



Holy Communion

on holy days

Common Worship Order One

**Welcome to St Edmundsbury Cathedral
for this celebration of Holy Communion**

The service is taken from *The Order for the Celebration of the Holy Communion*

please bow your head as a signal to the priest.

Prayer after Communion

President Let us pray.

Silence is kept

The Post Communion Prayer is led by the President after which all may say

**Lord of heaven,
in this eucharist you have brought us near
to an innumerable company of angels
and to the spirits of the saints made perfect:
as in this food of our earthly pilgrimage
we have shared their fellowship,
so may we come to share their joy in heaven;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

The Dismissal

President God give you grace to follow his saints
in faith and hope and love;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

President Following God's saints in the ways of holiness and truth,
go in the peace of Christ.

All Thanks be to God.

also called The Eucharist and The Lord's Supper from Common Worship: Services and Prayers for the Church of England.

No Christian is solitary. Through baptism we become members one of another in Christ, members of a company of saints whose mutual belonging transcends death. Festivals ("red letter days") and Lesser Festivals ("black letter days") celebrate men and women in whose lives the Church has seen the grace of God powerfully at work. These holy days provide an opportunity to give thanks for that grace, and for the wonderful ends to which it shapes a human life; they provide a time to be encouraged by the example of the saints and other holy men and women and to recall that sanctity may grow in the ordinary circumstances, as well as the ordinary crises, of human living. Redemption is a work of God's grace; it is God who redeems us in Christ and there is nothing to be done beyond what Christ has done. But we still wait for the final consummation of God's new creation in Christ; those who are Christ's, whether or not they have passed through death, are joined in prayer that God's kingdom will be revealed finally and in all its fullness.

The service has four main sections:

The Gathering, when we come together in worship. This concludes with the Collect which 'collects' or gathers together the prayers of the congregation.

The Liturgy of the Word, when we listen to readings from the Bible and offer our prayers of intercession.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament, when we follow the example and command of Jesus at the Last Supper. The President takes the bread and the wine to be consecrated, offers thanks in the words of the Eucharistic (thanksgiving) Prayer, breaks the bread to be shared, and then distributes these gifts to the congregation.

The Dismissal, in which the President blesses the congregation and we are sent out to love and serve the Lord.

The Gathering

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

Amen.

The President describes the man or woman or event which marks this holy day

The Greeting

President We stand before the throne of God
with countless crowds
from every nation and race, tribe and language.

All Blessing and glory and wisdom,
thanksgiving and honour, power and might
be to our God for ever and ever. Amen.

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

President Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,
let us also lay aside every weight
and the sin that clings so closely,
looking to Jesus in penitence and faith.

All *Silence is kept*
Lord God,
we have sinned against you;
we have done evil in your sight.
We are sorry and repent.
Have mercy upon us according to your love.

Breaking of the Bread

President 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

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.

Giving of Communion

President I heard the voice of a great multitude crying, 'Alleluia.'
The Lord our God has entered into his kingdom.

All Blessed are those who are called
to the supper of the Lamb.

*Members of the congregation who are
confirmed members of the Church of England,
or who are of good standing within their own churches,
are invited to receive communion.*

If you wish to receive a blessing only,

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 consecrated bread and wine are raised in the sight of the people and the
Sanctus bell is rung*

The Lord's Prayer

President With saints and martyrs through the ages,
 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.**

**Wash away our wrongdoing
and cleanse us from our sin.
Renew a right spirit within us
and restore us to the joy of your salvation,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

President May God our Father
 forgive you your sins,
 and bring you to the fellowship of his table
 with his saints for ever.

All **Amen.**

Gloria in excelsis *which may be used on suitable occasions*

All **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

The President leads the Collect of the day to which all respond

Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

Reading

A reading from the Old or New Testament precedes the Gospel reading

At the end, the reader says

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gradual Psalm *announced by the President*

At the end

**Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Stand

Gospel Reading

President Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to *Name*.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end

President This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Remain standing

The Nicene Creed or An Affirmation of Faith *may be used on suitable occasions*

All We believe in one God,

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Lord of all life,

soon be gathered together
from the corners of the earth into your kingdom.

All Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer E

President The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

President Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

President Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

President It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

And now we give you thanks, most gracious God,
surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses
and glorified in the assembly of your saints.

The glorious company of apostles praise you.

The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.

The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.

We, your holy Church, acclaim you.

In communion with angels and archangels,

and with all who served you on earth

and worship you now in heaven,

we raise our voice to proclaim your glory,

for ever 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.

**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

An Affirmation of Faith

President 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.

President Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again?

All We believe and trust in him.

President Do you believe and trust in God 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.

President 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.**

Sit or kneel

Prayers of Intercession

President United in the company of all the faithful
and looking for the coming of the kingdom,
let us offer our prayers to God,
the source of all life and holiness.

After each bidding:

President Lord, in your mercy

All hear our prayer.

or

President Lord, hear us.

All Lord, graciously hear us.

or other responses may be used

and at the end:

President Merciful Father,

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

Stand

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

President We are fellow citizens with the saints
and of the household of God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who came and preached peace to those who were far off
and those who were near.

President The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you.

President Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace

Preparation of the Table

Taking of the Bread and Wine

President As the grain once scattered in the fields
and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside
are now reunited on this table in bread and wine,
so, Lord, may your whole Church