

The Parish Church of St Mary Magdalen, Ripley

# WORSHIP for ALL

## Communion

***Preparing for Jesus!***

### Welcome to our Service

Worship is about **giving** and **sharing**.

**We give to God** our time and attention, our prayer, sorrow and thanksgiving.

**God gives to us** his time and attention, his blessing, forgiveness and love.

**At the heart of the worship** is our reading of the Bible and the prayer and teaching that surrounds it. This helps us to understand God more, to give to him more effectively and to receive his gifts more openly.

Having shared this time of “Listening to God’s Word” we conclude our worship by sharing a simple meal of bread and wine together – “Holy Communion” – as Jesus asked his disciples to do as he was preparing them for his suffering, death and resurrection. This shared meal is our way of our giving to God our obedience and allowing him to give to us his comfort, strength and peace.

10am Service Advent 2015

# Welcome to our Service

This service is specially designed for use through “Advent” - the last four Sundays before Christmas. The “Gathering Together” part of the service includes the special things we do for Advent – lighting a new candle on the Advent Wreath and moving our Crib figures on their journey to Jerusalem.

Sometimes we may use this service at other times of year in which case we will omit the “Advent Wreath” section.

## ¶ Gathering Together

### Hymn

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

**All:** Amen

Greeting

*The minister greets us and we may reply:*

**All:** and also with you.



The Advent Wreath

*We light a candle on the Advent Wreath; the Minister may say a prayer and then we all say one of the following prayers:*

**1st Candle:**

**Lord Jesus, light of the world,  
born in David's city of Bethlehem,  
born like him to be a king:  
be born in our hearts at Christmas,  
be King of our lives today.  
Amen**



**2nd Candle:** Lord Jesus, light of the world,  
the prophets said you would bring peace  
and save your people in trouble.  
Give peace in our hearts at Christmas  
and show all the world God's love.  
Amen



**3rd Candle:** Lord Jesus, light of the world,  
John told the people to prepare,  
for you were very near.  
As Christmas grows closer day by day,  
help us to be ready to welcome you now.  
Amen



**4th Candle:** Lord Jesus, light of the world,  
blessed is Gabriel who brought good news;  
blessed is Mary, your mother and ours.  
Bless your Church preparing for Christmas;  
and bless us your children,  
who long for your coming.  
Amen



*We then move some of the Crib figures and think a little about their journey.  
We may use the prayers of Confession on page 6 at this point in the service*

## The Collect

*The Minister says today's special prayer ("The Collect")*

## ¶ Listening to God

## Readings

*We sit to listen to a Bible reading; at the end the reader says:*

This is the word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

**Hymn**

## Gospel Reading

*While we sing the hymn the Gospel book is brought to the middle of the Church for the Minister to read; this symbolises how important it is to us that the Good News of Jesus is not far from us but at work among us.*

*Before reading the minister may say a simple sentence to remind us of all that God has done for us. We respond by saying or singing the special word of praise:*

**Alleluia.**

*If we sing then the word “Alleluia” is repeated several times.*

*The reader announces the Gospel reading:*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N

**Say or sing: Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the end:*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Say or sing: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Hymn

We Believe

*We help one another on the journey of faith*

**EITHER**

*by saying together the traditional words of the Apostles’ Creed:*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*OR by answering together the great questions of faith:*

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, who made all things and will call Creation to judgement?

**All: We believe and trust in Him.**

Do you believe and trust in His Son, Jesus Christ, who died to save us all and who is our Judge?

**All: We believe and trust in Him.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit, our power and our protector, in this age and the age to come?

**All: We believe and trust in him.**

## Prayers of Intercession

*The Minister introduces the prayers which are usually led by a member of the congregation.*

*During the prayers the following bidding and response is normally used (if a different bidding is used it is announced when the prayers start)*

Lord, in your mercy

**All: hear our prayer**

*The prayers conclude:*

Merciful Father,

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

*The Minister may say one of the following or a similar concluding prayer:*

*either:* Hear our prayer for all your people; for N our Bishop and Elizabeth our Queen, for all in authority and all in need. As we pray to you in faith may they know the wisdom and joy of your Kingdom through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen**

*or* Almighty God, as your blessed Son Jesus Christ first came to seek and to save the lost; so may he come again to find in us the completion of his redeeming work; for he is now alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.  
**Amen**

## Confession

*The minister introduces the confession in these or similar words:*

Brothers and sisters,  
as we prepare to celebrate,  
let us call to mind our sins.

*After a moment's silence we admit our sin and temptation to God either by responding to specific ideas in the form below or by saying a prayer together (opposite).*

*Either* .....  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

.....  
Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

.....  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

*Or*           **Lord our God,  
in our sin we have avoided your call.  
Our love for you is like a morning cloud,  
like the dew that goes away early.  
Have mercy on us;  
deliver us from judgement;  
bind up our wounds and revive us;  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

*The Minister says words of God's forgiveness; we accept God's love by saying:  
Amen*

*The Minister says a prayer assuring us of God's forgiveness.*

## ¶ The Lord's Table

### The Peace

*The Minister introduces the Peace and then says:*

**All:**           The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*We greet one another.*

### Hymn

*During the hymn a collection is taken. The formal collection represents all that we are able to give to the Church by cheque or standing order, in cash or in time.*

*At the end of the hymn the collection is brought forward and received by the Minister who says a prayer in thanks for all that we are able to give to the Church in our different ways to which we reply:*

**All:**           **All things come from you,  
and of your own do we give you.**

## Taking of the Bread and Wine

*The bread and wine for Communion are brought forward and received by the minister who says one of the following or an alternative*

*Either:* With this bread that we bring  
**We shall remember Jesus**

With this wine that we bring  
**We shall remember Jesus**

Bread for his body, wine for his blood,  
gifts from God to his table we bring.  
**We shall remember Jesus.**

*Or another prayer to which we all reply*  
**Blessed by God for ever.**

## The Prayer of Thanksgiving

*The following is the text for Eucharistic Prayer B. If a different Eucharistic Prayer is used the text is provided in a separate leaflet.*

Minister: The Lord be with you or The Lord is here.

**Say/sing: and also with you His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

**Say/sing: We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**Say/sing: It is right to give thanks and praise.**

*The minister gives thanks to God and we respond:*

**Say/sing: 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.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness; grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to

your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; 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.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: 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.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

**Dying you destroyed our death,  
rising you restored our life:  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption. As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of [N and] all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever, 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 yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

**Say/sing: Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

**All:** 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.**  
**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 Minister breaks the consecrated bread saying*

*either:* 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.**

*or:* Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,

**All:** **We proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

*As the Minister moves to the High Altar we sing*

*Either*

**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.**

*Or:*

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

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**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.**

*The Minister invites us to receive communion.*

The gifts of God for the people of God

**All: Jesus Christ is holy  
Jesus Christ is Lord  
to the glory of God the Father**

*The Minister and people receive communion. The following words of administration are said to each communicant:*

The bread of heaven in Christ Jesus.

**Reply: Amen**

The cup of life in Christ Jesus.

**Reply: Amen**

*Members of the choir come forward for Communion first, followed by the rest of the congregation, starting with those sitting nearest the front.*

*If you are a communicant member of another Church you are welcome to receive communion today. If you would prefer to receive a blessing then please come to the communion rail in your turn but keep your head bowed and your hands down so that the ministers may know this is your intention.*

*While people are receiving communion a hymn may be sung.*

## Prayer after Communion

*The Minister may say a prayer then all pray together.*

**All: Generous God,  
you have fed us at your heavenly table.  
Set us on fire with your Holy Spirit  
that when Christ comes again  
we may shine like lights before his face,  
for You live for ever; Father, Son and Holy Spirit  
Amen**

**Hymn**

# ¶ Farewell

*The Minister gives a simple blessing or uses these or similar words:*

May God the Father, who loved the world so much that he sent his only Son to come among us in great humility, open your eyes to look for his coming again.

**Amen**

May God the Son give you grace to live in the light of his coming as redeemer and judge.

**Amen**

May God the Holy Spirit free you from sin, make you holy, and bring you to eternal life.

**Amen**

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

**All say: Amen**

*Then he says*

*Either:* As we await our coming Saviour,  
go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*or* As we await our coming Saviour,  
go in the peace of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*or* Go in the peace of Christ  
**Thanks be to God**

*The choir and ministers depart.*

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