

PARISH OF ESHER  
Christ Church, Esher with St George's, West End

# All Age Eucharist for the Season of Lent



*'As far as the east is from the west,  
so far he removes our transgressions from us.'*

Psalm 103.12



# The Gathering

*The president greets the people.*

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

Grace, mercy and peace  
from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ  
be with you  
**and also with you.**

## The Greeting

*Words of welcome or introduction may be said.  
A hymn is sung.*

## Prayers of Penitence

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit;  
a broken and contrite heart God will not despise.  
Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion,  
and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith.

We confess to you our selfishness and lack of love:  
fill us with your Spirit.  
*Kyrie eleison*

We confess to you our fear and failure in sharing our faith:  
fill us with your Spirit.  
*Christe eleison*

We confess to you our stubbornness and lack of trust:  
fill us with your Spirit.  
*Kyrie eleison*

*The president says:*

May the God of love  
bring you back to himself,  
forgive you your sins,  
and assure you of his eternal love  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## The Collect

*The president introduces a period of silent prayer with the words  
'Let us pray' or a more specific bidding.*

*The Collect is said, and all respond:*

**Amen.**

## The Liturgy of the Word

### Readings

*Either one or two readings from scripture precede the Gospel reading,  
and a psalm, canticle or hymn may follow the first reading.*

*At the end of each, the reader may say:*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Reading

*When the Gospel is announced the reader says:*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the end:*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Sermon**

*After the Sermon an anthem may be sung, or a piece of music played.*

## **Affirmation of Faith**

Let us declare our faith in God.

**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**

*The president introduces the prayers.*

*One of these responses may be used:*

Lord, in your mercy:    or    Lord, hear us:  
**hear our prayer.                      Lord, graciously hear us.**

*And at the end:*

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

## **The Liturgy of the Sacrament**

### **The Peace**

*The president introduces the Peace.*

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  
**and also with you.**

### **Online Offertory**

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## Preparation of the Table

*The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed on it, while a hymn is sung or a piece of music is played.*

*The following prayer is used:*

God of mercy and compassion,  
your Word calls us home to faith and love.  
Accept all we offer you this day;  
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

**Amen.**

## The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.

**His Spirit is with us.**

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.**

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 your love,  
even when things go wrong.  
Jesus knew hurt and pain.  
Through him you wipe away our tears,  
and fill us with your peace.

You made us all, each wonderfully different,  
to join with the angels and proclaim 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.

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.'

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 suffering is ended,  
and all creation is gathered in your loving arms.

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

**Amen.**

## 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 for ever.  
Amen.**

## Breaking of the Bread

*The president breaks the consecrated 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.**

*The Agnus Dei may be used as the bread is broken.*

**Jesus, Lamb of God,  
have mercy on us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins,  
have mercy on us.  
Jesus, redeemer of the world,  
grant us peace.**

## **Giving of Communion**

God's holy gifts  
for God's holy people:

**Jesus Christ is holy,  
Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.**

*In line with Church of England guidance I invite those who wish to make an act of Spiritual Communion this morning to pray:*

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ,  
for all the benefits you have given me,  
for all the pains and insults you have borne for me.  
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,  
I ask you to come spiritually into my heart.  
O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,  
may I know you more clearly,  
love you more dearly,  
and follow you more nearly, day by day.

**Amen.**

*after the Prayer of St Richard of Chichester*

*During the distribution, music may be sung or played.*

## Prayer after Communion

*Silence is kept.*

*The post communion prayer is said, then all say together:*

**We thank you, Lord,  
that you have fed us in this sacrament,  
united us with Christ,  
and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet  
prepared for all peoples.  
Amen.**

## The Dismissal

*Notices may be given.*

*A hymn is sung.*

## The 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.

**Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ.**

**Amen.**

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