

St Mary's Church, Redbourn



HOLY COMMUNION

ACCORDING TO
THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

From Easter Day to Whitsunday:

Priest: Alleluia, Christ is risen:
All say: **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

All kneel

THE LORDS PRAYER

Priest Our Father, which art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive them that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil. Amen.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Almighty God,
unto whom all hearts be open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hid:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love thee,
and worthily magnify thy holy name;
through Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

either ***THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW***

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:
Hear, O Israel, the Lord thy God is one Lord;
and thou shalt love the Lord thy God
with all thy heart, and with all thy soul and with all thy mind,
and with all thy strength.
this is the first commandment.

And the second is like, namely this:
Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.
There is none other commandment greater than these.
On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

All **Lord, have mercy upon us
and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.**

or, during Advent and Lent,
THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

Priest God spake these words and said:
I am the Lord thy God;
thou shalt have none other gods but me.
All **Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image,
nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above,
or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth.
Thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them.
**Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain.
**Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day.
Six days shalt thou labour, and do all that thou hast to do;
but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God.
**Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Honour thy father and thy mother.
**Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt do no murder.
**Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not commit adultery.
**Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not steal.
**Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not bear false witness.
**Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not covet.
**Lord, have mercy upon us,
and write all these thy laws
in our hearts, we beseech thee.**

THE COLLECT

All The Lord be with you
and with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

The priest says the Collect of the Day.

All sit for
THE EPISTLE

At the end

Here endeth the Epistle

All stand for
THE GOSPEL

All respond to the Gospel announcement:
Glory be to thee, O Lord.

At the end This is the Gospel of the Lord.
All **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

THE CREED

**I believe in one God the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible:**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God, begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man,
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried,
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father
And he shall come again with glory
to judge both the quick and the dead:
whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together
is worshipped and glorified,
who spake by the prophets.**

**And I believe one catholic and apostolic Church.
I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins.
And I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

A HOMILY
may be preached

THE OFFERTORY

One of these sentences is said:

Let your light so shine before men,
that they may see your good works,
and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

Lay not up for yourselves treasure upon the earth;
where the rust and moth doth corrupt, and where thieves break
through and steal: but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven;
Where neither rust nor moth doth corrupt,
and where thieves do not break through and steal.

Whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you,
even so do unto them; for this is the Law and the Prophets.

Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord,
shall enter into the kingdom of heaven;
but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

Zacchæus stood forth, and said unto the Lord,
Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor;
and if I have done any wrong to any man, I restore four-fold.

He that soweth little shall reap little; and he that soweth plenteously
shall reap plenteously. Let every man do according as he is disposed
in his heart, not grudging, or of necessity;
for God loveth a cheerful giver.

Let him that is taught in the Word minister unto him that teacheth,
in all good things. Be not deceived, God is not mocked:
for whatsoever a man soweth that shall he reap.

Charge them who are rich in this world, that they be ready to give,
and glad to distribute; laying up in store for themselves a good
foundation against the time to come, that they may attain eternal life.

To do good, and to distribute, forget not;
for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

Whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need,
and shutteth up his compassion from him, how dwelleth the love
of God in him?

Give alms of thy goods, and never turn thy face from any poor man;
and then the face of the Lord shall not be turned away from thee.

Be merciful after thy power. If thou hast much, give plenteously;
if thou hast little, do thy diligence gladly to give of that little:
for so gatherest thou thyself a good reward in the day of necessity.

He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord:
and look, what he layeth out, it shall be paid him again.

Blessed be the man that provideth for the sick and needy:
the Lord shall deliver him in the time of trouble.

The gifts of the people may be gathered and presented.

The priest places the bread and wine upon the table.

All kneel

THE INTERCESSIONS

Brief biddings may be offered between each paragraph

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church
militant here in earth.

Almighty and ever-living God, who by thy holy apostle
hast taught us to make prayers and supplications,
and to give thanks, for all men:
we humbly beseech thee most mercifully
[to accept our alms and oblations, and] to receive these our prayers,
which we offer unto thy divine majesty;
beseeching thee to inspire continually the universal Church
with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord:
and grant, that all they that do confess thy holy name
may agree in the truth of thy holy word,
and live in unity and godly love.

We beseech thee also to save and defend
all Christian kings, princes and governors;
and specially thy servant *Elizabeth our Queen*,
that under her we may be godly and quietly governed:
and grant unto her whole Council,
and to all that are put in authority under her,
That they may truly and indifferently minister justice,
to the punishment of wickedness and vice,
and to the maintenance of thy true religion and virtue.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and curates,
that they may both by their life and doctrine set forth thy true and
lively word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy sacraments:
and to all thy people give thy heavenly grace;
and specially to this congregation here present;
that, with meek heart and due reverence,
they may hear and receive thy holy word;
truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness
all the days of their life.

And we most humbly beseech thee of thy goodness, O Lord,
to comfort and succour all them, who in this transitory life
are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless thy holy name
for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear;
beseeching thee to give us grace so to follow their good examples,
that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake,
our only mediator and advocate.

All

Amen.

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Ye that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins,
and are in love and charity with your neighbours,
and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God,
and walking from henceforth in his holy ways:
draw near with faith, and take this holy sacrament to your comfort;
and make your humble confession to almighty God,
meekly kneeling upon your knees.

THE CONFESSION

All **Almighty God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
maker of all things, judge of all men:
we acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness,
which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed,
by thought, word and deed, against thy divine majesty,
provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us.
We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry
for these our misdoings;
the remembrance of them is grievous unto us;
the burden of them is intolerable.
Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us most merciful Father;
for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee
in newness of life, to the honour and glory of thy name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE ABSOLUTION

Priest **Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins
to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him:
have mercy upon *you*; pardon and deliver *you* from all *your* sins;
confirm and strengthen *you* in all goodness;
and bring *you* to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

All **Amen.**

THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ
saith unto all that truly turn to him:

Come unto me, all that travail and are heavy laden,
and I will refresh you.

So God loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son,
to the end that all that believe in him should not perish,
but have everlasting life.

Hear what Saint Paul saith:
This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received,
that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

Hear also what Saint John saith:
If any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father,
Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins.

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

Priest We do not presume to come to this thy table,
O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness,
but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy
so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy table.
But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy:
grant us therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood,
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body,
and our souls washed through his most precious blood,
and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us.

All **Amen.**

THE PREFACE

All The Lord be with you
and with thy spirit.

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

All Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right and our bounden duty,
that we should at all times, and in all places,
give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father,
almighty, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Proper prefaces:

Upon Christmas Day, and seven days after:

Because thou didst give Jesus Christ thine only Son
to be born as at this time for us;
who, by the operation of the Holy Ghost,
was made very man of the substance of the Virgin Mary his mother;
and that without spot of sin, to make us clean from all sin

Upon Easter Day, and seven days after,

But chiefly are we bound to praise thee
for the glorious Resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord:
for he is the very Paschal Lamb, which was offered for us,
and hath taken away the sin of the world;
who by his death hath destroyed death, and by his rising to life again
hath restored to us everlasting life.

Upon Ascension Day, and seven days after.

Through thy most dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
who after his most glorious Resurrection manifestly appeared to all
his Apostles, and in their sight ascended up into heaven
to prepare a place for us; that where he is,
thither we might also ascend, and reign with him in glory.

Upon Whitsunday, and six days after.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; according to whose most true
promise, the Holy Ghost came down as at this time from heaven
with a sudden great sound, as it had been a mighty wind
in the likeness of fiery tongues, lighting upon the Apostles,
to teach them, and to lead them to all truth; giving them both the gift
of divers languages, and also boldness with fervent zeal constantly
to preach the Gospel unto all nations; whereby we have been brought
out of darkness and error into the clear light and true knowledge
of thee, and of thy Son Jesus Christ.

Upon the Feast of Trinity only.

Who art one God, one Lord; not one only Person,
but three Persons in one Substance.
For that which we believe of the glory of the Father,
the same we believe of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost,
without any difference or inequality.

THEREFORE with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we laud and magnify thy glorious name,
evermore praising thee, and saying:

All

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Priest Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ
to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption;
who made there (by his one oblation of himself once offered)
a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction
for the sins of the whole world;
and did institute, and in his holy gospel command us to continue,
a perpetual memory of that his precious death,
until his coming again:

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee;
and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine,
according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution,
in remembrance of his death and passion,
may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood:

who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread;
and, when he had given thanks, he brake 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.

Likewise after supper he took the cup;
and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying,
Drink ye all of this; for this is my blood of the new testament,
which is shed for you and for many, for the remission of sins:
do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father,
we thy humble servants entirely desire thy fatherly goodness
mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving;
most humbly beseeching thee to grant,
that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ,
and through faith in his blood,
we and all thy whole Church may
obtain remission of our sins,
and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord,
ourselves, our souls and bodies,
to be a reasonable, holy and lively sacrifice unto thee;
humbly beseeching thee, that all we, who are partakers
of this holy communion,
may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction.

And although we be unworthy, through our manifold sins,
to offer unto thee any sacrifice,
yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service;
not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences,

through Jesus Christ our Lord;
by whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost,
all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father almighty,
world without end.

All **Amen.**

THE LORDS PRAYER

Priest As our Saviour Christ hath commanded and taught us,
we are bold to say

All **Our Father,
which art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done,
in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive them that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

AGNUS DEI

During the Fraction, all say

**O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.**

**O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.**

**O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.**

THE COMMUNION

Priest Draw near with faith.
Receive the body of Our Lord Jesus Christ
which was given for you and his blood which was shed for you.
Take and eat in remembrance that Christ died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts, by faith, with thanksgiving.

AFTER COMMUNION

All kneel in silent prayer while the Ablutions are completed

THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION

Priest Almighty and everliving God,
we most heartily thank thee,
for that thou dost vouchsafe to feed us,
who have duly received these holy mysteries,
with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood
of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ;
and dost assure us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us;
and that we are very members
incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son,
which is the blessed company of all faithful people;
and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom,
by the merits of the most precious death and passion of thy dear Son.
And we most humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father,
so to assist us with thy grace,
that we may continue in that holy fellowship,
and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory,
world without end. **Amen.**

Unless it is Advent or Lent, we say

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

All **Glory be to God on high,
and in earth peace, goodwill towards men.**

**We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee, we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King,
God the Father almighty.**

**O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesu Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.**

**For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord:
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost,
be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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