St Peter's
Leckhampton
Parish Church

Holy Communion



Remembrance Sunday

Welcome to St. Peter's
for this act of worship and remembrance

This time of year is marked by the theme of remembrance as we remember those who gave their lives in war so that we can enjoy the benefits we so often take for granted.

We also pray for those who suffer as a result of war and those who make decisions that affect the lives of others.

At the heart of this service we express our communion with God whose love for all creation is revealed in Jesus Christ.

We make this act of worship and remembrance for ourselves, for all whom we live and work with, for those whom we love but see no longer, and for those who have died in the service of this country.

Notices are given and any banns of marriage are read.

First Hymn

Please stand to sing.

The choir, servers and clergy process in.

Introduction

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.

Welcome

Some words of welcome are given.

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.

We Say Sorry

We are invited to confess our sins:

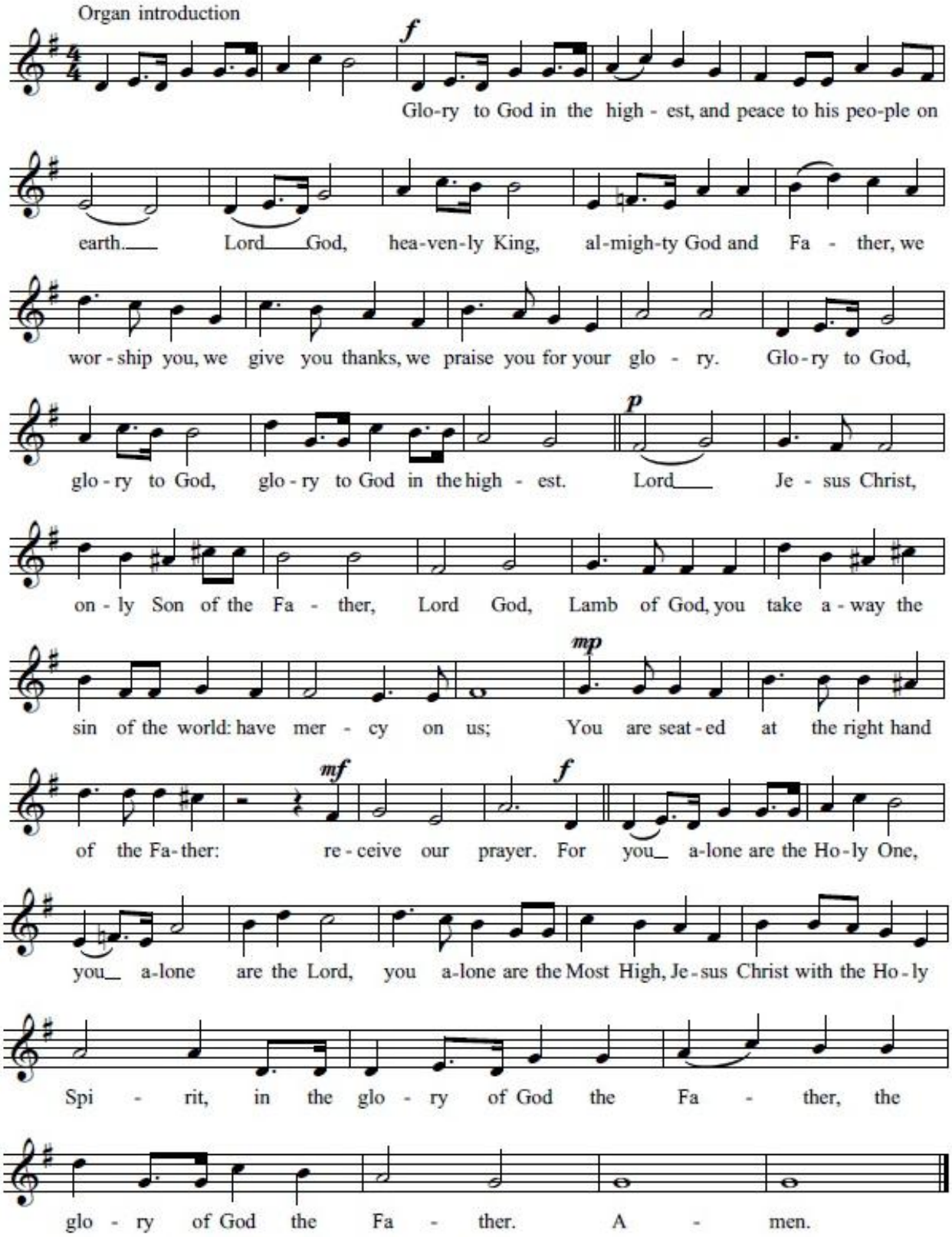
Let us confess to God the sins and shortcomings of the world;
its pride, its selfishness, its greed;
its evil decisions and hatreds.
Let us confess our share in what is wrong,
and our failure to seek and establish that peace
which God wills for his children.

Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy
forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly,
love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.
Amen.

We Are Forgiven

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.
Amen.

We proclaim God's glory:



The Collect

We remain standing for the Collect which is introduced with 'Let us pray':

God, our refuge and our strength,
bring near the day when wars shall cease
and poverty and pain shall end,
that earth may know the peace of heaven
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Reading

Please be seated for the reading.

At the end:

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn

Please turn to face the gospel book as it is processed.

The Gospel

The choir sings the Alleluia, the congregation then repeats:



Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *N*
Glory to you, O Lord.

Then at the end:

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

We all sing:



Sermon

Please sit.

We Declare our Faith

Let us affirm our faith together:

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist?
I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again?
I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world?
I believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.
This is our faith.
We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

We Pray for Others

This or another response is used:

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer

Then at the end:

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

We Share Christ's Peace

Please stand.

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.
And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of Christ's peace.

We exchange a sign of peace.

Hymn

During which the altar is prepared.

We Give Thanks

Please remain standing.

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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 right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;
in your love you made us for yourself
When we turned away you did not reject us,
but came to meet us in your Son.
You embraced us as your children
And welcomed us to sit and eat with you

In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us.
He opened his arms of love on the cross
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.

On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends he took bread, and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to them saying:

'Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.'

Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
His body is the bread of life.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, and said:

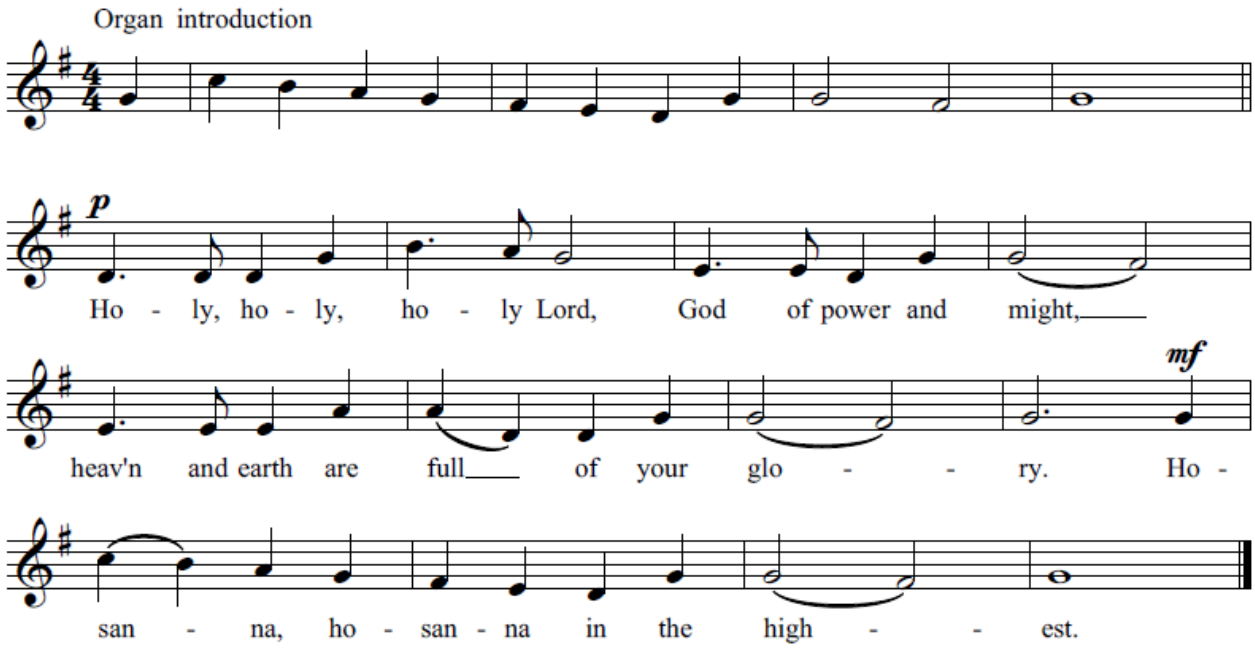
'Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant
which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins;
do this in remembrance of me.'

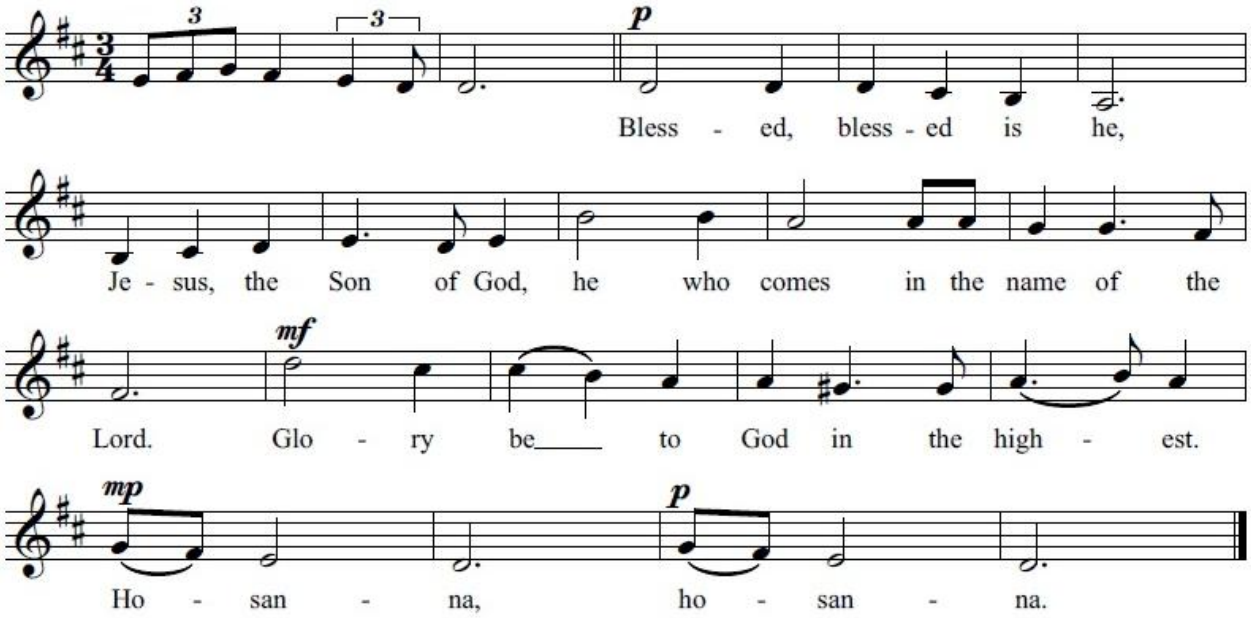
Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
His blood is shed for all.

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory, send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine may be to us the body and blood † of your dear son.

As we eat and drink these holy gifts make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.

With your whole Church throughout the world we offer you this sacrifice of praise and lift our voices to join the eternal song of heaven:





Please sit or kneel.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

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.
Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.

Invitation to 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.

We Share the Bread and Wine

All are invited to come forward to receive Holy Communion.

You are very welcome to make your own decision as to whether to receive the bread alone or the bread and the wine.

If you prefer not to drink from the chalice, then please make your way back to your seat after receiving the bread.

Dipping your own bread into the wine of the chalice is no longer permitted.

If you would rather receive a blessing, please keep your hands down and your head bowed.

Please let one of the stewards know if you would like to receive communion, or a blessing, in your seat.

The choir will sing an anthem.

Prayer after Communion

We pray together:

You have opened to us the Scriptures, O Christ,
and you have made yourself know
in the breaking of the bread.
Abide with us, we pray,
that, blessed by your royal presence,
we may walk with you
all the days of our life,
and at its end behold you
in the glory of the eternal Trinity,
one God for ever and ever.
Amen.

Final Hymn

Please stand.

Act of Remembrance

Let us remember before God,
and commend to his sure keeping
those who have died for their country in war;
those whom we knew, and whose memory we treasure;
and all who have lived and died
in the service of mankind.

The names of the fallen are read.

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
we will remember them.

We will remember them.

The Silence

The Last Post is played followed by a two minute silence.

At the end of the silence, the Reveille is played.

The Kohima

The words from the Kohima memorial are read:

'When you go home, tell them of us and say –
for your tomorrow, we gave our today.'

The National Anthem

We sing together:

God save our gracious King!
Long live our noble King!
God save the King!
Send him victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us,
God save the King.

Thy choicest gifts in store
On him be pleased to pour,
Long may he reign.
May he defend our laws,
And ever give us cause,
To sing with heart and voice,
God save the King.

Act of Commitment

Let us pledge ourselves anew to the service of God
and our fellow men and women:
that we may help, encourage, and comfort others,
and support those working for the relief of the needy
and for the peace and welfare of the nations:

Lord God our Father,
we pledge ourselves
to serve you and all mankind,
in the cause of peace,
for the relief of want and suffering,
and for the praise of your name.
Guide us by your Spirit;
give us wisdom;
give us courage;
give us hope;
and keep us faithful
now and always.
Amen.

The Blessing

Christ our King make you faithful and strong to do his will,
that you may reign with him in glory.

And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit †
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

We Go out into the World

Go in the light and peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

The choir, servers and clergy depart.

An organ voluntary is played, please feel free to leave your seats at any time.

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There is no collection taken during the service, but you can make an offering as you leave.

If you would like to find out more about the services or any aspect of the life of St. Peter's, then please email stpetersleck@gmail.com

Please leave this service booklet in the church.

Please come to the church cottages for refreshments.



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