

St Edburgha's Church



**A service of
Holy Communion
in
Lent**

Welcome to St Edburgha's Church

Lent is a season of expectation and preparation as the church gets ready to celebrate the resurrection of Christ at Easter. It is a sacred time of penitence, prayer and fasting. It is a time when we acknowledge our sins and failures to live in peace and love for God and neighbour.

Often we are reluctant to think about God's judgement in our modern age. But as we look around at the uncertainty and unrest at home and abroad we're reminded that God cares deeply for the world. The gospel is ultimately a message of hope as we wait in expectation for the final coming of Christ, for a new heaven and a new earth. Revd Tammy Tearoe



*Whatever the stresses and strains in getting yourself or other family members here this morning, now it's time to relax and slow down. Jesus said, "**Peace be with you**".*

To follow this service you just need this sheet and a blue hymnbook. We'll guide you through so you don't need to know anything before hand.



We want you to be in the moment so don't forget to turn your phone off or to silent.

If you are able to please join us for fellowship and refreshments in the north aisle after the service.



The Gathering

Processional Hymn

Please stand as you are able.

The Greeting

The Lord be with you

All: and also with you.

Words of welcome may be said.

Prayer of Preparation

**All: Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Prayers of Penitence

The Comfortable Words

Hear the words of comfort our Saviour Christ says to all who truly turn to him: Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Matthew 11:28

God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16

Invitation to confession

Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord our God, though we have rebelled against him. Let us renounce our wilfulness and ask his mercy by confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

**All: Lord God,
we have sinned against you;
we have done evil in your sight.
We are sorry and repent.
Have mercy on us according to your love.
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.
Renew a right spirit within us
and restore us to the joy of your salvation,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

The Absolution

The president says

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon *you*,
pardon and deliver *you* from all *your* sins,
confirm and strengthen *you* in all goodness,
and keep *you* in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The Collect

The prayer for the day is read.

The Liturgy of the Word

One or more passages of Scripture are read.

Readings

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Hymn

Gospel Reading

(Please stand for the Gospel reading)

Praise to you O Christ, King of eternal glory. Blessed are those who have endured temptation; they have stood the test and will receive the crown of life.

All: Praise to you O Christ, King of eternal glory.

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

The sermon may be followed by a period of silent reflection.

The Creed

Let us declare our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Please Stand:

**All: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

(please sit or kneel for the prayers)

These responses may be used:

All:	Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer.	Let us pray to the Lord Lord, have mercy.
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The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Please Stand:

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us access to his grace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All: and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn

The gifts of the people may be gathered and presented.

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

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.

All: 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 praises God and we respond singing or saying

**All: 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.**

(please sit or kneel)

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

**All: 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 Edburgha 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.

All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Trusting in the compassion of God,
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 it is 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 of 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.**

Agnus Dei

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

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

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

*Everyone is welcome to come forward to receive a blessing
or communion. We remain in silent prayer during communion.*

The Post Communion prayer is said.

Prayer after Communion

**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

Notices and Banns may be read.

Hymn

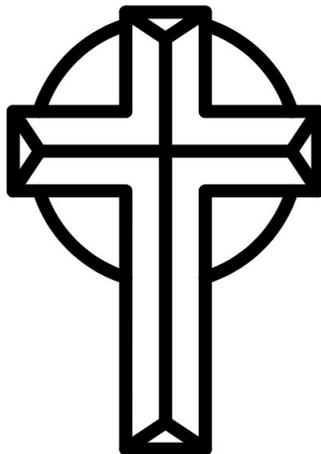
Blessing

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,
to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him;
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.



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