

Prayer after Communion

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.

¶ The Dismissal

Notices

Sending Out Hymn

- 1 O for a thousand tongues to sing
my dear Redeemer's praise,
my dear Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace! (x3)
- 2 Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease;
that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life and health and peace. (x3)
- 3 He speaks; and, listening to his voice,
new life the dead receive,
new life the dead receive,
the mournful broken hearts rejoice,
the humble poor believe. (x3)
- 4 My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim
assist me to proclaim
and spread through all the earth abroad
the honours of thy name. (x3)

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Blessing

May Christ,
who out of defeat brings new hope and a new future,
fill you with his new life;
and the blessing of God Almighty:
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
be among you and remain you always.
Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

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St Andrew's, Chesterton Holy Communion

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Fifth Sunday of Lent

¶ The Gathering

Gathering Hymn

(to the tune of *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*)

- 1 Living God, your word has called us,
summoned us to live by grace,
make us one in hope and vision,
as we gather in this place.
Take our searching, take our praising,
take the silence of our prayer,
offered up in joyful worship,
springing from the love we share.
- 2 Living God, your love has called us
in the name of Christ your Son,
forming us to be his body,
by your Spirit making one.
Working, laughing, learning, growing,
old and young and black and white,
gifts and skills together sharing,
in your service all unite.
- 3 Living God, your hope has called us
to the world that you have made,
teaching us to live for others,
humble, joyful, unafraid.
Give us eyes to see your presence,
joy in laughter, hope in pain.
In our loving, in our living,
give us strength that Christ may reign.

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The Greeting

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

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Prayer 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.**

Confession

What God has prepared for those who love him,

he has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything. Therefore, let us in penitence open our hearts to the Lord, who has prepared good things for those who love him.

Silence is kept

**Almighty God,
long-suffering and of great goodness:
I confess to you,
I confess with my whole heart
my neglect and forgetfulness of your command-
ments,
my wrong doing, thinking, and speaking;
the hurts I have done to others,
and the good I have left undone.
O God, forgive me, for I have sinned against you;
and raise me to newness of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

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.
Amen.

The Collect

**Gracious Father,
you gave up your Son
out of love for the world:
lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion,
that we may know eternal peace
through the shedding of our Saviour's blood,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

¶ The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Romans 8.6-11

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.⁷ For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot,⁸ and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹ But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness.¹¹ If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 130—sung

- 1 Out of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord;
Lord, hear my voice;
- 2 O let thine ears consider well
the voice of my complaint.
- 3 If thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done

and feed on him in your hearts
by faith with thanksgiving.

**Most merciful Lord,
your love compels us to come in.
Our hands were unclean,
our hearts were unprepared;
we were not fit
even to eat the crumbs from under your table.
But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation,
and share your bread with sinners.
So cleanse and feed us
with the precious body and blood of your Son,
that he may live in us and we in him;
and that we, with the whole company of Christ,
may sit and eat in your kingdom.
Amen.**

The president and people receive communion. Visitors who are communicant members of their home churches are welcome to receive communion at St Andrew's. If you would prefer to receive a blessing instead, please signify this by bringing your order of service with you.

Please wait to be invited forward to receive Communion. There will be two chalice bearers – one on either side of the President. As you are invited out of your pew, it is your choice which of two lines you join: those standing in the North line (on the left as you face the altar) will be handed bread dipped in wine. Those standing in the South line (on the right as you face the altar) will be handed only the bread. Once the latter have consumed the bread, they are welcome to step to the right-hand chalice bearer and sip from the chalice, which is wiped between communicants. You are welcome to receive only the bread, if that is your preference.

If you would like someone to pray for you or, with you, for someone else, members of the wholeness and healing prayer group are available at the back of church (behind the font) and you are welcome to join them after receiving communion.

Communion Hymn

- 1 Breathe on me, Breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love,
and do what thou wouldst do.
- 2 Breathe on me, Breath of God,
until my heart is pure;
until with thee I will one will,
to do and to endure.
- 3 Breathe on me, Breath of God,
till I am wholly thine;
until this earthly part of me
glows with thy fire divine.
- 4 Breathe on me, Breath of God:
so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life
of thine eternity.

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sustain us on our way and lead us to your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here
His spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

The president praises God for his mighty acts and all respond

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he, O blessed is he
who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

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.**

The Eucharistic Prayer ends with Amen.

We kneel and keep a moment's silence

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

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

**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

Draw near with faith.

Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ
which he gave for you,

and his blood which he shed for you.

Eat and drink

in remembrance that he died for you,

amiss,

O Lord, who may abide it?

4 For there is mercy with thee,
Therefore shalt thou be feared.

5 I look for the Lord; my soul doth wait for him;
in his word is my trust.

6 My soul fleeth unto the Lord,
before the morning watch;

I say before the morning watch.

7 O Israel, trust in the Lord, for with the Lord there is
mercy;

And with him is plenteous redemption.

8 And he shall redeem Israel from all his sins.

Gospel Reading

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

John 11.1-44

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village
of Mary and her sister Martha. ² Mary was the one who
anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with
her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. ³ So the sisters sent
a message to Jesus, 'Lord, he whom you love is ill.' ⁴ But
when Jesus heard it, he said, 'This illness does not lead to
death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God
may be glorified through it.' ⁵ Accordingly, though Jesus
loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, ⁶ after having
heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in
the place where he was.

⁷ Then after this he said to the disciples, 'Let us go to
Judea again.' ⁸ The disciples said to him, 'Rabbi, the Jews
were just now trying to stone you, and are you going
there again?' ⁹ Jesus answered, 'Are there not twelve
hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not
stumble, because they see the light of this world. ¹⁰ But
those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not
in them.' ¹¹ After saying this, he told them, 'Our friend
Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken
him.' ¹² The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he has fallen
asleep, he will be all right.' ¹³ Jesus, however, had been
speaking about his death, but they thought that he was
referring merely to sleep. ¹⁴ Then Jesus told them plainly,
'Lazarus is dead. ¹⁵ For your sake I am glad I was not
there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.'

¹⁶ Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow-
disciples, 'Let us also go, that we may die with him.'

¹⁷ When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already
been in the tomb for four days. ¹⁸ Now Bethany was near
Jerusalem, some two miles away, ¹⁹ and many of the Jews
had come to Martha and Mary to console them about
their brother. ²⁰ When Martha heard that Jesus was com-
ing, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home.

²¹ Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my
brother would not have died. ²² But even now I know
that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' ²³ Jesus
said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' ²⁴ Martha said
to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection
on the last day.' ²⁵ Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrec-
tion and the life. Those who believe in me, even though
they die, will live, ²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes
in me will never die. Do you believe this?' ²⁷ She said to
him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the
Son of God, the one coming into the world.'

²⁸ When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.' ²⁹ And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. ³⁰ Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. ³¹ The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³² When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' ³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴ He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' ³⁵ Jesus began to weep. ³⁶ So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' ³⁷ But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?'

³⁸ Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹ Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' ⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' ⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' ⁴³ When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' ⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The Creed

Let us declare our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit

**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

These responses may be used

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

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

Christ is our peace.
 He has reconciled us to God
 in one body by the cross.
 We meet in his name and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Offertory Hymn

1 I am the bread of life;
 He who comes to Me shall not hunger,
 He who believes in Me shall not thirst.
 No one can come to Me
 Unless the Father draw him.

*And I will raise them up,
 And I will raise them up,
 And I will raise them up
 on the last day.*

2 The bread that I will give
 Is My flesh for the life of the world,
 And he who eats of this bread,
 He shall live for ever,
 He shall live for ever.
And I will raise them up, ...

3 Unless you eat
 Of the flesh of the Son of Man
 And drink of His blood,
 And drink of His blood,
 You shall not have life within you.
And I will raise them up, ...

4 I am the resurrection,
 I am the life,
 He who believes in Me
 Even if he die,
 He shall live for ever.
And I will raise them up, ...

5 Yes, Lord, we believe
 That You are the Christ,
 The Son of God
 Who has come
 Into the world.
And I will raise them up,

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Prayer at the preparation of the table

God of our journey,
 as we walk with you on your path of obedience,