

All Saints' Church, Gosforth



HOLY COMMUNION

in the Christmas
and Epiphany Season

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Welcome to All Saints'

Welcome to our Parish Communion Service. We aim to give a warm welcome to all, to offer worship to God which is sincere, meaningful and inclusive, and to share in Christian fellowship.

At the heart of our life together as the gathered community at All Saints' is the Parish Communion, where we hear Bible readings, sing and pray together and share in the bread and wine of Holy Communion. At All Saints' we use the contemporary order authorised by the Church of England known as Common Worship Order One. We hope that this order of Service will help you enter into the worship.

If you have children they are most welcome to join one of the 'Young Saints' groups often held in the hall during the first part of the Service. You are welcome to join them until they are settled. Children are also welcome to stay in the church. You might like to take them to the children's corner.

If you take Communion in an Anglican or another church you are most welcome to share in the Communion. If you do not usually receive, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing. During the hymn the bread and wine are brought to the altar and a collection is taken for our mission of the month (but if you would prefer to contribute to All Saints' please use one of the envelopes in the pew).

In the season of Christmas and Epiphany we celebrate God's glory come into the world - not a God who keeps his distance but one who has come to share our human existence as a child and as a man, exposed and involved. We keep the Christmas crib in church as a reminder and focus of our celebration, until the season ends with the feast of Candlemas on 2nd February.

Coffee, tea, soft drinks and biscuits are served in the Church Hall after the service.

If you are a newcomer or a visitor, please make yourself known to one of us and fill out a contact card so that we can keep you up to date with news and events. We look forward to meeting you.

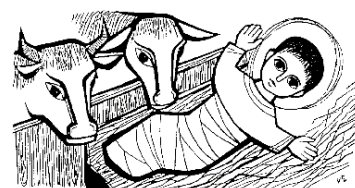
Andrew Shipton
Vicar

We Gather

Hymn

*We say together the words printed in **bold***

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



All Amen.

We greet one another

God in Christ has revealed his glory.

All Come let us worship.

Please sit as the children come to the front for a talk.

Please stand as the children go to their groups.

Confession and Forgiveness

The sun of righteousness has dawned
with healing in his wings.
Let us come to the light of Christ,
confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

God our Father,
you sent your Son full of grace and truth:
forgive our failure to receive him.
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Jesus our Saviour,
you were born in poverty and laid in a manger:
forgive our greed and rejection of your ways.
Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

Spirit of Love,
your servant Mary responded joyfully to your call:
forgive the hardness of our hearts.
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

May almighty God,
who sent his Son into the world to save sinners,
bring you his pardon and peace, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

We say or sing the Gloria in Excelsis. If sung, the music can be found on a separate card.

All **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

The president says the prayer for the day.

All **Amen.**

Please sit

The Liturgy of the Word

The First Reading, normally from the Old Testament

The Second Reading, from the New Testament

At the end of each reading the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God**

Hymn

The Gospel Reading

All



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

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

In Christmastide:

The word became flesh and dwelt among us,
and we have seen his glory.

In Epiphanytide:

Christ was revealed in flesh, proclaimed among the
nations, and believed in throughout the world.

All



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

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

All The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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

At the end the reader says

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

The Sermon

The Creed

Please stand

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

All We 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?

All We 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?

All We believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

**All This is our faith.
We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

Prayers

Please sit or kneel. One of these responses may be used:

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

And at the end

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

We share in Holy Communion

Please stand

The Peace

In Christmastide:

Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given,
and his name shall be called the Prince of Peace.

In Epiphanytide:

Our Saviour Christ is the Prince of Peace.
Of the increase of his government and of peace
there shall be no end.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

We exchange a sign of peace with one another

The Preparation of the Table

Taking the Bread and Wine

Hymn

*During the hymn the bread and wine are brought to the altar
and a collection is taken for our mission of the month (but if
you would prefer to contribute to All Saints' please use one of
the envelopes in the pew)*

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 Eucharistic Prayer



The musical notation consists of four staves of music in a single treble clef. The first staff contains the melody for 'The Lord be with you' and 'and also with you.' The second staff contains the melody for 'Lift up your hearts.' and 'We lift them to the Lord.' The third staff contains the melody for 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.' The fourth staff contains the melody for 'It is right to give thanks and praise.'

The__ Lord__ be with you and__ al - so 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._

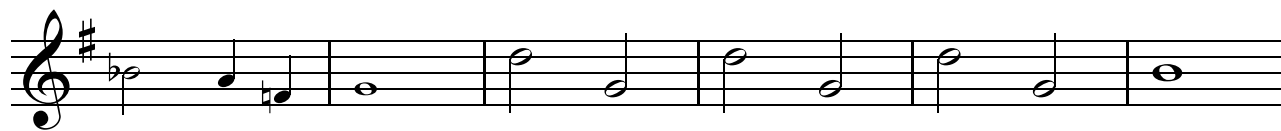
Father, we give you thanks and praise
through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word,
through whom you have created all things;
who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.

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.

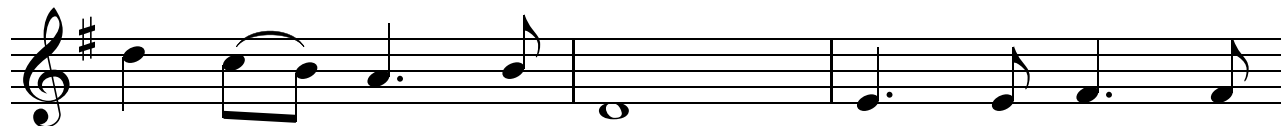
[In Epiphanytide we add the following:

And now we give you thanks
because, in the incarnation of the Word,
a new light has dawned upon the world,
that all the nations may be brought out of darkness
to see the radiance of your glory.]

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:



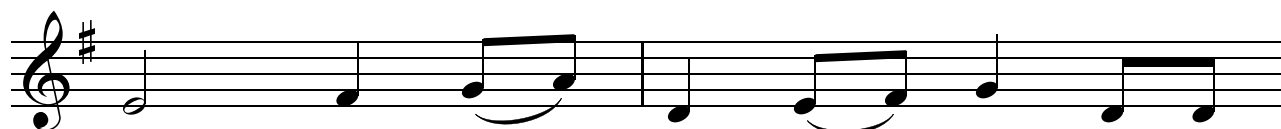
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,



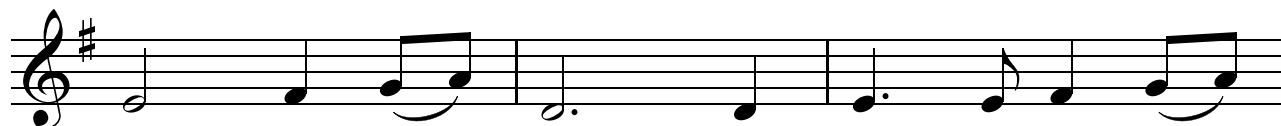
God of pow'r and might, heav'n and earth are



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, in the high - - est.

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.

All Praise to you, Lord Jesus
Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory.

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 Lord's Prayer

Please 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**

Breaking 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.**

We sing:



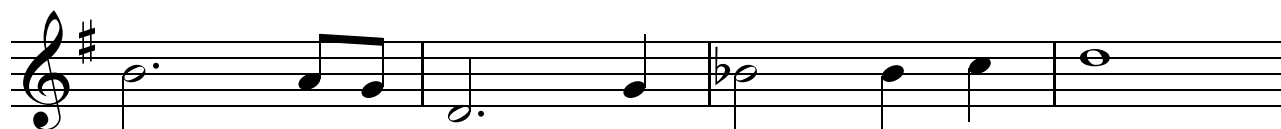
Lamb of God, you take a -



way the sin of the world. Have mer - cy on us:



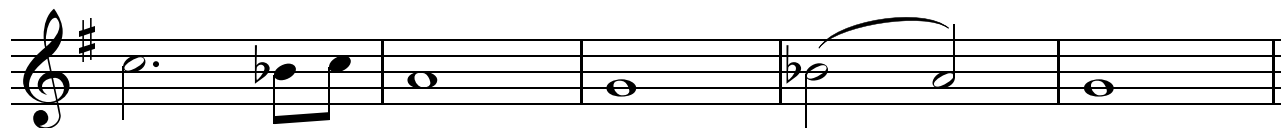
Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sins of the world. Have mer - cy on us:



Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world. Grant us _____ peace.

Giving of Communion

God's holy gifts
for God's holy people.

All Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord
to the glory of God the Father.

You are invited to come to one of the altars to receive communion. If you receive communion in another Christian church you are welcome to do so here. If you would like to receive a blessing instead please bring this booklet with you. During the distribution an anthem may be sung.

Hymn

The president says a prayer, after which we all say:

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

Hymn

Please turn to face west end as the procession moves there.

The Blessing

In Christmastide

Christ, who by his incarnation gathered into one
things earthly and heavenly,
fill you with peace and goodwill
and make you partakers of the divine nature;

In Epiphanytide

Christ the son of God perfect in you the image of his
glory and gladden your hearts with the good news of
his kingdom;

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

All **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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



Please join us in the Hall for refreshments

