

# **St Stephen's Church St Albans**



**Holy Communion for Ordinary Time  
Common Worship  
Order One**



# ¶ The Gathering

*Words of welcome or introduction may be said*

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

**Amen.**

## **THE GREETING**

*The President greets the people*

The Lord be with you

**and also with you.**

## **HYMN**

## **PRAYERS OF PREPARATION**

**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**

My brothers and sisters,  
As we prepare to celebrate the presence of Christ  
In word and sacrament,  
Let us call to mind and confess our sins.

**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.**

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.  
**Amen.**

## **PERUVIAN GLORIA**

Glory to God, glory to God,  
glory to the Father.  
**Glory to God, glory to God,  
Glory to the Father.**  
To him be glory for ever.  
**To him be glory for ever.**  
Alleluia, amen.  
**Alleluia, amen, alleluia, amen, alleluia amen.**

Glory to God, glory to God,  
Son of the Father.

**Glory to God, glory to God,  
Son of the Father.**

To Him be glory for ever.

**To Him be glory for ever.**

Alleluia, Amen.

**Alleluia, amen, alleluia, amen, alleluia, amen.**

Glory to God, glory to God,  
glory to the Spirit.

**Glory to God, glory to God,  
Glory to the Spirit.**

To Him be glory for ever.

**To Him be glory for ever.**

Alleluia, Amen.

**Alleluia, amen, alleluia, amen, alleluia amen.**

## **COLLECT**

*The collect is said, and all respond*

**Amen.**

## **¶ The Liturgy of the Word**

### **READINGS**

*Either one or two readings precede the Gospel reading.*

*At the end of each the reader may say*

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## **HYMN**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

When the gospel is announced the reader says:

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to....

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

At the end:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

## **THE CREED**

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
if 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,  
and 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

*These responses may be used*

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

*Or*

Lord, hear us.  
**Lord graciously hear us**

*And at the end*

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

# ¶ *The Liturgy of the Sacrament*

## THE PEACE

We are the body of Christ.  
in the one Spirit were all baptised into one body.  
Let us then pursue all that makes for peace  
and builds up our common life.  
The peace of the Lord be always with you,  
and also with you.

Let us offer another a sign of peace.

## PREPARATION OF THE TABLE TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

## HYMN

*The gifts if the people are gathered and presented.  
The table is prepared and bread and wine placed upon it.*

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 forever!**

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 forever!**

## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER (B)**

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you**

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

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 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 a new life;  
so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

*Short proper preface, when appropriate*

Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and saying:

**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.**

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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

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

**Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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 priest breaks the consecrated bread*

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.**

**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.**

## **GIVING OF COMMUNION**

Jesus is the Lamb of God  
who takes away the sin of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.  
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*The president receives communion.*

*Those following the service remotely may like to use these words in prayer*

Lord Jesus, you came to me in word and sacrament,  
and I yearn for you as water to the thirsty.  
Although I cannot receive you in bread and wine  
come now into my heart and soul,  
unite yourself to me and me to yourself,

and hold me in your tender and fierce embrace  
that I may never be parted from you.  
Amen.

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

*The post communion or another appropriate prayer is said, after which we pray together.*

**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.**

## **HYMN**

## **NOTICES**

### **¶ The Dismissal**

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 .....

Go in the peace of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*The ministers and people depart.*





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