

St Andrew's Church, Bedford



Eucharist
Kingdom Season
All Saints to Advent

Welcome!

It is our pleasure to welcome you here today.

You can use this booklet to follow the service. The following symbols will help you to stand, sit or kneel at the times which are usual in this church; if you find it more comfortable to sit throughout, please do so.



The numbers of today's hymns can be found on the hymn boards or inside today's pew sheet. We welcome donations to support the ministry of St Andrew's. You will find a contactless giving machine at the back of Church, or alternatively you may like to give cash in the bowl. UK tax payers are encouraged to complete a yellow Gift Aid envelope to enhance the value of their gift.

For Younger Worshippers

Our children's groups meet during term time. Children are very welcome to the group for games, stories, crafts and prayer. The children go out to the Church Centre during the first hymn and rejoin us in Church during the Peace. You are encouraged to sit with your children in the pews in the main part of the Church, and are welcome to use the area at the back should you have a buggy, or if your child needs to move around or to find a book or activity. The Quiet Room is available should you wish to step out of the main service for a little while. It is found through the door at the end of the left hand aisle; the service can be relayed through a speaker.



Notices



Opening Hymn

Towards the end of this hymn, our children and young people leave for their group time.



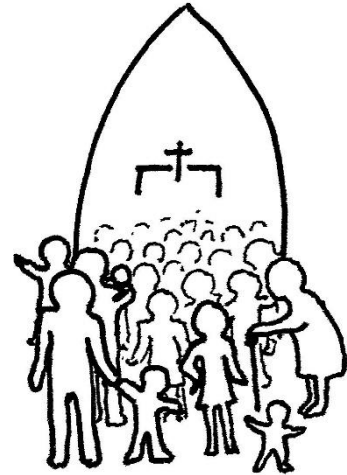
The Greeting

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

All **Amen.**

The Lord be with you

All **and also with you.**



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.**



Confession

The Confession is introduced with these or other appropriate words

Christ calls us to share the heavenly banquet of his love with all the saints in earth and heaven.

Knowing our unworthiness and sin,
let us ask from him both mercy and forgiveness.



All **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.**



Absolution

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

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.



Collect

The priest prays the Collect, the special prayer for the day.



Readings

At the end of each the reader says

This is the Word of the Lord.
All **Thanks be to God.**



Gradual Hymn



Gospel Reading

We turn to face the Gospel as it is read

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.

All **Alleluia.**

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

All ♪ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At the end

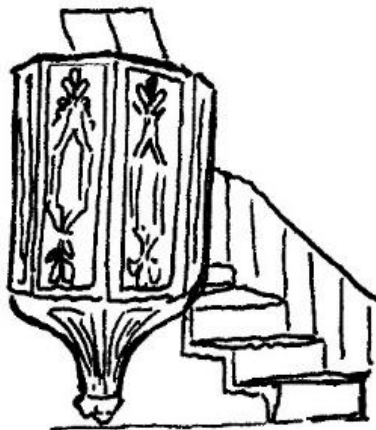
This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All ♪ **Praise to you O Christ.**

All ♪ **Alleluia.**



Sermon





Creed

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.**



Intercessions

These responses may be used:

Lord, in your mercy,
All **hear our prayer.**

Or

Lord, hear us.
All **Lord, graciously hear us.**



At the end

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



The Peace

The priest introduces the Peace with these or other suitable words

To crown all things there must be love,
to bind all together and complete the whole.
Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

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

A minister says

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

We exchange the Peace by shaking hands or other means by which you feel comfortable, saying 'Peace be with you.'



Offertory Hymn

During this hymn, the altar is prepared, the bread and wine are brought up, and the children return to join their parents in the pews.



Eucharistic Prayer

To you we come, Father of lights,
with angels and saints,
where heaven and earth unite.
May Jesus meet us in the breaking of the bread.

All **Amen**

The Lord be with you.

All ♪ **And also with you.**

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.**



It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should always sing of your glory,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.
For you are the hope of the nations,
the builder of the city that is to come.
Your love made visible in Jesus Christ
brings home the lost, restores the sinner,
and gives dignity to the despised.
In his face your light shines out,
flooding lives with goodness and truth,
gathering into one in your kingdom
a divided and broken humanity.
Therefore with all who can give voice in your creation
we glorify your name,
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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

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

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 Lord's Prayer

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.

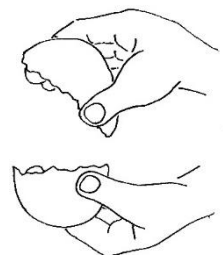
All **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**



Breaking of the Bread

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.**





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.**



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

Or

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.**



You are very welcome to receive the bread and wine with us today if you have been confirmed or prepared for Communion in any Christian denomination; if you would prefer to receive a blessing, come to the altar rail, bringing this service book with you. Please stand at the altar rail rather than kneeling if you are more comfortable, or let someone know at the door if you need us to bring bread and wine to you.

We offer the Common Cup if you wish to receive the wine. Please note that we are not allowed to intinct (dunk the wafer into the chalice.)



Communion Hymns

Anthem



Prayer after Communion

The priest says the Post Communion Prayer for the day.

All respond

Amen

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.**



Blessing

The priest uses this or another suitable blessing

May Christ who makes saints of sinners,
who has transformed those we remember today,
raise and strengthen you that you may transform the world;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**



Hymn



Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**



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Please join us after the service as we enjoy
fellowship and refreshments
in the Main Hall.

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