

**St Mary's Church
Chartham
Holy Communion
for Remembrance Sunday**



Revised 23rd September 2023

Welcome and Introduction:

We meet in the presence of God.

We commit ourselves to work in penitence and faith
for reconciliation between the nations,
that all people may, together,
live in freedom, justice, and peace.

We pray for all who in bereavement, disability and pain
continue to suffer the consequences of fighting and terror.

We remember with thanksgiving and sorrow
those whose lives,
in world wars and conflicts past and present,
have been given and taken away.

The opening hymn

during which the Royal British Legion Standard is brought to the altar

An Act of Penitence

Let us confess to God the sins and shortcomings of the world;
its pride, its selfishness, its greed;
its evil divisions and hatreds.

Let us confess our share in what is wrong,
and our failure to seek and establish that peace
which God wills for his children.

After a short silence, all say

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.

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.

The Collect for the day

We all respond: **Amen**

Please sit for

The first Bible reading:

After the first reading:

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Hymn

Please remain standing for:

The Gospel Reading

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

All: Glory to You O Lord

After the Gospel reading:

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to You, O Christ

The Sermon

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

Introduction to the Peace

Jesus said, 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.

I do not give to you as the world gives.'

John 14.27

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And and also with you.

We turn to one another and exchange a sign of peace

The Offertory Hymn

- *during which a collection is taken for the work of the mission and ministry of the church*

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: Blessed are you, Lord of life,
creator of heaven and earth,
to you be glory and praise for ever.
For through his death on the cross,
your Son Jesus Christ has broken the power of evil,
and by his glorious resurrection
has opened for us the gate of life eternal.
In him you seek the lost, restoring those whose lives
have been shattered and torn apart.
In the fullness of time, he will gather all things to himself,
enfolding us and all who have died in war in his undying love.
And so we pray that we who have set our hope on Christ
may come to the peace of heaven,
there, with angels and archangels,
to sing your praise for ever:

**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.**

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: 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 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.**

Everyone is invited to receive communion if that is your practice, or to receive a blessing. Please come forward when you are invited.

Prayer after Communion

God of peace,
whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom
and restored the broken to wholeness of life:
look with compassion on the anguish of the world,
and, by your healing power,
make whole both people and nations;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Two-minute silence

The closing hymn

Please stand for
The Blessing & Dismissal