

## We share news

## We sing

You shall go out with joy  
and be led forth with peace,  
and the mountains and the hills  
shall break forth before you.

There'll be shouts of joy,  
and the trees of the field  
shall clap, shall clap their hands,  
and the trees of the field shall clap their hands,  
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and the trees of the field shall clap their hands,  
and you'll go out with joy.

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## Blessing

The Father, whose glory fills the heavens,  
cleanse you by his holiness  
and send you to proclaim his word.

**Amen.**

The Son, who has ascended to the heights,  
pour upon you the riches of his grace.

**Amen.**

The Holy Spirit, the Comforter,  
equip you and strengthen you in your ministry.

**Amen.**

And the blessing blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with 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 All-age Communion

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The Sunday after Ascension

## We are welcomed

Grace, mercy and peace  
from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ  
be with you  
**and also with you.**

## We sing

- 1 Jesus is Lord! Creation's voice proclaims it,  
for by his power  
each tree and flower  
was planned and made.  
Jesus is Lord! The universe declares it;  
sun, moon and stars in heaven cry: Jesus is Lord!

*Jesus is Lord! Jesus is Lord!  
praise him with Alleluias, for Jesus is Lord!*

- 2 Jesus is Lord! Yet from his throne eternal  
in flesh he came  
to die in pain  
on Calvary's tree.  
Jesus is Lord! From him all life proceeding,  
yet gave his life a ransom, thus setting us free:
- 3 Jesus is Lord! O'er sin the mighty conqueror,  
from death he rose;  
and all his foes  
shall own his name.  
Jesus is Lord! God sends his Holy Spirit  
to show by works of power that Jesus is Lord:

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## We say sorry

Jesus is our high priest, tempted like us, yet without  
sin. He lives for ever in heaven to intercede for us.  
Through him we approach the throne of grace with  
confidence, and confess our sins.

**O King enthroned on high,  
filling the earth with your glory:  
holy is your name,  
Lord God almighty.  
In our sinfulness we cry to you  
to take our guilt away,  
and to cleanse our lips to speak your word,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

## We receive God's forgiveness

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

**Risen, ascended Lord,  
as we rejoice at your triumph,  
fill your Church on earth  
with power and compassion,  
that all who are estranged by sin  
may find forgiveness and know your peace,  
to the glory of God the Father.  
Amen**

### First Reading

*Acts 1.6-14*

So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?'  
<sup>7</sup> He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority.'  
<sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.'  
<sup>9</sup> When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.  
<sup>10</sup> While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them.  
<sup>11</sup> They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

<sup>12</sup> Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away.  
<sup>13</sup> When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James.  
<sup>14</sup> All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Reading

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*John 17.1-11*

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you,<sup>2</sup> since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him.'  
<sup>3</sup> And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.  
<sup>4</sup> I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do.  
<sup>5</sup> So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

<sup>6</sup> 'I have made your name known to those whom you gave

*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.*

### We sing (during communion)

1 King of kings, majesty,  
God of heaven living in me.  
Gentle Saviour, closest Friend,  
Strong Deliverer, Beginning and End,  
all within me falls at your throne.

Your majesty, I can but bow;  
I lay my all before you now.  
In royal robes I don't deserve,  
I live to serve your majesty.

2 Earth and heaven worship you,  
Love eternal, faithful and true,  
who bought the nations, ransomed souls,  
brought this sinner near to your throne;  
all within me cries out in praise.

Your majesty, I can but bow;  
I lay my all before you now.  
In royal robes I don't deserve,  
I live to serve your majesty,  
I live to serve your majesty.

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Open your eyes,  
See the glory of the King;  
lift up your voice  
And his praises sing!  
I love you, Lord.  
I will proclaim,  
Alleluia!  
I bless your name.

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### We pray after Communion

**Eternal God, giver of love and power,  
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us  
into all the world  
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:  
confirm us in this mission,  
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

Jesus Christ is risen.  
**Jesus Christ is risen.**  
Jesus Christ will come again.  
**Jesus Christ will come again.**

Father, as we bring this bread and wine,  
and remember his death and resurrection,  
send your Holy Spirit,  
that we who share these gifts  
may be fed by Christ's body and his blood.

*President: Amen*  
Children: Amen  
**Everyone: Amen**

Pour your Spirit on us  
that we may love one another,  
work for the healing of the earth,  
and share the good news of Jesus,  
as we wait for his coming in glory.

*President: Amen*  
Children: Amen  
**Everyone: Amen**

For honour and praise belong to you, Father,  
with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit:  
one God, for ever and ever.

*President: Amen*  
Children: Amen  
**Everyone: Amen**

*We kneel and keep a moment's silence*

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**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.**

## **Giving of Communion**

God's holy gifts  
for God's holy people.  
**Jesus Christ is holy,  
Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.**

me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup> Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; <sup>8</sup> for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup> I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup> All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup> And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

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

## **We think about God's word**

### **We sing in response**

- 1 Lord, thy church on earth is seeking thy renewal from above;  
teach us all the art of speaking with the accent of thy love.  
We would heed thy great commission: 'Go now into every place — preach, baptize, fulfil my mission, serve with love and share my grace'.
- 2 Freedom give to those in bondage, lift the burdens caused by sin.  
Give new hope, new strength and courage, grant release from fears within.  
Light for darkness; joy for sorrow; love for hatred; peace for strife: these and countless blessings follow as the Spirit gives new life.
- 3 In the streets of every city where the bruised and lonely dwell, let us show the Saviour's pity, let us of his mercy tell;  
to all lands and peoples bringing all the richness of thy word, till the world, thy praises singing, hails thee Christ, Redeemer, Lord.

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## **We affirm our faith**

We say together in faith  
**Holy, holy, holy  
is the Lord God almighty,  
who was, and is, and is to come.**

We believe in God the Father,  
who created all things:  
**for by his will they were created  
and have their being.**

We believe in God the Son,  
who was slain:

**for with his blood,  
he purchased us for God,  
from every tribe and language,  
from every people and nation.**

We believe in God the Holy Spirit:  
**the Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come!'  
Even so come, Lord Jesus!  
Amen.**

## **We pray for the world**

*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.**

## **We share the peace**

Christ came and proclaimed the gospel,  
peace to those who are far off  
and peace to those who are near.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

## **Offertory Hymn**

- 1 Lord of the Church, we pray for our renewing:  
Christ over all, our undivided aim.  
Fire of the Spirit, burn for our enduing,  
wind of the Spirit, fan the living flame!  
We turn to Christ amid our fear and failing,  
the will that lacks the courage to be free,  
the weary labours, all but unavailing,  
to bring us nearer what a church should be.
- 2 Lord of the Church, we seek a Father's blessing,  
a true repentance and a faith restored,  
a swift obedience and a new possessing,  
filled with the Holy Spirit of the Lord!  
We turn to Christ from all our restless striving,  
unnumbered voices with a single prayer:  
the living water for our souls' reviving,  
in Christ to live, and love and serve and care.
- 3 Lord of the Church, we long for our uniting,  
true to one calling, by one vision stirred;  
one cross proclaiming and one creed reciting,  
one in the truth of Jesus and his word.  
So lead us on; till toil and trouble ended,  
one Church triumphant one new song shall sing,  
to praise his glory, risen and ascended,  
Christ over all, the everlasting King!

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## **Eucharistic Prayer**

*In the following Eucharistic Prayer, the responses include children repeating a word by the President, then everyone repeating the children. See where indicated.*

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.**

It is always right to give you thanks,  
God our Creator,  
loving and faithful,  
holy and strong.  
You made us  
and the whole universe,  
and filled your world with life.

*President: Holy*  
*Children: Holy*  
**Everyone: Holy**

You sent your Son to live among us,  
Jesus our Saviour, Mary's child.  
He suffered on the cross;  
he died to save us from our sins;  
he rose in glory from the dead.

*President: Holy*  
*Children: Holy*  
**Everyone: Holy**

You send your Spirit  
to bring new life to the world,  
and clothe us with power from on high.  
And so we join the angels  
to celebrate and say:

*President: Holy*  
*Children: Holy*  
**Everyone: 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, on the night before he died,  
Jesus shared a meal with his friends.  
He took the bread, and thanked you.  
He broke it, and gave it to them, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this to remember me.

After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine.  
He thanked you, and gave it to them, saying:  
Drink this, all of you.  
This is my blood,  
the new promise of God's unfailing love.  
Do this to remember me.

Jesus Christ has died.  
**Jesus Christ has died.**