

**St Peter and St Paul's Church
Aylesford**

Holy Communion



Ordinary Time

**Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit; one God,
who was and who is and who is to come.”**

Revelation 1:8

Welcome

Anyone who is baptised or is a communicant in their own church is welcome to receive Holy Communion during this service.

If you prefer to simply come for a Blessing, please bring this leaflet with you to the altar to show that you would like to receive God's Blessing.

If you would like to have communion brought to you in your pew, please tell one of the Stewards before the service.

Welcome and Notices

Hymn

The Greeting

Minister 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 Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Invitation to 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.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace with all.

(We keep a moment of quiet for silent reflection)

All: Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you
in newness of life;
to the glory of your name.
Amen.

The president says

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.

All: Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis *(Sung)*

*(Glory to God, Glory to God!
Glory to God in the highest!)*

**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.**

*(Glory to God, Glory to God!
Glory to God in the highest!)*

**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.**

*(Glory to God, Glory to God!
Glory to God in the highest!)*

**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.**

*(Glory to God, Glory to God!
Glory to God in the highest!)*

The Collect

We all join in the collect prayer.

The Liturgy of the Word

An Anthem or Psalm may be sung

First Reading

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

Gospel Reading

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

All (sung): Glory to you, O Lord.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All (sung): Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The Creed

The president says

Let us affirm our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist?

All: We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again?

All: We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world?

All: We believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

**All: This is our faith.
We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

These responses may be used

Lord, in your mercy

All: hear our prayer.

And at the end

Merciful Father,

All: accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.



OR *this refrain may be sung between each of the prayers:*

○ Lord hear my prayer, ○ Lord hear my prayer.

When I call answer me. ○ Lord hear my prayer,

○ Lord hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

The President introduces the Peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All: and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn

A collection may be taken.

Bread and wine are placed on the altar.

This offering prayer is said when our gifts are presented:

All: Yours Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour and the majesty. For everything in heaven and on earth is yours. All things come from you and of your own do we give you.

The Eucharistic Prayer

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.

Father, you made the world and love your creation. You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour. His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death. And so we gladly thank you, with saints and angels praising you, and saying:

All (sung): 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.**

(Please sit or kneel)

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.

**All (Sung): Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

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 [N 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.

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

Traditional form

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.

Modern form

All: 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.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated 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.

Giving of Communion

The president says the invitation to 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.

All: 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.

All (sung): Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.
Jesus, Redeemer of the world: grant us peace.



You are invited to come forward to receive Communion or a Blessing. During the distribution hymns and anthems may be sung.

Prayer after Communion

The president leads a post Communion prayer.

All: 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.

The Dismissal

Blessing

The president leads this or another prayer of blessing.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face to shine upon you
and be gracious to you.

The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you
and give you peace.

And the blessing of God almighty,

Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

be amongst you now and remain with you always.

All (Sung): Amen.

Hymn

A minister says

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: In the name of Christ. Amen.

***You are warmly invited
to join us for tea and coffee
at the back of the Church
following the Service***

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