

St Andrew's Church, Bedford

COMMON WORSHIP



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## **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.

Currently our Children's groups are not meeting due to the pandemic. However, we do offer three groups for our children to take part in once we feel able to do so. These are:

- the *JIGSAW* group (3+)
- the *JAM* group (6+)
- the *JUMP* group (11+)

These groups would normally 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.

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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 pew 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 uses these or other suitable words*

The grace of God  
has dawned upon the world  
with healing for all.  
Let us come to him, in sorrow for our sins,  
seeking healing and salvation.

*Please sit or kneel*

**All Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you  
and against our neighbour  
in thought and word and deed,  
through negligence, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We are truly sorry  
and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
who died for us,  
forgive us all that is past  
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life  
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

*(or)*

For turning away from you,  
and ignoring your will for our lives;  
Father, forgive us:

**All save us and help us.**

For behaving just as we wish,  
without thinking of you;  
Father, forgive us:

**All save us and help us.**

For failing you by what we do,  
and think and say;  
Father, forgive us:

**All save us and help us.**

For letting ourselves be drawn away from you  
by temptations in the world about us;  
Father, forgive us:

**All save us and help us.**

For living as if we were ashamed  
to belong to your Son;  
Father, forgive us:

**All save us and help us.**



*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 pew 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

We do not live by bread alone,

but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

**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. The Nicene Creed (below), or the words on page 6, may be said.*

**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.**

*(or)*

Let us declare our faith in God.

*All* **We believe in God the Father,  
from whom every family  
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,  
who lives in our hearts through faith,  
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
who strengthens us  
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
Amen.**

## **Prayers of Intercession**

*Please sit or kneel. These or other responses may be used*

*All* Lord, in your mercy, *(or)* Lord, hear us.  
**hear our prayer.** **Lord, graciously hear us.**

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

# The Liturgy of the Sacrament

## The Peace

*Stand. The president introduces the Peace with these or other words,*

We are the body of Christ.  
In the one spirit we were all baptized into one body.  
Let us then pursue all that makes for peace  
and builds up our common life.

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

*A minister may say*

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*With a handshake and the words, "Peace be with you," all may exchange a sign of peace.*

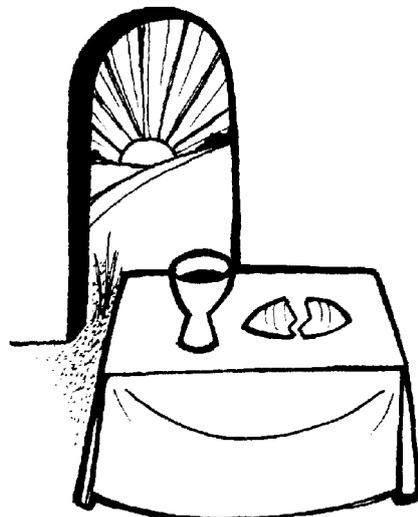
*During the Peace the children and young people return from their groups and may share their learning with us.*

## Preparation of the Table Taking of the Bread and Wine

*A hymn is sung. A collection may be received.*

*The gifts of the people are gathered and presented.*

*The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.*



## **Eucharistic Prayer B**

*An alternative prayer begins on page 11.*

Yours, Lord is the greatness, the power,  
the glory, the splendour, and the majesty;  
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

*All* **All things come from you,  
and of your own do we give you.**



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*

Father, we give you thanks and praise  
through your beloved Son Jesus Christ,  
your living Word,  
through whom you have created all things;  
who was sent by you in your great goodness  
to be our Saviour.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh;  
as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin,  
he lived on earth and went about among us;  
he opened wide his arms for us on the cross;  
he put an end to death by dying for us;  
and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life;  
so he fulfilled your will  
and won for you a holy people.

Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious 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.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
and according to your holy will,  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us the body and blood  
of our Lord Jesus Christ;

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.

Great is the mystery of faith  
*All* ♪ **Christ has died:**  
**Christ is risen:**  
**Christ will come again.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,  
his perfect sacrifice made once  
for the sins of the whole world;  
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection  
and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming in glory,  
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice  
of praise and thanksgiving,  
we bring before you this bread and this cup  
and we thank you for counting us worthy  
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people  
and gather into one in your kingdom  
all who share this one bread and one cup,  
so that we, in the company of [*N and*] all the saints,  
may praise and glorify you for ever,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord;  
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,  
for ever and ever.

*All* **Amen.**

*The service continues with  
the Lord's Prayer on page 14.*

## Eucharistic Prayer D

Be present, be present,  
Lord Jesus Christ,  
our risen high priest;  
make yourself known in the breaking of bread.

*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.**

Almighty God, good Father to us all,  
your face is turned towards your world.  
In love you gave us Jesus your Son  
to rescue us from sin and death.  
Your Word goes out to call us home  
to the city where angels sing your praise.  
We join with them in heaven's song:

*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.**

Father of all, we give you thanks  
for every gift that comes from heaven.  
To the darkness Jesus came as your light.  
With signs of faith and words of hope  
he touched untouchables with love  
and washed the guilty clean.

This is his story. \*

**All This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.**

The crowds came out to see your Son,  
yet at the end they turned on him.  
On the night he was betrayed  
he came to table with his friends  
to celebrate the freedom of your people.

This is his story. \*

**All This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.**

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food;  
he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said:  
This is my body, given for you all.

Jesus then gave thanks for the wine;  
he took the cup, gave it and said:  
This is my blood, shed for you all  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this in remembrance of me.

This is our story. \*

**All This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.**



*\* These responses may be omitted*

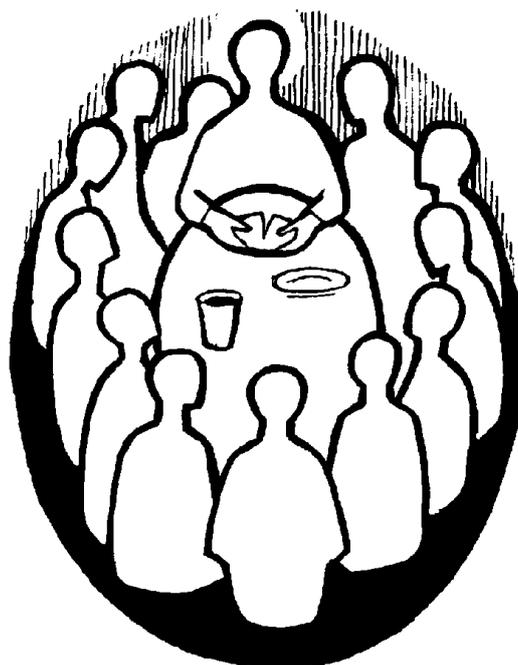
Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup  
we celebrate the cross  
on which he died to set us free.  
Defying death he rose again  
and is alive with you to plead for us  
and all the world.

This is our story. \*

*All* **This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.**

Send your Spirit on us now  
that by these gifts we may feed on Christ  
with opened eyes and hearts on fire.  
May we and all who share this food  
offer ourselves to live for you  
and be welcomed at your feast in heaven  
where all creation worships you,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

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

*(or)*

Every time we eat this bread  
and drink this cup,

*All* **we proclaim the Lord's death  
until he comes.**

## Giving of Communion

*The president says one of these invitations to 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)*

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

*This prayer may be said before the distribution*

**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.**

*(or)*

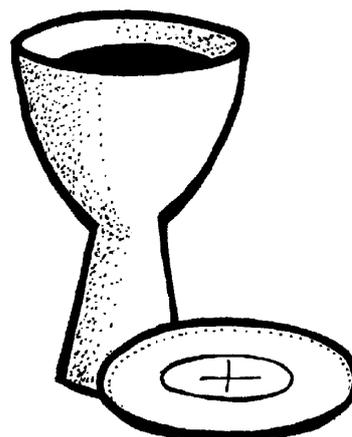
**We do not presume  
to come to this your table, merciful Lord,  
trusting in our own righteousness,  
but in your manifold and great mercies.  
We are not worthy  
so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table.  
But you are the same Lord  
whose nature is always to have mercy.  
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,  
so to eat the flesh of your 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.**

*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.**

(or)

**All Father of all,  
we give you thanks and praise,  
that when we were still far off  
you met us in your Son and brought us home.  
Dying and living, he declared your love,  
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.  
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;  
we who drink his cup bring life to others;  
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.**

**Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,  
so we and all your children shall be free,  
and the whole earth live to praise your name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## *The Dismissal*

*The blessing is given with these or similar words,*

The peace of God,  
which passes all understanding,  
keep your hearts and minds  
in the knowledge and love of God,  
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

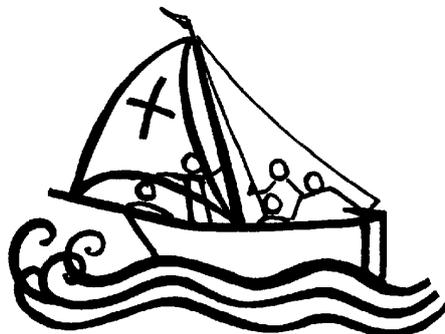
**All Amen.**

*A hymn is sung.*

*A minister says*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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



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