

St Luke's Church

Holy Communion



A united and ecumenical service based on United Reformed Church and Church of England services

A service for all people who want to worship God, hear his word, and respond to his love.

Gathering

The Ministers process to the front with the Bible and Cross.

The Greeting

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

All **and also with you.**

The Call to Worship

This is the day that the Lord has made.

All **We will rejoice we will rejoice and be glad in it.**

It is good to give thanks to the Lord;

All **For his love endures for ever.**

Sentence and introduction

Hymn

Sit for the opening prayer, which is printed on the sheet of readings.

Confession *(These or other suitable words may be used.)*

If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves.

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive
our sins and cleanse us from every kind of wrong.

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.

Assurance of Pardon

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

All **Amen.**

Gloria in excelsis *may be sung. We repeat each line after the cantor*

- 1 Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!
To God be glory forever!
To God be glory forever!
Alleluia, Amen!
Alleluia, Amen! Alleluia, Amen!
- 2 Glory to God, glory to God, glory be to Jesus!
- 3 Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit!

Introduction to the Theme for the Day

Hymn

The offering is taken and children and young people leave to go to their groups.

The Word of God

Old Testament Reading
New Testament Reading

At the end of each reading the reader may say:

This is the word of the Lord

All **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn

Remain standing for the Gospel Reading. The reader says

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

All **Glory to you O Lord.**

At the end of the Gospel reading

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

The Apostle's Creed *may be used*

**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.

Prayers of Intercession *please sit or kneel*

Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace *please stand*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **and also with you**

Let us offer one another a sign of Christ's Peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Hymn

The Thanksgiving Prayer

A selection of prayers is printed towards the back of this booklet. We then join in

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

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.**

The Minister breaks the consecrated bread, (these or other suitable words may be used)

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.**

Agnus dei *may be said or sung*

**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.**

Those who normally receive communion in their own church are welcome to receive the bread and wine. Those who do not wish to receive are invited to receive a blessing (please indicate this by holding a book).

Invitation to Communion

These or other suitable words may be used

All The holy gifts of God for the holy people of God;
**Jesus Christ is Holy, Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

Post-Communion Prayer *(one of the following may be used)*

1 You have opened to us the Scriptures O Christ,
and you have been known to us in the breaking of bread.
Stay with us, we pray,
that we may go with the strength of your presence
all our journey through
and at its end behold you
in the glory of the eternal Trinity,
God for ever and ever.
Amen

2 Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your dear 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.

3 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.

Hymn

The Blessing

(these or other suitable words may be used)

The peace of God which passes all understanding
Keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord
And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
be with you always.

Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Please remain standing as the ministers depart.

Thanksgiving Prayers

Common Worship Prayer E

All The Lord be with you (or) The Lord is here.
and also with you. His Spirit is with us.

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.**

Here follows an Extended Preface or the following

Father, you made the world and love your creation.
You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour.
His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death.
And so we gladly thank you,
with saints and angels praising you, and saying:

All **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.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them 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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

One of the following acclamations is used.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

Christ is the bread of life:

**When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,
until you come in glory.**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus

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

Jesus Christ is Lord

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

Lord of all life,
help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with [*N and*] all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,
for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

The service continues with the Lord's Prayer which is on page 5 of this booklet.

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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.**
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:

All **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.

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we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,
until you come in glory.**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus

**Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life:**

Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Jesus Christ is Lord

**Lord, by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free.**

You are the Saviour of the world.

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 [*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:

All **Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

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United Reformed Church - Thanksgiving Prayer 2

God is with us!

All **God is with us!**

We give thanks and praise to God!

All **We give thanks and praise to God!**

Loving God, the world you made is beautiful and full of wonder.

You made us, with all your creatures,
and you love all that you have made.

You gave us the words of your prophets,
the stories of your people through the generations,
and the gathered wisdom of many years.

You gave us Jesus, your Son,
to be born and to grow up in difficult times
when there was little peace.

He embraced people with your love and told stories to change us all.
He healed those in pain and brought to life those who had lost hope.
He made friends with anyone who would listen and loved even his
enemies.

For these things, he suffered.
For these things, he died.
And he was raised from death and lives with you forever.

You give us your Holy Spirit,
to teach and to strengthen us,
to remind us of Jesus Christ,
and to make us one in him.

For all these gifts we thank you,
and we join with all your people on earth and in heaven,
in joyful praise:

Hosanna!

All **Hosanna!**

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

All **Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!**

Hosanna in the highest heaven!

All **Hosanna in the highest heaven!**

We praise you that we are here today, around the table of Jesus.
We have heard the good news of your love;
the cross is the sign of your arms stretched out in love for us
and the empty tomb declares your love stronger than death.

Christ has died!

All **Christ has died!**

Christ is risen!

All **Christ is risen!**

Christ will come again!

All **Christ will come again!**

Send your Holy Spirit upon this bread and wine,
and upon your people,
that Christ may be with us,
and we may be made ready to live for you
and to do what you ask of us,
today, and every day to come.

We make this prayer through Jesus Christ,
in the power of the Holy Spirit, in the love of the Creator,
one God, to whom be glory and praise forever,

All **Amen.**

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United Reformed Church - Thanksgiving Prayer 4

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 our thanks and praise.**

With joy we give you thanks and praise,
Almighty God, Source of all life and love,
that we live in your world,
that you are always creating and sustaining it by your power,
and that you have so made us that we can know and love you,
trust and serve you.

We give you thanks
that you loved the world so much
that you gave your only Son,
so that everyone who has faith in him may not die
but have eternal life.

A seasonal or other special thanksgiving may follow here.

We thank you that Jesus was born among us
that he lived our common life on earth;
that he suffered and died for us;
that he rose again;
and that he is always present through the Holy Spirit.

We thank you that we can live in the faith that your kingdom will come,
and that in life, in death and beyond death you are with us.
Therefore with all the company of heaven,
and with all your people, of all places and times,
we proclaim your greatness and sing your praise:

All **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.**

Holy Lord God,
by what we do here

in remembrance of Christ
we celebrate his perfect sacrifice on the Cross
and his glorious resurrection and ascension;
we declare that he is Lord of all;
and we prepare for his coming in his kingdom.

We pray that through your Holy Spirit
this bread may be for us the body of Christ
and this wine the blood of Christ.

Accept our sacrifice of praise;
and as we eat and drink at his command
unite us to Christ as one body in him,
and give us strength to serve you in the world.
And to you, one holy and eternal God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
we give praise and glory, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

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This order of service has been produced by the St Luke's Clergy ministerial team and is based on the URC and Church of England service books. The team have endeavoured to remain honest to both traditions in this service so that all can feel 'at home' in St Luke's and worship God truthfully and joyfully.

We pray that all who come here will find this Church a real witness to the love of God, and an example of a local place trying to live the gospel in unity with one another.