

St Mary's Church  
Chartham  
Holy Communion  
in Ordinary Time

*Leader:* Grace, mercy and peace  
from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

## The opening hymn

### 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

*Leader:* 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 say together:*

**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**

*Leader:* 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.**

*Please stand to sing*

## **The Gloria**

*Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.*

**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.**

*Please remain standing for **The Collect***

*After which we all say: **Amen.***

*Please sit for the first Bible reading*

## **The Bible readings:**

*After the first reading:*

*Reader:* This is the word of the Lord

**All:** Thanks be to God

## **The Gradual Hymn**

*Please remain standing*

## **The Gospel Reading**

*Reader:* Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to ...

**All sing:** Glory to You O Lord

*After the Gospel reading:*

*Reader:* This is the Gospel of the Lord

**All sing:** Praise to You, O Christ

<b>The Sermon</b>
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*Please stand for The Creed*

Let us declare our faith in God.

**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.**

## **Prayers of intercession**

*Intercessor: Lord in your mercy*

**All: Hear our prayer**

*After the prayers we say together:*

**Merciful Father, accept these prayers**

**for the sake of Your Son,**

**our Saviour, Jesus Christ**

**Amen**

*Please stand for **The Peace***

*The Peace is introduced using these or other words*

**Either**

*Leader: Christ is our peace.*

He has reconciled us to God

in one body by the cross.

We meet in his name and share his peace.

**Or**

*Leader: We are the body of Christ.*

In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.

Let us then pursue all that makes for peace

and builds up our common life.

*Leader: The peace of the Lord be always with you*

**All: And also with you.**

## **The Offertory Hymn**

### **Preparation of the Table**

*Leader: Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,*

*the glory, the splendour, and the majesty;*

*for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.*

**All: All things come from you,**

**and of your own do we give you.**

## The Communion

*Leader:* The Lord is here.

**All: His Spirit is with us.**

*Leader:* Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

*Leader:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give thanks and praise.**

*Leader:* It is truly right and just, our duty and our joy,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.  
From sunrise to sunset this day is holy,  
for Christ has risen from the tomb  
and scattered the darkness of death  
with light that will not fade.

This day the risen Lord  
walks with your gathered people,  
unfolds for us your word,  
and makes himself known  
in the breaking of the bread.

And though the night will overtake this day  
you summon us to live in endless light,  
the never-ceasing sabbath of the Lord.

And so, with choirs of angels  
and with all the heavenly host,  
we proclaim your glory  
and join their unending song of praise:  
we sing for ever of your glory:



**All sing: Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

*Leader:* 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 to 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:

**All sing: Christ has died:  
Christ is risen:  
Christ will come again.**

*Leader:* 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 Mary, St Peter, St Paul 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**

*Leader:* 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.  
Forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
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 the bread**

*Leader:* We break the bread of life and that life is the light of the world.

**All: God here among us,  
light in the midst of us,  
bring us to light and life.**

## **Giving of Communion**

*Leader:* Jesus 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 to receive you,  
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

### *We sing the Agnus Dei*

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us.**

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

*Leader:* The body and blood of Christ

**All: Amen**

## Prayer after Communion

*We say together:*

**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 closing hymn

*Please stand for*

### **The Blessing & Dismissal**

*The president may use this or another suitable blessing*

*Leader:* 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.**

*Leader:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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