

# 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*

Merciful Father,  
**All 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**

## **EUCCHARISTIC 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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