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the service if you can.**

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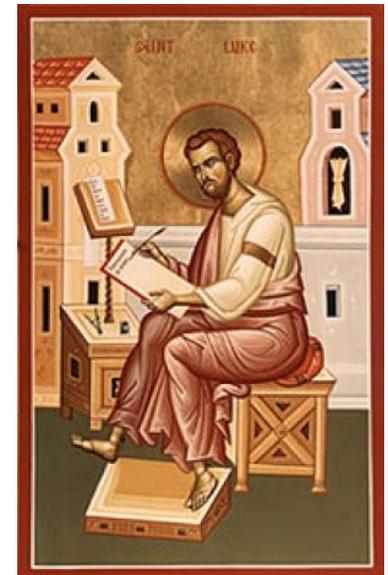
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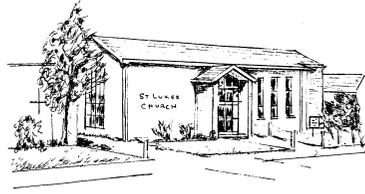
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**Celebrating
St Luke
the Evangelist**



**Service of
Holy Communion**

Welcome to St Luke's



Following the Service

Everything you will need for today will be in this booklet and the hymn book, The service will be on the right hand page in black (please join in the words in bold) and if need it there will be an explanation of what's happening on the left hand page. Words printed in **bold type** are said by all. We generally stand to sing and for a couple of other marked bits but feel free to stay seated if that's more comfortable for you.

If we can be of any assistance with any particular requirements please let us know.

Receiving Communion

If Communion is your thing then you are welcome to receive here. We can offer gluten free wafers we'd be grateful if you could let us know if you need this at the start of the service.

If you do not receive Communion, we would love you to come to the altar for a blessing, holding your service book as a sign.

Children at St Luke's

"Whoever welcomes this child in my name welcomes me" Luke 9:48"

Jesus loved children and so do we and they are always welcome here at St Luke's. We know that God put the wiggle in them so please don't worry if they move around or make a bit of noise. This is an all age celebration which means we worship together as one family, There will be bits for grown ups and bits for children and there is a table of craft activities if you fancy exploring that.

Notices and Birthdays

We like to mark birthdays by singing:
'Happy birthday to you, to Jesus be true,
May God's richest blessings rest today upon you.'

Final Song

Blessing and Dismissal

Go forth into the world in peace;
be of good courage;
hold fast that which is good;
render to no one evil for evil;
strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak;
help the afflicted; honour everyone;
love and serve the Lord,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;
and the blessing ...

Amen

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

In the name of Christ

Amen

*The bell will ring as a cue our service is starting,
The song numbers can be found on the board at the front of church.*

Song

Gathering to worship God

This is the day that the Lord has made
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

As God's people we have gathered:
Let us worship God together.

Words of welcome or introduction may be said.

Saying Sorry to God

Christ calls us to share the heavenly banquet of his love
with all the saints in earth and heaven.
knowing our unworthiness and sin,
let us ask him for mercy.

Time of quiet

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

You bring pardon and peace to the broken in heart.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

You make one by your Spirit the torn and divided.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

We Receive God's Forgiveness

We Say Sorry (Prayers of Penitence)

Sometimes we do things that are wrong, we hurt or upset people, we put our needs first. These things get in the way of our relationship with God and with each other. But God doesn't want us to carry that guilt with us so in this prayer we say sorry and offer it all to God, knowing that we can leave it with him and be free.

We Hear That We Are Forgiven (Absolution)

Jesus died and rose again so that none of the things we do wrong get in the way of our relationship and so that we could be forgiven anything; there's nothing too big or bad. One of a priest's roles is to reassure us of that forgiveness.

The Collect

The collect is a special prayer for the day. Anglican churches across the world will be praying the same prayer today. It collects all of our individual prayers together.

Bible Reading(s)

We listen to passages from the Bible. It may be from the Old or New Testament.

There will normally be at least one reading from the Gospels. These (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John) are the four books written that tell us about Jesus' life and what he said. We bring the Gospel book to the centre of the church and read it from there to symbolise the Word of God being at the centre of our lives. We remain standing if we can as it is read.

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 forever. 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

We receive communion.

After Communion we stay seated and sing our next song

Prayer after Communion

The Priest will say a special prayer and then we pray together

**Merciful God,
you have called us to your table
and fed us with the bread of life.
Draw us and all people to serve your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen**

May the Father forgive us
by the death of his Son
and strengthen us
to live in the power of the Spirit
all our days.

Amen.

Gloria

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father.

To him be glory forever.

To him be glory forever.

Alleluia, amen.

Alleluia, amen.

Alleluia amen, alleluia amen

Glory to God, glory to God, Glory to Christ Jesus...

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit...

The Collect

We stay standing if comfortable

Bible Readings

Please sit

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Song

we stay standing if comfortable for the Gospel reading

Hear the Gospel of the Lord according to...

Glory to you O Lord

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you O Christ

Receiving the bread and the wine

If you are visiting us and you usually take Communion, even if you haven't received for years, you are very welcome to receive today. If, however, that's not your usual practice we would still love to pray for you, so if you are comfortable, please come and bring this order of service with you so that we know to pray a blessing

The Creed/Declaration of Faith

The creed is a summary of the most important things that we believe as Christians. The creeds were written when the church was still very new and people have been saying them for many hundreds of years. When we say it together it joins us together with each other, with churches across the world and with all Christians throughout history

The Peace

Communion starts with “the peace”. We say “peace be with you” to each other. It may seem a little bit odd but it comes from Jesus’ telling us that we should try to make up with anyone we have fallen out with and not come to Communion grumpy. Of course we probably haven’t fallen out with anyone and if that’s the case then we are sharing God’s blessing and asking for peace for the people we greet.

The Offertory

During the offertory we set the table, as we would for a normal meal. But the things on the table represent special things that help us think about Jesus’ death and resurrection.

On the night before he died,
when darkness had fallen,
Jesus took bread.

He gave thanks, broke it,
and shared it with his disciples, saying:
‘This is my body, given for you.
Do this to remember me.’

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine,
gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying:
‘This is my blood, poured out for you and for many,
for the forgiveness of sins.’
Do this to remember me

So Father, with this bread and this cup
we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life.
As you feed us with these gifts,
send your Holy Spirit,
and change us more and more
to be like Jesus our Saviour.

Help us, Father, to love one another,
as we look forward to that day
when all creation is gathered in your loving arms.

And now with St Luke and all your saints
we give you glory,
through Jesus Christ,
in the strength of the Spirit,
today and for ever.

Amen.

Sermon

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

The Peace

God gives us a peace which passes all understanding, and which we reach through trusting in God. Let us share that peace with each other.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Offertory Song

During which the altar is set.

Preparation of the Altar

The table is set and the bread and wine are placed upon it.

The Lord be with you.
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.

Bread and Wine

Jesus used bread and wine in the last supper and told us to do the same. In a special way, a way that we don't always understand, the bread is for us Jesus' body and the wine is His blood. We use special wafers because they are easier to manage but they are the same thing.

The Corporal

The big square cloth we put on the table first. It comes from the Latin word 'corpus' meaning body. It symbolises the grave clothes that Jesus was wrapped in after he died.

The Chalice

These are the cups we use for the wine. They are normally silver (although of course this isn't a requirement!) because we think the blood of Jesus is precious and special

The Pall

The square cover on the chalice. Pall is also a name for the cloth that covers a coffin when someone dies, again pointing us to Jesus' death.

The Water

We add a little bit of water to the wine. It symbolises the water that came from Jesus' side when the Roman soldier hit him with his spear after he had died.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

Lord of all life,
you created the universe,
where all living things reflect your glory.
You give us this great and beautiful earth,
to discover and to cherish.

You give us happy times
and things to celebrate.
In these we taste your kingdom,
a feast for all your children.

You made us all,
each wonderfully different,
to join with the angels
and sing your praise:

**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 thank you, loving Father,
because, when we turned away,
you sent Jesus, your Son.
He gave his life for us on the cross
and shows us the way to live.

Send your Holy Spirit
that these gifts of bread and wine
may be for us Christ's body and his blood.