

Parish of the Ascension
St Giles' Church



Sung Eucharist

Welcome to this Sung Eucharist

We hope that you will enjoy worshipping at St Giles'. This booklet includes most of the words you will need to follow the service.

Readings are printed on a separate sheet. You are encouraged to keep this as it has the **weekly notices** on the reverse.

Hymns may be followed in the orange hymn books at your seat.

Eucharistic Prayer B is used most Sundays, and is printed in full in this booklet.

The spoken parts of the service are in modern language. For the sung parts of the service, you will notice that we revert to traditional language. This is because we use the musical setting composed by John Merbecke for the Book of Common Prayer.

A prayer for use before the service

Lord, come to me that you may cleanse me.

Lord, come to me that you may heal me.

Lord, come to me that you may strengthen me;
and grant that, having received you in this Eucharist,
I may never more be separated from you
but may continue to be yours forever
until I see you face to face in your heavenly kingdom,
where, with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
you live and reign ever one God,
world without end. Amen.

When the bell rings, please STAND as the altar party enter

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

All **Amen.**

Either

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

All

Or

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you

All

and also with you.

From Easter Day to Pentecost this acclamation follows

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All **He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Please REMAIN STANDING for the introit hymn

Prayer of Preparation

All **Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Prayers of Penitence

The summary of the law may be used, concluding

On these two commandments
hang all the law and the prophets.

All **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

The deacon or celebrant introduces the confession

Either

**All Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour,
in thought and word and deed
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us, forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Or

**All Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly,
love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God.
Amen.**

The Kyrie Eleison may be said or sung (especially in Advent and Lent)

Lord, have mercy

All Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

The Absolution

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Gloria in Excelsis

The Gloria is sung (except in Advent and Lent)

All **Glory be to God on high,
and in earth peace, good will towards men.
We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee, we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.
For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Collect

The celebrant says the collect for the day, which may be followed on the weekly readings sheet, and all respond

All **Amen.**

The Readings

Please SIT for the first reading, the Psalm and the Epistle, which may be followed on the weekly readings sheet

Please STAND for the gradual hymn

The Gospel Reading

Towards the end of the hymn, the Gospel procession moves to the centre of the nave; please turn to face the Gospel book. An acclamation may be used, and the reader may say

The Lord be with you

All **And also with you.**

The Gospel is announced

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N.

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The Gospel is then read, concluding

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Sermon

Please SIT as instructed by the preacher. The sermon may be followed by a short time of silence

The Creed

On the third Sunday of the month there is usually a service of healing; please turn to page 16. On all other Sundays, please STAND

All **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.**

Prayers of Intercession

Please *SIT or KNEEL* for the prayers, which are usually led by a member of the congregation. The following responses may be used

Lord in your mercy Lord, hear us.
All **Hear our prayer.** **Lord, graciously hear us.**

At the end

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

The Peace

Please *STAND* as the celebrant introduces the Peace

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

The deacon or celebrant then says

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace, for example by shaking hands

The Offertory

Please *REMAIN STANDING* for the offertory hymn, during which the bread and wine are brought to the altar and a collection is taken

The Eucharistic Prayer (B)



The Lord be with you R. and al-so with you.



Lift up your hearts. R. **We lift them to the Lord.**



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



R. **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Either

Or

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

The Lord is here.
His Spirit is with us.

All

Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

This, or another seasonal preface, will follow

Father, we give you thanks and praise
through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word,
through whom you have created all things;
who was sent by you in your great goodness
to be our Saviour.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh;
as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin,
he lived on earth and went about among us;
he opened wide his arms for us on the cross;
he put an end to death by dying for us;
and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life;
so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,

we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and singing:

All **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts,
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to Thee, O Lord most high.
Blessed is he that cometh
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.

Either

Great is the mystery of
faith:

All **Christ has died:**

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

Or Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

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

**death, Lord Jesus,
until you come in glory.**

Or Jesus Christ is Lord:

Or Christ is the bread of life:

All **Lord, by your cross and
resurrection**

you have set us free.

All **When we eat this bread
and drink this cup,
we proclaim your**

**You are the Saviour of
the world.**

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.

All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

All **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

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.**

The Agnus Dei is sung

All **O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.**

**O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us**

O Lamb of God

**that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.**

Giving of Communion

The celebrant says one of these invitations to communion

Either

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.

Or

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.**

Or

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

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

The following prayer may be said

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 celebrant and people receive communion. All are welcome to come to the altar rail, either to receive communion or for a blessing. If you wish to have a blessing, please keep your hands together. Authorised words of distribution are used, and the communicants reply

Amen.

The communion hymn is sung

Prayer After Communion

Please SIT or KNEEL for the Post Communion prayer, which may be followed on the weekly readings sheet. This is followed by a prayer of thanksgiving

Either

All **Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

Or

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.**

Notices

If there are notices, or Banns of Marriage to be called, please SIT as these are read.

The Dismissal

Please STAND for the post-communion hymn

The celebrant gives the seasonal blessing, ending

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

All Amen

The deacon or celebrant says

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

or, from Easter Day to Pentecost

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Please REMAIN STANDING as the procession leaves, and the altar party return to the vestry

Please join us for coffee or tea at the back of the church if you are able to stay. If you are new, we look forward to meeting you!

A SERVICE OF HEALING

On the third Sunday of the month the Eucharist usually includes a service of healing. All are welcome to come forward for the laying on of hands.

The Creed

Please STAND for the Apostles' Creed

**All I believe in God the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth:**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead and buried.
He descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father almighty;
from thence he shall come
to judge the quick and the dead.**

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

Prayers of Intercession

Please SIT or KNEEL

Holy God, in whom we live and move and have our being,

we make our prayer to you, saying,

Lord, hear us,

All **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Grant to all who seek you
the assurance of your presence,
your power and your peace.

Lord, hear us,

All **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Grant your healing grace to all who are sick, that
they may be made whole in body, mind and spirit.

Lord, hear us,

All **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Grant to all who minister to the suffering
wisdom, skill and patience.

Lord, hear us,

All **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Sustain and support the anxious and fearful
and lift up all who are brought low.

Lord, hear us,

All **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Hear us, Lord of life.

All **Heal us, and make us whole.**

A period of silence is kept

Almighty God,
whose Son revealed in signs and miracles
the wonder of your saving love,
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your mighty power;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.
All **Amen.**

The Laying on of Hands

All may now come to the altar rail for the Laying on of Hands, which is accompanied by these words

In the name of God, and trusting in his might alone,
receive Christ's healing touch to make you whole.
May Christ bring you wholeness
of body, mind and spirit,
deliver you from every evil,
and give you his peace.
Amen.

The celebrant then says

The almighty Lord,
who is a strong tower
for all who put their trust in him,
whom all things in heaven, and on earth,
and under the earth obey,
be now and evermore your defence.
May you believe and trust
that the only name under heaven
given for health and salvation
is the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All **Amen.**

The service continues with the Peace on page 8.

SERVICES AT ST GILES'

Saturday 6 pm: Vigil Eucharist

Sunday 9 am: Sung Eucharist

Thursday 10 am: Holy Communion

**Services on principal feasts and festivals
are advertised separately; please see the
parish magazine or website for further details.**

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