

The Order for Holy Communion

Commonly Called

The Mass



Ancient Worship and Timeless Faith

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Welcome to Saint Mary's Anglican Church

All Baptized Christians who believe in the Real Presence of Christ in the elements of the Holy Eucharist, and who through self examination are prepared to receive the Body and Blood of our Lord, are invited to come forward to make their communion at the altar rail. Others who wish to instead receive a blessing are invited to come to the altar rail and the celebrant will bless those who bow their head and cross their arms over their heart. Anglicans believe that Christ is truly present in the consecrated bread and wine in exactly the same way that He was at His own sacred hands during the Last Supper on Maundy Thursday.

To receive the Body of Christ, kneel or stand at the altar rail. When the deacon, priest, or bishop approaches you, place one hand over the other and raise them so that he can place the Host on the palm of your hand. You may then consume the Body of Christ by raising your hands to your mouth. An alternative is to tilt your head back slightly, open your mouth, and extend your tongue past your teeth so that he can place the Host directly on your tongue. To receive the Blood of Christ, gently grasp the base of the chalice and guide it to your mouth. For those who prefer to instinct (dip the host into the chalice), leave the Host on your palm and the minister will instinct it in the chalice for you, and he will place it directly on your tongue. Come and be nourished and refreshed with the Spiritual Food of the Bread of Heaven and the Cup of Salvation!

The Holy Eucharist (also called the Mass, the Holy Communion, the Lord's Supper, or the Divine Liturgy) has been the central act of Christian worship since New Testament times. It is truly ancient worship, having roots in the synagogue and temple worship of nearly two millennia B.C. stretching as far back as Abraham and the priest-king Melchizedek in the book of Genesis! In ancient worship we give thanks, celebrating God's saving acts in Christ; and we participate in Christ by receiving the consecrated bread and wine which are, according to Jesus' own word, his Body and Blood.

We are glad you have chosen to worship our Lord with us today. If you are looking for a parish family, we hope that you will prayerfully consider Saint Mary's. Please join us for coffee in the Fellowship Hall after Mass, and please be sure to sign our Guest Book at the main entrance of the Church.

Notes:

Text printed in **BOLD** are intended to be said by the entire congregation.

A small cross ✕ in the text marks points at which it is customary to make the sign of the cross.

It is perfectly acceptable to sit throughout *any* portion of the service if you find it difficult to kneel or stand.

(Additional notes on traditional customs can be found on page 14)

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Entrance Hymn (Hymnal)

✠ In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The Lord be with you.
And with thy Spirit.
Let us pray,

The Collect for Purity

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Decalogue (said on the first Sunday of every month)

God spake these words, and said:

I am the LORD thy God; thou shalt have none other gods but me.
Lord, have mercy upon us and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them.

Lord, have mercy upon us and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not take the Name of the LORD thy God in vain.

Lord, have mercy upon us and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath-day.

Lord, have mercy upon us and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Honour thy father and thy mother.

Lord, have mercy upon us and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt do no murder.

Lord, have mercy upon us and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Lord, have mercy upon us and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not steal.

Lord, have mercy upon us and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

Lord, have mercy upon us and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not covet.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.

If the 10 Commandments were said the Priest may say,

O almighty Lord, and everlasting God, vouchsafe, we beseech thee, to direct, sanctify, and govern, both our hearts and bodies, in the ways of thy laws, and in the works of thy commandments; that, through thy most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The Summary of the Law

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith. Thou shall love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it; Thou shall love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

The Kyrie Elieson

**Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

or

**Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**Christ, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.**

**Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.
Let us pray,

The Collect Prayer(s) of the Day

*Please be seated for Readings from the Holy Scriptures
as found in the Bulletin Insert*

The First Lesson

The Psalm (said in unison or responsively)

The Second Lesson

The Gradual (Sung)

(STAND)

The Holy Gospel

Profession of Faith / Nicene Creed

I believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible:

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God; Begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of very God; Begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the Father; By whom all things were made: Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, *And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man. And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried: And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures: And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father: And he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.**

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord, and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; Who spake by the Prophets: And I believe one Catholic and Apostolic Church: I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins: And I look for the Resurrection of the dead: ✠ And the Life of the world to come. Amen.

**Note: At the words “And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man” we bow or genuflect (kneel on the right knee) out of respect and humility, in remembrance of the Incarnation of Christ, the Word made flesh.*

Please be seated for any announcements

Please stand to sing the Sermon Hymn (Hymnal)

Please be seated for the Sermon / Homily

The Offertory Sentences and Collection of Alms

*As the Congregations offerings are brought forward, the
"Old 100th" Doxology is sung:*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen!**

If there is no music the following may be said:

All things come of thee, O LORD,
and of thine own have we given thee.

The priest may now announce any special intention(s) for the Mass

Brethren, pray that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God the Father Almighty. **May the Lord receive this sacrifice at thy hands, to the praise and glory of His Name, both to our benefit and that of all his holy Church.**

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church,

Almighty and everliving God, who by thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men; We humbly beseech thee most mercifully to accept our [alms and] oblations, and to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy Divine Majesty; beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: And grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

We beseech thee also, so to direct and dispose the hearts of ___ our President, and ___ our Governor, and of all Christian Rulers, that they may truly and impartially administer justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of thy true religion, and virtue.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops and other Ministers, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments. And to all thy People give thy heavenly grace; and especially to this

congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear, and receive thy holy Word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless ✠ thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear; beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service, and to give us grace so to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen!**

Ye who do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways; Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, devoutly kneeling.

(KNEEL or SIT)

A period of silence is observed as we recall our sins and ask God for forgiveness

General Confession

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men; We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty, Provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; The remembrance of them is grievous unto us; The burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him; ✠ Have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all our sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen!**

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all who truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *Matthew 11:28*

So God loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *John 3:16*

Hear also what Saint Paul saith: This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, That Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15*

Hear also what Saint John saith: If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the Propitiation for our sins. *John 2:1-2*

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God.

A seasonal prayer may be inserted here

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

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.

The Consecration Prayers

(In a "Deacon's Mass" continue with the Lords Prayer on page 11)

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there (by his one oblation of himself once offered) a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious the death and sacrifice, until his coming again:

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took Bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake 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.* ✠ Likewise, after supper, he took the Cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, *Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament which is shed for you for many, for the remission of sins; Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.* ✠

Wherefore O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy Divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness, mercifully to accept

this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee, that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace ✠ and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice; yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service; not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

The Lords Prayer

And now, as our Saviour Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say, **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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And with thy spirit.

Agnus Dei

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.

Prayer of Humble Access

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy 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.

Behold the Lamb of God. Behold Him that takes away the sins of the world. **Lord, I am not worthy that thou should come under my roof, but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.**

The Minister(s) of the altar shall then receive the Holy Eucharist and shall deliver the same to the people saying:

The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for you, preserve your body and soul unto everlasting life. Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your heart by faith, with thanksgiving. **Amen.**

The Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for you, preserve your body and soul unto everlasting life. Drink this in remembrance that Christ's Blood was shed for you, and be thankful. **Amen.**

Post-Communion Hymn (Hymnal)

Let us pray,

(KNEEL or SIT)

The General Thanksgiving

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee, for that thou dost vouchsafe to feed us who have duly received these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we

are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom, by the merits of his most precious death and passion.

And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

(STAND)

The Gloria in Excelsis

Glory be to God on high, and on 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, Jesus 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. ✠

Let us pray,

(KNEEL or SIT)

The post-Communion Collect is said here.

Other prayers may be said here.

The Blessing

The Peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son our Savior Jesus Christ. And the Blessing of Almighty God, ✠ The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn (Hymnal)

Closing Prayer (KNEEL or SIT)

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!



Some Traditional Customs

Corporate Worship: We believe that our worship should always focus on God, not on ourselves. Traditional Anglican worship services are penitential and reverent in feel and style. We are here to worship God and to ask for His forgiveness and Grace in humility. We do not come together as a family of believers to entertain ourselves or simply to socialize. Christian fellowship is extremely important, but it comes after and is secondary to our worship of God, never in place of it. Please join us for fellowship in the Parish Hall after Mass.

Confirmation: Confirmation is the sacrament of the Laying on of Hands by a Bishop. At our Confirmation we confirm, or renew, the promises and vows made at our Baptism, and we declare our loyalty and devotion to Christ as we receive the strengthening gifts of the Holy Spirit. If you are interested in Confirmation instruction please let our clergy know. We encourage *all* Christians to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Holy Water: You will notice that Holy Water (water blessed by the priest) is available at the entrance and exit of the church. It is customary to dip the fingers of your right hand in the water, and to bless yourself with the water and the sign of the cross as you enter and leave the church building. We do this as a reminder of our Baptism and our Baptismal promises.

Incense: We use incense during special Holy Days such as Christmas, Easter, Pentecost, and the Feast of All Saints. The tradition of offering of incense to God in worship is found throughout the Bible, from the book of Genesis to the book of Revelation. *Let my prayer be set forth in thy sight as the incense; and let the lifting up of my hands be an evening sacrifice. Psalm 141:2*

Posture during the Service: Generally, we sit for instruction; as when we listen to scripture lessons, the sermon, and announcements. We stand for the proclaiming of The Gospel. We stand to sing. And we kneel (or sit) for prayer. However, it is perfectly acceptable to sit throughout *any* portion of the service if you find it difficult to kneel or stand.

Processions: It is customary to bow when the cross passes in procession.

Reserve Sacrament: The consecrated Holy Eucharist is reserved in the tabernacle on the reredos behind the altar. It is customary to bow or genuflect (kneel on the right knee) upon entering and leaving your pew and upon crossing the altar.

Questions: Please ask! Our Church Family is happy to help. Free devotionals, Bibles, and other helpful materials are available in the Parish Hall after Mass.