

The Church in Westbury Park @ St Alban's

8am Holy Communion

Welcome to this service of Holy Communion. This is a simple said service with sermon. All who normally receive communion are welcome to do so here. If you would prefer a blessing please do come forward to the communion rail with your head bowed. If you would like to receive a gluten free host please tell the warden before the service starts.

THE GREETING

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

PRAYER OF PREPARATION *(please kneel)*

**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

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,
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.

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

THE DISMISSAL

The Peace of God,
which passes 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 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.

God so loved the world
that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ
to save us from our sins,
to be our advocate in heaven,
and to bring us to eternal life.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,
firmly resolved to keep God's commandments
and to live in love and peace with all.

**Father eternal, giver of light and grace,
we have sinned against you and against
our neighbour, in what we have thought
in what we have said and done,
through ignorance, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We have wounded your love,
and marred your image in us.
We are sorry and ashamed,
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past,
and lead us out from darkness
to walk as children of light. Amen.**

In Advent/Lent

KYRIE

Lord, have mercy
Lord, have mercy

Christ, have mercy
Christ, have mercy

Lord, have mercy
Lord, have mercy.

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.
Amen.

GLORIA

Not in Advent/Lent

**Glory to God in the highest
and peace to his people on earth.**

**O Lord, 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.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Silence is kept.

Then all say one of these prayers.

**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.**

or

**Faithful God,
in baptism you have adopted
us as your children,
made us members of the body of Christ
and chosen us as
inheritors of your kingdom:
we thank you that in this Eucharist
you renew your promises within us.
Empower us by your Spirit
to witness and to serve,
and send us out as disciples of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

BREAKING OF THE 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.**

GIVING OF COMMUNION

The Invitation

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper;

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word,
and I shall be healed.**

During Advent and Lent we say

**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 COLLECT

The president introduces a period of silent prayer with the words 'Let us pray'.

The Collect is said and all respond

Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

READINGS

A reading from Scripture precedes the Gospel.

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

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

THE CREED

**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,
and 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,**

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 St Oswald and all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;

by whom, 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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(please kneel)*

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.**

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.

**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.

**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 kneel)*

The response to the bidding

Lord in your mercy

Is **Hear our prayer**

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 *(please stand)*

The president introduces the Peace with a suitable sentence.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of God's peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

The gifts of the people are gathered and presented.

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

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness
we have this bread to set before you,
which earth has given
and human hands have made.

It will become for us the bread of life.

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness
we have this wine to set before you,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become for us the cup of salvation.

Blessed be God for ever.

The president takes the bread and wine.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you
And also with you

Lift up your hearts
We lift them to the Lord.

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

Father we give you thanks and praise
through your beloved Son Jesus Christ,
your living Word,
through whom you have created all things;
who was sent by you in your great goodness
to be our Saviour.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh;
as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin,
he lived on earth and went about among us;
he opened wide his arms for us on the cross;
he put an end to death by dying for us;
and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life;
so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy
people.

(Short Proper Preface, when appropriate)

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and saying:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he that comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**