

The Parish Church of St Mary Magdalen, Ripley

WORSHIP for ALL

Communion

*Recognising sin and
seeking God's healing*

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 has a central theme thinking about sin; it is especially appropriate during Lent but is used at other times too.

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

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

All: Amen

Introduction

The minister may introduce the service and say a prayer; a greeting prayer may be said to which we all respond: and also with you.

Confession

The minister introduces the confession in these or similar words:

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart God will not despise.
Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion,
and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith.

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 using the responsive prayer (opposite).

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

Lord Jesus Christ, we confess we have failed you as did your first disciples. We ask for your mercy and your help.

When we take our ease rather than watch with you:

Lord, forgive us.

Christ have mercy.

When we bestow a kiss of peace yet nurse enmity in our hearts: Lord, forgive us.

Christ have mercy.

When we strike at those who hurt us rather than stretch out our hands to bless: Lord, forgive us.

Christ have mercy.

When we deny that we know you for fear of the world and its scorn: Lord, forgive us.

Christ have mercy.

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 a prayer to which we all reply:

Amen.

Below 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 suffering of Jesus to heal our sins; 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

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.
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.

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.**

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.

**You have opened to us the Scriptures, O Christ,
and you have made yourself known
in the breaking of the bread.
Abide with us, we pray,
that, blessed by your royal presence,
we may walk with you
all the days of our life,
and at its end behold you
in the glory of the eternal Trinity,
one God for ever and ever.
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.

The Ten Commandments

1 God spoke these words and said: I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods but me.

2 You shall not make for yourself any idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them.

3 You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

4 Remember the Sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. You shall not do any work - you, your son or your daughter, your slaves, your livestock, or the foreigner who lives among you. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the seventh day and consecrated it.

5 Honour your father and your mother so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

6 You shall not murder.

7 You shall not commit adultery.

8 You shall not steal.

9 You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

10 You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or slaves, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.