

THE EUCHARIST

Welcome to St Botolph without Bishopsgate.

Please keep a time of silence and prayer before the liturgy begins.

Please leave this booklet at the back of the church after the service.

If this is your first visit to the church, do please introduce yourself after the service.

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Readings are taken from the New Revised Standard Version of the
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Preparation for Communion

Stand as the priest enters

The Greeting

Priest In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

Priest The Lord be with you

All **and with thy spirit.**

From Easter Day to Pentecost there is added

Priest Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All **He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Prayer of Preparation

Priest Almighty God,

All **unto whom all hearts be open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hid:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love thee,
and worthily magnify thy holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Act of Penance

The priest invites the people to confess their sins

Kneel

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

The priest says the absolution:

Priest 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.**

Remain kneeling for

The Kyrie

Priest Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Priest Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

Priest Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

On Feast Days, instead of the Kyrie, stand for

Gloria in Excelsis

All **Glory be to God on high,
and in earth peace, good will towards men.
We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee, we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ:
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.
For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art the Most High, in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

The Collect

The Collect is said, and the people respond

All **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

Sit

Reading

At the end:

Reader This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Gospel Reading

Priest The Lord be with you

All **And with thy spirit.**

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

All **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

At the end:

Priest This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

On Feast Days, the Creed may be said. The words are on page 13.

Prayers of Intercession

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 faithful departed

These responses may be used after each section

Priest Lord, in thy mercy (or) Lord, hear us.

All **hear our prayer. Lord, graciously hear us.**

At the end:

Priest Merciful Father,

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

Some or all of the following may be said:

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all that truly turn to him:

Come unto me, all that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you.

Matthew 11.28

So God loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

John 3.16

Hear also what Saint Paul saith:

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

1 Timothy 1.15

Hear also what Saint John saith:

If any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins.

1 John 2.1,2

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you
All **and with thy spirit.**

Sit

Notices may be given out.

Stand

Preparation of the Table

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

Taking of the Bread and Wine

The priest takes the bread.

Priest Blessed art thou, Lord God of all creation:
through thy goodness we have this bread to offer,
which earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

The priest takes the wine.

Priest Blessed art thou, Lord God of all creation:
through thy goodness we have this wine to offer,
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

An alternative Eucharistic Prayer may be found on pages 14–15.

Priest The Lord be with you

All **and with thy spirit.**

Priest Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Priest Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

All **It is meet and right so to do.**

Priest It is very meet, right and our bounden duty,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks unto thee,
O Lord, holy Father,
almighty, everlasting God,
through Jesus Christ thine only Son our Lord.

Priest Because through him
thou hast created all things from the beginning,
and fashioned us men in thine own image.
Through him thou didst redeem us from the slavery of sin,
giving him to be born as man,
to die upon the cross, and to rise again for us.
Through him thou hast made us a people
for thine own possession,
exalting him to thy right hand on high,
and sending forth through him thy holy
and life-giving Spirit.

A short Proper Preface is added when appropriate.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the
company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious
name, evermore praising thee and saying:

The Sanctus and Benedictus

All **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Kneel

Priest Hear us, O Father, through Christ thy Son our Lord;
through him accept our sacrifice of praise;
and grant that by the power of thy Holy Spirit
these gifts of bread and wine
may be unto us his body and blood;
who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread;
and when he had given thanks to thee,
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

Likewise after supper he took the cup;
and when he had given thanks to thee,
he gave it to them, saying:
Drink ye all of this;
for this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins.
Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it,
in remembrance of me.
Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father,
with this bread and this cup
we make the memorial of his saving passion,
his resurrection from the dead,
and his glorious ascension into heaven,
and we look for the coming of his kingdom.
We pray thee to accept this our duty and service,
and grant that we may so eat and drink these holy things
in the presence of thy divine majesty,
that we may be filled with thy grace and heavenly blessing.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be unto thee,
O Father almighty, world without end.

All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Priest 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.

Breaking of the Bread

The priest breaks the consecrated bread.

Priest 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.**

The Agnus Dei

All **O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.**

Giving of Communion

The priest says one of these invitations to communion:

Priest This is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

All **Lord, I am not worthy
that thou shouldst come under my roof,
but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.**

(or)

Priest 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 thy table, O merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in thy manifold and great mercies.
We are not worthy
so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy table.
But thou art the same Lord
whose nature is always to have mercy.
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of thy 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.**

The priest and people receive communion. Communicant members of all Christian traditions are invited to receive Holy Communion. All other members of the congregation are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing—please hold this book as a sign.

*Words of distribution are used and the communicant replies **Amen.***

Prayer after Communion

Kneel

Silence is kept.

Priest Almighty God,
All **we thank thee for feeding us
with the body and blood of thy Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer thee our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of thy Spirit
to live and work to thy praise and glory.
Amen.**

The Dismissal

Priest The Lord be with you
All **And with thy spirit.**

Priest The peace of God,
which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

or, from Easter Day to Pentecost

Priest Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

All **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Please leave this booklet at the back of the church.



Priest I believe in one God,
All the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible:
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God, begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost
of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man,
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried,
and the third day he rose again
according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father.
And he shall come again with glory
to judge both the quick and the dead:
whose kingdom shall have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together
is worshipped and glorified,
who spake by the prophets.
And I believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins.
And I look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

Priest Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Priest Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

All **It is meet and right so to do.**

Priest It is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God,

A short Proper Preface is added when appropriate

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name, evermore praising thee and saying:

All **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high. Amen.**

Priest Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
who, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption;
who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice,
oblation and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world;
and did institute, and in his holy gospel command us to continue,
a perpetual memory of that his precious death,
until his coming again;
Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee,
and grant that we receiving these
thy creatures of bread and wine,
according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution,
in remembrance of his death and passion,
may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood;
who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread;
and when he had given thanks,
he brake it and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.
Likewise after supper he took the cup;
and when he had given thanks to thee,
he gave it to them, saying:
Drink ye all of this; for this is my blood of the new Testament,
which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins.
Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

All **Amen.**

Priest O Lord and heavenly Father,
we thy humble servants entirely desire
thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept
this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving;
most humbly beseeching thee to grant
that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ,
and through faith in his blood,
we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission
of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.
And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord,
ourselves, our souls and bodies,
to be a reasonable, holy, and lively sacrifice unto thee;
humbly beseeching thee, that all we,
who are partakers of this holy communion,
may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction.
And although we be unworthy, through our manifold sins,
to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee
to accept this our bounden duty and service,
not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father almighty,
world without end.

All **Amen.**

The service continues with the Lord's Prayer on page 9.