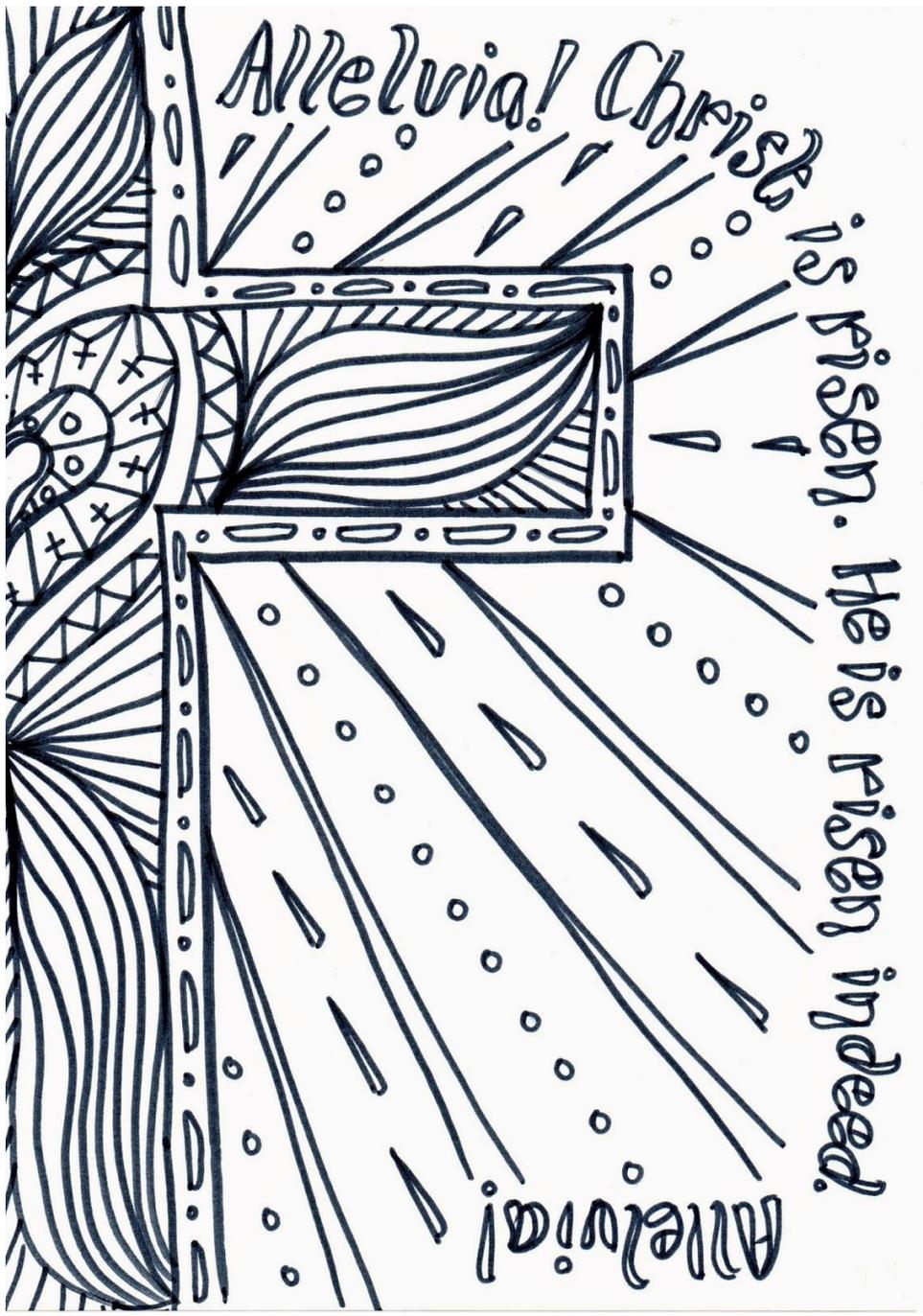
Please join us for refreshments



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Alleluia! Christ is risen. He is risen indeed.

Alleluia!