

St Edburgha's Church

Yardley



HOLY COMMUNION

Christmas Season

THE GATHERING

Processional Hymn

Please stand as you are able

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

All Amen

The Greeting

The president greets the people

I bring you good news of great joy:

a Saviour has been born to you. Alleluia.

Unto us a child is born,

unto us a Son is given. Alleluia.

He is Christ the Lord. Alleluia.

We worship and adore him. Alleluia.

Prayer of Preparation

Faithful one, whose word is life:

come with saving power

to free our praise,

inspire our prayer

and shape our lives

for the kingdom of your Son,

Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Summary of the Law

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: The first commandment is this:

‘Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.

The second is this: ‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’

There is no other commandment greater than these.

On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

All Amen. Lord, have mercy.

Christ the light of the world has come
to dispel the darkness of our hearts.

Let us turn to the light and confess our sins.

Silence is kept

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

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.

Christ, have mercy.

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

The Absolution

May the God of all healing and forgiveness
draw you to himself
and cleanse you from all your sins,
that you may behold the glory of his Son,
the Word made flesh,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Gloria in Excelsis

Please stand as you are able

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 introduces a time of silent prayer followed by the Collect, the special prayer for the day which can be found on the notice sheet.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Readings

We sit for two readings from Old and New Testament Scripture. The page numbers in our pew Bibles are announced and given on the notice sheet.

At the end of each reading the reader may say:

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

Please stand as you are able

The Gospel Reading

When the Gospel is announced the reader says

Alleluia, alleluia.

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

Alleluia.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to (N)

All Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord

All Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Following an opening prayer please be seated

The Creed

Please stand as you are able

Let us declare our faith in God.

**All 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 and Thanksgiving

A lay member of the congregation leads us in prayer. At the end the leader may say

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

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

The Peace

Please stand as you are able

The president introduces the Peace with a suitable sentence, and then says

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
All **And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace which may be a wave or handshake

Offertory Hymn

Please stand as you are able

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

The gifts of the people are gathered and presented.

The table is prepared, and bread and wine are placed on it.

The president says the prayers of Thanksgiving and Preparation. At the end we pray together

All Look upon us in mercy not in judgement; draw us from hatred to love; make the frailty of our praise a dwelling place for your glory.

Amen

EUCARISTIC PRAYER B

The Lord be with you. *or* The Lord is here.
All And also with you. **His Spirit is with us.**

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

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

The president begins the Eucharist with words of the proper preface. At the end, saying

Therefore, with all the angels of heaven
we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name
and sing our joyful hymn of 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.**

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 Great is the mystery of faith
Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.

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 Edburgha 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. **Amen.**

We kneel or sit for the Lord's Prayer

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 forever. Amen

The president breaks the consecrated bread, saying

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.**

Giving of Communion

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

This prayer may be said before the distribution

All Most merciful Lord, your love compels us to come in. Our hands were unclean, our hearts were unprepared, we were not fit even to eat the crumbs from under your table. But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation, and share your bread with sinners. So, cleanse and feed us with the precious body and blood of your Son, that he may live in us and we in him; and that we, with the whole company of Christ, may sit and eat in your kingdom. Amen.

Agnus Dei

**All Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.**

The president and the people receive communion or a blessing

Prayer after Communion

After receiving Communion we keep silence

The president says the Prayer After Communion, followed by

All Father of all, we give you thanks and praise that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

Parish notices are given, and Wedding Banns are read.

Recessional Hymn

Please stand as you are able

The Blessing

May the joy of the angels,
the eagerness of the shepherds,
the perseverance of the wise men,
the obedience of Joseph and Mary,
and the peace of the Christ-child
be yours this Christmas;
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son,
and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you
always.

Amen.

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light.
For to us a child is born
to us a Son is given.
His name will be called
Wonderful counsellor, mighty God,
the everlasting Father,
the Prince of Peace.
Glory to God in the highest
and peace to his people on earth.

We go into the world
to walk in God's light,
to rejoice in God's love
and to reflect God's glory.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

The ministers and people depart.



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every community

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