



## **A service of Holy Communion celebrating re-entering the church**

One thing have I asked of the Lord and that alone I seek:  
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life  
*Psalm 27.4*

### **A Liturgy of Re-Entry Into the Church**

*The ministry team will process into the church with the Paschal Candle*

Peace be to this house  
and all who come here.  
Bless this place.  
Keep it open to joy and love.

*We scatter sea salt, a symbol of purification and hallowing used in Jewish and Christian traditions*

Bless our threshold and this floor.  
Keep all want and harm without.  
Bless the roof, the walls and all who come within.  
Bless friend and stranger, creature and kin.  
May all whose feet cross here be blessed,  
and peace be upon their coming and going.

*We say together*

**The Lord shall keep watch over our going out and our coming in, from this time  
forth for evermore.**

*Psalm 121:8*

*The paschal candle is returned to its usual place*

The Light of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Let us pray.  
**O Spirit, present with us now:**

**You are the peace of all things calm.  
You are the place to hide from harm.  
You are the light that shines in dark.  
You are the heart's eternal spark.  
You are the door that's open wide.  
You are the guest who waits inside.  
You are the stranger at the door.  
You are the calling of the poor.  
You are God and with us still.  
You are love, keep us from ill.  
You are the light, the source, the way.  
Bless this house by night and day. Amen.**

## **The Gathering**

**We come from scattered lives to meet with God.  
Let us recognize his presence with us.**

*Silence is kept.*

**As God's people we have gathered:  
let us worship him together.**

## **Welcome and Introduction**

### **We Say Sorry**

**God of mercy,  
we acknowledge that we are all sinners.  
We turn from the wrong that we have thought and said  
and done,  
and are mindful of all that we have failed to do.  
For the sake of Jesus, who died for us,  
forgive us for all that is past,  
and help us to live each day  
in the light of Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

## **We Hear That We are Forgiven**

**May God who loved the world so much  
that he sent his Son to be our Saviour  
forgive us our sins  
and make us holy to serve him in the world,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen**

## **The BSL Gloria**

*We will sign the Gloria rather than singing it*

Glory to God,  
glory to God,  
glory to the Father.  
God be glory forever  
hallelujah, amen

Glory to God,  
glory to God,  
glory to Jesus  
God be glory forever  
hallelujah, amen

Glory to God,  
glory to God,  
glory to the Spirit  
God be glory forever  
hallelujah, amen

### **The Collect**

*We stay standing if comfortable*

Almighty God, we praise you for the many blessings you have given to those who worship you in this house of prayer: and we pray that all who seek you in this place may find you, and, being filled with the Holy Spirit, may become a living temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### **Bible Reading(s)**

*Please sit*

*At the end the reader may say*

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

### **Gospel Reading**

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

*at the end of the reading:*

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

### **Sermon**

*At the end of the sermon there may be a short period of quiet reflection.*

### **The Creed**

*We declare 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.**

## **Prayers of Intercession**

### ***A prayer of sadness***

God, our hearts are filled with joy  
to be able to return to this place.  
Yet, our Church is incomplete,  
not all of our brothers and sisters here.  
Hold all those still at home in your loving arms;  
protect them from all harm;  
bring comfort to the mourning or frightened,  
and healing to the sick.  
In Jesus' name,  
**Amen.**

*In a moment of silence we hold before God those for whom this time is still so difficult as well as the needs of people in our community, our nation and across the world.*

### ***A prayer of hope***

Gracious God,  
persevering through the years,  
as we face the future as a community of your people in this place,  
may we know afresh your faithful love,  
Help us to listen to your voice  
and live for you alone.  
God before and God behind,  
in all that has been and all that will be  
we offer ourselves to you  
**Amen**

## **The Peace**

Jesus says: 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.  
Do not let your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.'

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

*We will stay in our seats and sign the peace to each other*

## **The Eucharistic Prayer**

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.**

Father, you made the world and love your creation.  
You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour.  
His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death.

And now we give you thanks for your blessing on this house of prayer,  
where through your grace we offer you the sacrifice of praise  
and are built by your Spirit into a temple made without hands,  
even the body of your Son Jesus Christ.  
And so we join with saints and angels  
praising you, and saying:

**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.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
and as we obey his command,  
send your Holy Spirit,  
that broken bread and wine outpoured  
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends  
and, taking bread, he praised you.  
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.  
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:  
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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,

in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice  
made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,  
we proclaim his death and resurrection  
until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again**

Lord of all life,  
help us to work together for that day  
when your kingdom comes  
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.  
Look with favour on your people,  
gather us in your loving arms  
and bring us with Mary the mother of God, St John the Evangelist and all the saints  
to feast at your table in heaven.  
Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,  
for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

*We sit or kneel*

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed by 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 forever. Amen**

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.**

## Giving of Communion

*At this time we are only allowed to share the bread. To avoid confusion and people getting too close to each other please stay in your seat and Gemma will bring Communion to you rather than queuing at the chancel step.*

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

*Communion is distributed to those in church who wish to receive*

*A prayer for those who are unable to receive at this time*

**My Jesus, I believe that Thou art present in the Blessed Sacrament.**  
**I love Thee above all things and I desire Thee in my soul.**  
**Since I cannot now receive Thee sacramentally,**  
**come at least spiritually into my heart**  
**as though Thou wert already there,**  
**I embrace Thee and unite myself wholly to Thee;**  
**permit not that I should ever be separated from Thee.**  
**Amen.** (St Alphonsus)

#### **Prayer after Communion**

*A special prayer may be said, followed by this prayer*

Lord God, sustain us in this time  
with the vision of your grace and glory,  
that, strengthened by the bread of life,  
we may come to your eternal dwelling place;  
in the power of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Notices**

**Blessing**

Unless the Lord builds the house,  
those who build it labour in vain.  
May the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
rest upon you and all who look to this house of prayer  
for comfort and companionship,  
this day and always.  
**Amen.**

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

**We would normally take a collection for the work of the church during the service but for obvious reasons we can't pass the collection plate around. You can offer your gift on your way out at the end of the service. If you can give by contactless card (on the card reader) we would appreciate it but there will also be a bowl available for monetary offerings.**

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