

The Parish Church of St Mary Magdalen, Ripley

WORSHIP for ALL

Communion

God With Us!

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.

The are some moments in the service when the notes say that we “say or sing”. The Minister will announce during the service which we will do today.

¶ 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 may say a prayer:

Confession

The minister introduces the confession in these or similar words:

Hear the words of the angel to Joseph:

“You shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.”

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

Either Lord of grace and truth, we confess our unworthiness to stand in your presence as your children. We have sinned:
forgive us and heal us.

The Virgin Mary accepted your call to be the mother of Jesus. Forgive our disobedience to your will.

We have sinned:

forgive us and heal us.

Your Son our Saviour was born in poverty in a manger.

Forgive our greed and rejection of your ways.

We have sinned:

forgive us and heal us.

The shepherds left their flocks to go to Bethlehem.

Forgive our self-interest and lack of vision.

We have sinned:

forgive us and heal us.

The wise men followed the star to find Jesus the King.
Forgive our reluctance to seek you.
We have sinned:
forgive us and heal us.

Or

**God of mercy,
we acknowledge that we are all sinners.
We turn from the wrong
that we have thought and said and done,
and are mindful of all that we have failed to do.
For the sake of Jesus, who died for us,
forgive us all that is past,
and help us to live each day
in the light of Christ our Lord.
Amen**

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

Sometimes we sing "The Gloria" (below); on other occasions it is omitted.

**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.**

Today's Prayer

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

¶ Listening to God's Word

Reading

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 Gospel book is brought to the middle of the Church for the Minister to read; symbolising the Good News of Jesus 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 say or sing 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

*Sometimes we sing a **Hymn** after the sermon.*

We Believe

We help one another on the journey of faith by saying together the traditional words of the "Nicene Creed" (opposite) or by answering the questions of faith (on page 6).

Either:

**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.**

Or Do you believe and trust in God the Father, who made all things?

All: We believe and trust in Him.

Do you believe and trust in His Son, Jesus Christ, who took our human nature and died to save us all?

All: We believe and trust in Him.

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit, our power and our protector, our conscience and our guide?

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 a bidding and response is used - the different biddings all have the same response for us to say.

Either: Lord, in your mercy

Or: Jesus, Saviour

Or: Holy God

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 a concluding prayer:

¶ The Lord's Table

The Peace

The Minister introduces the Peace and then says:

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All: **and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

We greet one another, offering God's peace to one another.

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:

Either: Word made flesh, life of the world,
 in your incarnation you embraced our poverty:
 by your Spirit may we share in your riches.
 Amen.

Or another prayer to which we all reply

Blessed by God for ever.

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:

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 following is the text for Eucharistic Prayer A. 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 says a special thanksgiving about the birth of Jesus and we respond together:

**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.**

The minister continues to give thanks and blesses the bread and wine.

Accept our praises, heavenly Father, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, and as we follow his example and obey his command, grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his blood;

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.

Say: To you be glory and praise for ever.

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.

Say To you be glory and praise for ever.

Therefore, heavenly Father, we remember his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross; we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; we look for the coming of your kingdom, and with this bread and this cup we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Jesus Christ is Lord:

**Say/Sing: Lord, by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free.
You are the Saviour of the world.**

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise, and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty, renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Say: To you be glory and praise for ever.

Through him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

**Say/sing Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**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 Minister breaks the consecrated bread saying

Either: 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.**

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.
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.**

The Minister invites us to receive communion.

Christ is the true bread
which has come down from heaven.

All **Lord, give us this bread always.**

Sometimes we say the following prayer, on other occasions it is omitted:

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.**

The Minister and people receive communion.

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: 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.**

¶ Farewell

Hymn

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

May the Father, who has loved the eternal Son from before the foundation of the world, shed that love upon you his children.

Say: Amen.

May Christ, who by his incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with joy and peace.

Say: Amen.

May the Holy Spirit, by whose overshadowing Mary became the God-bearer, give you grace to carry the good news of Christ.

Say: Amen.

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

Say/Sing: Amen

Then he says

Either: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

All: In the name of Christ. Amen

Or: Go in the peace of Christ

All: Thanks be to God