



Holy Communion



New Beginnings

Welcome to St. Peter's, Leckhampton

*If this is your first visit, you are particularly welcome, and it is hoped that you feel at home here; please join in with the words in **bold**.*

Notices and any banns of marriage are read.

First Hymn

Please stand to sing; the servers and clergy process in.

Greeting

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

The priest gives some words of welcome.

Introduction

We come together this morning to worship God and think about ‘new beginnings’.

September is a time of change; farmers have gathered in the harvest, birds will soon prepare to fly south, and squirrels are busily gathering their winter stores.

It is also the time when children go back to school. Some will start a new school: some a new class, most will have a new teacher, and all will have the opportunity to make new friends, perhaps even friends for life.

Parents and grandparents will start new rhythms, getting them to and from school, and some of us will start new jobs, hobbies, or perhaps even retire.

These new beginnings are wonderful ‘moments in time’ for us to celebrate life in all its fullness, to commit ourselves anew to God, and to ask him to walk along side us as we journey onwards.

We Say Sorry

Let us begin by saying sorry to God those things which we have done wrong:

Silence is kept.

For turning away from you, and ignoring your will for our lives.

Lord, have mercy
Lord, have mercy.

For behaving just how we wish, and not thinking of you.

Christ, have mercy
Christ, have mercy.

For failing you by what we do, think or say.

Lord, have mercy
Lord, have mercy.

We are Forgiven

We are assured of God's forgiveness:

Almighty God have mercy on you,
forgive you your sins †
and bring you to eternal life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

We Praise God

We sing together:

Organ introduction

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The first staff is an organ introduction. The second staff begins with a mezzo-forte (mf) dynamic. The lyrics are: 'Glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry to the Lord; glo - ry to the Lord God al - migh - ty. Glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry to the Lord; glo - ry to the Lord God al - migh - ty, who was, and is, and is to come. Glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry to the Lord'. The fourth staff includes a crescendo (cresc.) marking. The fifth staff begins with a forte (f) dynamic and ends with a long note for 'Lord'.

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The Collect

We 'collect' our prayers together in a special prayer for today which is introduced with 'Let us pray'. At the end, we all say:

Amen.

Reading

Please sit for the reading, the response is:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn

Please stand to sing and turn to face the Gospel book as it is processed.

The Gospel

The choir sings the Alleluia, we all then repeat:

Organ introduction



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
- lu - ia. al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows a musical score for the Alleluia. It consists of two staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. The first staff begins with an 'Organ introduction' and a forte 'f' dynamic. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -' are written below the first staff. The second staff continues the melody with the lyrics '- lu - ia. al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' The music is written in a simple, accessible style suitable for a choir and congregation.

The gospel is proclaimed.

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 the Alleluia again:

Organ introduction



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Please sit.

We Declare our Faith

Let us affirm our faith together:

**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.**

Blessing the Backpacks

Please sit.

Those with backpacks are invited to come forward for a blessing.

Today, we have before us the backpacks to be carried to and from school by the young people gathered here.

These backpacks will contain work to be done, work that's been returned, and books to be studied.

They will also contain notebooks, pencils, pens, protractors, compasses, crayons, rules, scissors, glue sticks; and there will be other items which will no doubt find their way in and out of these backpacks.

Some days, so much stuff will fill these backpacks that the person carrying it may find it difficult to walk. On other days, they will be light and nearly empty. But on each and every day, these backpacks represent the 'things in life' which are required of the young people gathered here.

As with every aspect of our life, we bring these before God for a blessing at this time.

We Pray

Let us pray:

Gracious God, we lift to you today, these young people. They stand here ready to receive your blessings as they commit themselves to study and learning in the school year ahead.

We ask your blessing on each of them and upon these backpacks †

As they carry these backpacks, may they be reminded of the love and care of this congregation that surrounds them each school day.

We pray as well for the teachers and administrators in our schools; may they also be sustained by your blessing, and reminded that this congregation embraces their call to teaching and learning, and surrounds them with love and care as well.

We pray in the name of Jesus, who we seek to follow day by day.
Amen.

Each receives a 'holding cross' to carry with them in their backpack.

We Share Christ's Peace

Please stand.

Christ is our peace; he has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross; we meet in his name and share in his peace.

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 with one another.

Hymn

Please stand to sing; the bread and wine is placed on the altar.

We Give Thanks

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:

Organ introduction

The musical score is written on four staves in 6/8 time. The first staff is an organ introduction marked *mp*. The second staff begins with a *cresc.* marking, followed by a *mf* marking. The third staff has a *mp* marking and ends with a *cresc.* marking. The fourth staff begins with a *mf* marking and ends with a *mp* marking. The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.'

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Please sit or kneel.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**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.**

The Bread is Broken

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.**

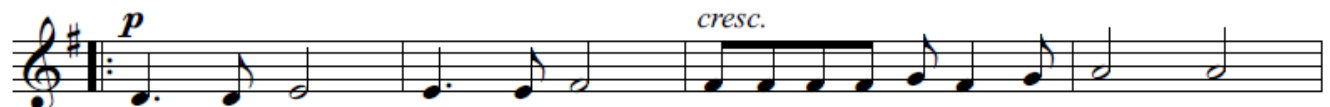
We Sing

We sing together words of invitation:

Organ introduction



p *cresc.*



Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev-er be hun - gry.

mp *dim.* *p*



Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in him and you will not thirst. (repeat)

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.**

The Communion

All are invited to come forward to receive Holy Communion.

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

An anthem may be sung.

Prayer after Communion

The priest prays for the sick and departed, then:

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining and whose power we cannot comprehend: show us your glory as far as we can grasp it, and shield us from knowing more than we can bear, until we look upon your face without fear, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

We then pray together:

**Lord, we have broken your bread
and received your life.**

**By the power of your Spirit
keep us always in your love,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Amen.

Final Hymn

Please stand to sing and then remain standing.

The Blessing

Please remain standing.

As we journey onward, we give thanks for those whom we have met and travelled with, and we ask forgiveness for the times where we have lacked wisdom or understanding.

God, go with us.

As we journey onward to a new place or a new beginning, we pray to be faithful in all God asks of us.

God, go with us.

God of our journey, we entrust ourselves into your loving care, knowing you are always the faithful companion on the way. Shield and protect us from all harm, and give us courage to meet the future with grace.

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

We are Sent

We are sent out into the world:

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ, Amen.

The servers and clergy depart.

An organ voluntary is played.

Please feel free to get up and leave your seats at any time.



Please come to the church cottages for refreshments.

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

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