

The Parish Church of St Mary Magdalen, Ripley

WORSHIP for ALL

Communion

Praise God Together!

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

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:

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 in the form below or by saying a prayer together (opposite).

Either

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Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

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Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

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Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Or

**O King enthroned on high,
and Spirit filling the earth with your glory:
holy is your name,
Word Lord God almighty.
In our sinfulness we cry to you
to take our guilt away,
and to cleanse our lips to speak your word,
through Jesus 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 "Apostles' Creed" or by answering the questions of faith (opposite).

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 says one of the following:

Either: Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this bread to set before
you,
which earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life.

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this wine to set before
you,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become for us the cup of salvation.

Blessed be God for ever.

Or another prayer to which we all reply

Amen

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.

Overleaf is the text for Eucharistic Prayer G. 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.

Blessed are you, Lord God, our light and our salvation;
to you be glory and praise for ever.

From the beginning you have created all things and all your
works echo the silent music of your praise.

In the fullness of time you made us in your image,
the crown of all creation.

You give us breath and speech, that with angels and
archangels and all the powers of heaven
we may find a voice to sing your praise:

**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.**

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord.

As a mother tenderly gathers her children, you embraced a
people as your own. When they turned away and rebelled
your love remained steadfast.

From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary,
to be the living bread, in whom all our hungers are
satisfied.

He offered his life for sinners, and with a love stronger
than death he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died, he came to supper with his
friends and, taking bread, he 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.

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 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:

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

Father, we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross; we remember his dying and rising in glory, and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.

Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you these gifts of your creation; may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence, form us in the likeness of Christ, and build us into a living temple to your glory.

[Remember, Lord, your Church in every land.
Reveal her unity, guard her faith,
and preserve her in peace ...]

Bring us at the last with [*N and*] all the saints to the vision of that eternal splendour for which you have created us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, by whom, with whom, and in whom, 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.

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.
Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

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.

**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.