St Luke's

the Parish Church for

Moulsham Lodge and Tile Kiln



An order for the Celebration of

THE EUCHARIST IN EASTERTIDE

Common Worship

Welcome to St Luke's



If you are a visitor to St Luke's, please make yourself known to one of the ministers or to any of those greeting at the door.

The church is fitted with an induction loop system; those with hearing aids should use the 'T' setting.

Please try to spend a moment of quiet before the service begins.

Our ministry is shared

Holy Communion - also called The Eucharist - is celebrated by the whole people of God gathered for worship. The ministry of the members of the congregation is expressed through their active participation together in the words and actions of the service, but also by some of them reading the Scripture passages, leading the prayers of intercession, and, if authorised, assisting with the distribution of communion.

We welcome Communicant members of other Churches

The Church of England policy is: "Baptised persons who are communicant members of other Churches which subscribe to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity and are in good standing in their own Church shall be admitted to receive Holy Communion in accordance with Canon BI5A." If you normally receive Communion in your own Church, you are therefore very welcome to do so here.

Receive a blessing

If you do not receive Communion, you are welcome to come to the altar for a blessing, holding your service book as a sign.

Words printed in **bold type** are said by all.

We hope you enjoy the service.

The Gathering



Please stand for the hymns and sit or kneel for the prayers.

Hymn

The Greeting

The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Prayers of Penitence

Christ our passover lamb has been sacrificed for us. Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

Like Mary at the empty tomb, we fail to grasp the wonder of your presence. Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Like the disciples behind locked doors, we are afraid to be seen as your followers. Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

Like Thomas in the upper room, we are slow to believe. Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by his Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word



Gloria in Excelsis

The Gloria is sung. The congregation stands.

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.

The Collect

Remain standing.

Readings

The congregation sits.

Either one or two readings from scripture precede the Gospel reading. At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Hymn

Gospel Reading

The congregation stands and everyone turns to face the Gospel reader. When the Gospel is announced the reader says

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one; I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore.

All Alleluia.

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

at the end of the reading:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

At the end of the sermon there is a short period of quiet reflection.

The Creed

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.

OR: See over for alternative Statement of Faith

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

Though he was divine,
he did not cling to equality with God,
but made himself nothing.

Taking the form of a slave,
he was born in human likeness.
He humbled himself and was obedient to death
even death on a cross.

Therefore God has raised him on high,
and given him the name above every name:
that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bow,
and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Amen.



Prayers of Intercession

The congregation kneels or sits for the prayers.

The prayers usually include these concerns and may follow this sequence:

- * The Church of Christ
- Creation, human society, the Sovereign and those in authority
- The local community
- * Those who suffer
- * The communion of saints

These responses may be used:

Lord, in your mercy half hear our prayer.

(or)

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

And at the end

Heavenly Father, you have promised through your Son Jesus Christ, that when we meet in his name, and pray according to his mind, he will be among us and hear our prayer: in your love and mercy fulfil our desires, and give us your greatest gift, which is to know you, the only true God, and your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

M Amen.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist



The Peace

The congregation stands. The president says

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.'

Then they were glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

Alleluia.

The peace of the risen Christ be always with you and also with you. Alleluia.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn

During which the Bread and Wine for the Eucharist are presented at the altar and a collection is offered for God's work.

Preparation of the Table

The table is prepared and the bread and wine are placed upon it.

Be present, be present, Lord Jesus Christ, our risen high priest; make yourself known in the breaking of bread.

All Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer D

The Lord is here.

All 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.

Almighty God, good Father to us all, your face is turned towards your world. In love you gave us Jesus your Son to rescue us from sin and death. Your Word goes out to call us home to the city where angels sing your praise. We join with them in heaven's song:

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.

Father of all, we give you thanks for every gift that comes from heaven.

To the darkness Jesus came as your light. With signs of faith and words of hope he touched untouchables with love and washed the guilty clean.

This is his story.

All This is our song:

Hosanna in the highest.

The crowds came out to see your son, yet at the end they turned on him.

On the night he was betrayed he came to table with his friends to celebrate the freedom of your people.

This is his story.

This is our song:

Hosanna in the highest.

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food; he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said: This is my body, given for you all. Jesus then gave thanks for the wine; he took the cup, gave it and said: This is my blood, shed for you all for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me.

This is our story.

All This is our song:

Hosanna in the highest.

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup we celebrate the cross on which he died to set us free.

Defying death he rose again and is alive with you to plead for us and all the world.

This is our story.

This is our song:

Hosanna in the highest.

Send your Spirit on us now that by these gifts we may feed on Christ with opened eyes and hearts on fire. May we and all who share this food offer ourselves to live for you and be welcomed at your feast in heaven where all creation worships you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

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

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

All 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 president 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.

Agnus Dei

On Sundays this version is sung. On other days either version may be said.

All 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.

(or)

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

The following invitation to Communion is given:

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

All Alleluia! Let us keep the feast.

The ministers and people receive communion.

The following or other authorised words of distribution are used

The body of Christ, broken for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen**.

If you normally receive Communion in your own Church, you are very welcome to do so here. If you do not, please come to the altar for a blessing, holding your service book as a sign.

Someone will indicate when to come up.

During the distribution hymns may be sung.

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.

The president may say a post communion prayer.

All then say

All Father, your risen Son was recognised by his disciples in the breaking of the bread.

Through the power of this blessed sacrament of your presence may we abide in him and he in us; for he is alive and reigns for ever.

Amen.

The Dismissal



Notices

Hymn

Blessing

God the Father, by whose love Christ was raised from the dead, open to you who believe the gates of everlasting life.

All Amen.

God the Son, who in bursting from the grave has won a glorious victory, give you joy as you share the Easter faith.

All Amen.

God the Holy Spirit, who filled the disciples with the life of the risen Lord, empower you and fill you with Christ's peace.

All Amen.

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 Dismissal

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia. Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

The congregation stand.

Christ lesus is here here, as on the first day; here among us eternally, as on Easter morning; here with us for ever as fully as on the first day; here in our midst through all the days of his eternity: for he is risen! Alleluia!

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