

The Parish Church of St Mary Magdalen, Ripley

WORSHIP for ALL

Communion

*Praying Together
Seeking Guidance*

Welcome to our Service

Worship includes many different elements but we tend to emphasise one according to the concerns we bring to Church as individuals and also the shared focus of attention of the Church. This service concentrates on our duty to pray for others as well as ourselves and to seek guidance as we live a life of faith in our world.

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.

¶ Gathering Together

Hymn

We come from scattered lives to meet with God.
Let us recognise his presence with us.

We keep silence for a moment

All: As God's people we have gathered
let us worship Him together.

Introduction

The minister may introduce the service and may then say this prayer:

Faithful one, whose word is life,
come with saving power
to free our praise,
inspire our prayer
and shape our lives
for the Kingdom of your Son,
Jes Christ, our Lord.
Amen

Confession

The minister introduces the confession in these or similar words:

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

*After a moment's silence we admit our sin and temptation to God using one
off the forms opposite;*

***either** by responding to specific ideas in the first form
or by using the second - responsive prayer.*

Either

(if we are singing this response the music plays quietly as the minister speaks and we then sing the response three times)

..... Lord, have mercy.
Say/sing Lord, have mercy.

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

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

Or

We have wilfully misused your gifts of creation;
Lord, be merciful
forgive us our sin.

We have seen the ill-treatment of others and have not
gone to their aid;
Lord, be merciful
forgive us our sin.

We have condoned evil and dishonesty
and failed to strive for justice;
Lord, be merciful
forgive us our sin.

We have heard the good news of Christ,
but have failed to share it with others;
Lord, be merciful
forgive us our sin.

We have not loved you with all our heart,
nor our neighbours as ourselves;
Lord, be merciful
forgive us our sin.

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

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

The reader announces the Gospel reading:

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N

Say/sing: Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Say/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 words of the “Apostles’ Creed” or by answering the questions of faith.

Either: 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 Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

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

Do you believe and trust in His Son, Jesus Christ, who took our human nature and died for us and rose again?

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

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

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

This is the faith of the Church

All: **This is our faith.**

**We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen**

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 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

¶ 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 then announces the hymn

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 this or a similar prayer:

God of life, saviour of the poor,
receive with this money
gratitude for your goodness,
penitence for our pride
and dedication to your service
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Minister then says a prayer over the bread and wine:

Be present, be present,
Lord Jesus Christ,
our risen high priest;
make yourself known in the breaking of bread.

Amen.

Below is the text for Eucharistic Prayer H. 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.

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;
in your love you made us for yourself.

When we turned away
you did not reject us,
but came to meet us in your Son.

**You embraced us as your children
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life
that we might live in him and he in us.

**He opened his arms of love upon the cross
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed,
at supper with his friends
he took bread, and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to them, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, and said:

Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins;
do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory,
send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine
may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

**As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world
we offer you this sacrifice of praise
and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

**Say: 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 Lord's Prayer

Jesus taught us to call God our Father,
so in faith and trust 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 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

**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.**

The Minister invites us to receive communion.

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.

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

**All: Most merciful Lord,
 your love compels us to come in.
 Our hands were unclean,
 our hearts were unprepared;
 we were not fit
 even to eat the crumbs from under your table.
 But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation,
 and share your bread with sinners.
 So cleanse and feed us
 with the precious body and blood of your Son,
 that he may live in us and we in him;
 and that we, with the whole company of Christ,
 may sit and eat in your kingdom.
 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.

**Father of lights,
from whom comes every good and perfect gift;
keep us in the light of Christ,
to shine in your world,
that all may believe in you,
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Amen.**

¶ Farewell

Hymn

The Minister gives the blessing which usually ends:

... 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**

The choir and ministers depart.