

St Andrew's Church, Bedford

COMMON WORSHIP



ORDER FOR THE EUCHARIST IN KINGDOM SEASON

*INCLUDING ALL SAINTS SUNDAY
AND ST ANDREW'S DAY*

Welcome to this service.

Children at St Andrew's

Crèche facilities are available in the Quiet Room near the baby changing facilities (follow the aisle to the left behind the organ). The service can be heard here through the speaker system on the wall.

Children go to their groups after the opening hymn:

- the *Jigsaw* group (3+)
- the *Jam* group (6+)
- the *Jump* group (11+)

These groups meet in the Church Centre and return to the church at the Peace.

This Service

The posture directions in this order of service are optional: please stand, sit or kneel as you feel comfortable. Equally, if you need to stand at the altar rail to receive communion, please do so. Please tell a sidesperson if you need to receive communion or a blessing in the pews.

The musical notation for the sung parts of this order of service (indicated with a note - ♪) can be found on the cards in each pew.

A collection often is received during the service (page 7). UK taxpayers are requested to complete a *GiftAid* envelope or join the stewardship scheme to enhance the value of their giving.

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The Gathering

A period of quiet prayer precedes the service as the organ is played.

The Greeting

The president greets the people

The Lord be with you
All and also with you.

Notices may be given

A Hymn is sung. Hymn numbers are on the boards and in the Notice Sheet.

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

A minister introduces the confession

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

Hebrews 12.1

Please sit or kneel

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

cf Psalm 51

The president says

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis

Please stand

All ♪ **Glory to God, Glory to God
Glory to God in the highest.**

*Repeated as a refrain **

**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

Following a moment of quiet, the president says the Collect, and all respond
All Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

Readings

*Please sit. The readings are usually found on the weekly notice sheet.
At the end of each the reader may say*

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

A hymn is sung.



Gospel Reading

We stand for the Gospel which is introduced with these or similar words.

Alleluia, Alleluia

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood,
a holy nation, God's own people,
called out of darkness into his marvellous light.

1 Peter 2.9

All Alleluia.

When the Gospel is announced the reader says

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

All ♪ Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

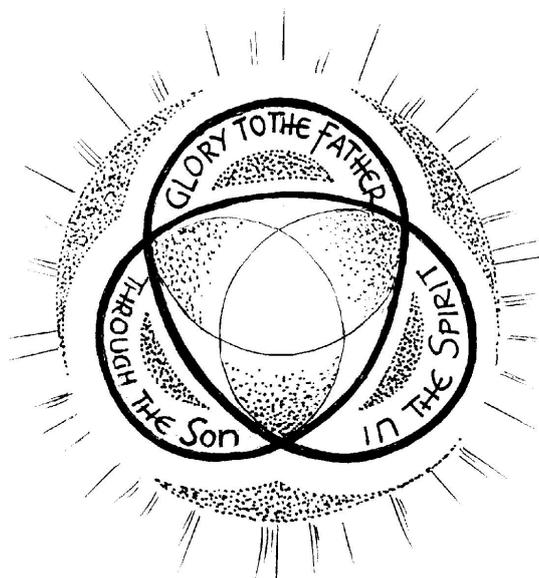
All ♪ Praise to you, O Christ.

After the Gospel reading

All ♪ Alleluia.

Sermon

Please sit after the opening prayer



The Creed

Please stand.

**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.

Eucharistic Prayer A

An alternative prayer begins on page 10.

Wise and gracious God,
you spread a table before us;
nourish your people with the word of life
and the bread of heaven.

All **Amen.**



The Lord be with you *(or)* The Lord is here.
All ♪ **and also with you.** **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.**

These or similar words are said or sung

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.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and as we follow his example and obey his command,
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us his body and his blood;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke 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.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
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.

Therefore, heavenly Father,
we remember his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross;
we proclaim his mighty resurrection
and glorious ascension;
we look for the coming of your kingdom,
and with this bread and this cup
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Christ is the bread of life:

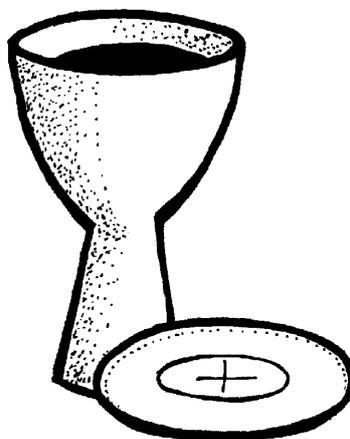
All **When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,
until you come in glory.**

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts
in the presence of your divine majesty,
renew us by your Spirit,
inspire us with your love
and unite us in the body of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty,
in songs of everlasting praise:

All **♪ Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever.
Amen.**

*The service continues with
the Lord's Prayer on page 13.*



Eucharistic Prayer E

Gracious God,
accept the offering of your Church,
the hearts of your people
joined in praise and thanksgiving,
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

All **Amen.**



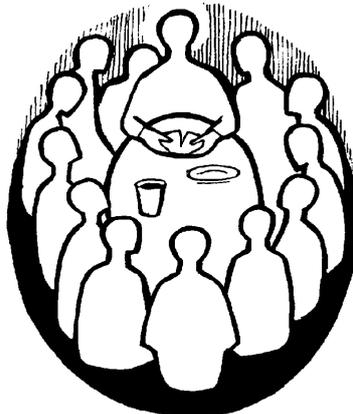
The Lord be with you (or) The Lord is here.
All ♪ **and also with you.** **His Spirit is with us.**

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.**

Either the following ...

*Father, you made the world and love your creation.
You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour.
His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death.
And so we gladly thank you,
with saints and angels praising you, and saying:*
All ♪ **Holy, holy, holy ...** (see next page)



Or the extended preface for All Saints Season is said or sung.

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 your Son our Lord.

We rejoice in the glorious splendour of your majesty
for you have given us a share [*with Andrew*]
in the inheritance of the saints in light.
In the darkness of this passing age
they proclaim the glory of your kingdom.
Chosen as lights in the world,
they surround our steps as we journey on
towards the city of eternal light
where they sing the everlasting song of triumph.

In communion with angels and archangels
and all who have served you on earth
and worship you now in heaven,
we raise our voices 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.
Hosanna in the highest.**

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.

Great is the mystery of faith

All ♪ **Christ has died:**
Christ is risen;
Christ will come again.

Lord of all life,
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 *[Andrew 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 Lord's Prayer

Sit or kneel

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.**

(or)

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us
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.**

Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

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.**

Giving of Communion

The president says one of these invitations to communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

All **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

The Agnus Dei is said or sung.

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)

All **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.**

The president and people receive communion.

Communicant members of all Christian churches are welcome to receive Communion following the directions of the sidespeople. Others, including children, are also invited to come to the altar-rail to receive a blessing. To indicate that you would like a blessing, please bring this order of service with you. During the distribution congregational hymns and choir anthems may be sung.

Prayer after Communion

*Silence is kept. The Post Communion prayer is said.
All may say one of these prayers*

All **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

The blessing is given with these or similar words,

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.**

A hymn is sung.

A minister says

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

All **Thanks be to God.**



A Form of Intercession for Kingdom Season

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.

Merciful Lord,
strengthen all Christian people by your Holy Spirit,
that we may live as a royal priesthood and a holy nation
to the praise of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Lord, in your mercy

All **hear our prayer.**

Bless *N* our bishop and all ministers of your Church,
that by faithful proclamation of your word
we may be built on the foundation
of the apostles and prophets
into a holy temple in the Lord.

Lord, in your mercy

All **hear our prayer.**

Empower us by the gift of your holy and life-giving Spirit,
that we may be transformed into the likeness of Christ
from glory to glory.

Lord, in your mercy

All **hear our prayer.**

Give to the world and its peoples
the peace that comes from above,
that they may find Christ's way of freedom and life.

Lord, in your mercy

All **hear our prayer.**

Hold in your embrace all who witness to your love in the service of the poor and needy;
all who minister to the sick and dying;
and all who bring light to those in darkness.

Lord, in your mercy

All **hear our prayer.**

Touch and heal all those whose lives are scarred by sin or disfigured by pain,
that, raised from death to life in Christ,
their sorrow may be turned to eternal joy.

Lord, in your mercy

All **hear our prayer.**

Remember in your mercy all those gone before us who have been well-pleasing to you from eternity;
preserve in your faith your servants on earth,
guide us to your kingdom
and grant us your peace at all times.

Lord, in your mercy

All **hear our prayer.**

Hasten the day when many will come from east and west, from north and south,
and sit at table in your kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy

All **hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks
for the whole company of your saints in glory,
with whom in fellowship we join our prayers and praises;
by your grace may we, like them, be made perfect in your love.

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

A Form of Intercession for our Patronal Festival

The risen Christ is here in the midst of us.

We bring our prayers to him as Lord of the Church.

For the Church universal, of which these buildings are a visible symbol,

All **Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.**

For this congregation, as we remember your promise that when two or three are gathered in your name you are there in the midst of them,

All **Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.**

For this place, that we may be still and know that you are God,

All **Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.**

For the fulfilling of our desires and petitions as you see best for us,

All **Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.**

For your blessings in the past and for a vision for the future,

All **Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.**

For the gift of the Holy Spirit and new life in baptism,

All **Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.**

For the pardon of our sins when we fall short of your glory,

All **Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.**

For a foretaste of your eternal kingdom in the sacrament of the eucharist,

All **Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.**

For the blessing of our vows

and the crowning of our years with your goodness,

All **Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.**

For the faith of those who have gone before us

and for grace to persevere like them,

All **Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.**

For the benefactors of this place who have died in the peace of Christ and are at rest,

All **Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.**

For a sense of our fellowship with Andrew our patron and all your saints,

All **Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.**

O God, from living stones you prepare an everlasting dwelling-place for your majesty. Grant that in the power of the Holy Spirit those who serve you here may always be kept within your presence. This we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

