

During the administration of communion hymns are sung.

Prayers and Dismissal

Let us pray

**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 that you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free, and the
whole earth live to praise your name through Jesus
Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

May he, who by his incarnation gathered into one things
earthly and heavenly, fill your lives with his light and joy and
peace; and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with you now
remain with you always. **Amen**

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord



Hymn

*Please stay on after the service for refreshments
which are served in the church hall*

The Church in Westbury Park Family Communion for Christmas & Epiphany

Welcome, Introduction and Notices

Great and wonderful are the things
the Lord our God has done for us.

**The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light**

Hymn

Confession

In the silence and stillness let us open our hearts and lives
to God, that we may be prepared for his coming
as Light and Word, as Bread and Wine.

Silence

We say together

**Loving God, you have searched us and known us, our
blindness, our frailties,
our fears and our selfishness.**

**In sorrow we confess
that we have sinned against you
and disobeyed your command to love.
Forgive us, for the sake of your Son,
Jesus Christ, who became like us
that we might become like him. Amen.**

Absolution

The true light that gives light to everyone
has come into the world. To all who receive him,
he gives power to become children of God.
This is Christ's gracious word: 'Your sins are forgiven.'
Amen. Thanks be to God.

The Gloria

Nigel Walton

Glo-ry to God in the high- - est and peace to his peo-ple on
earth. O Lord God heav'n ly King, al - migh - ty God and
Fath - er, we wor - ship - you we give you - thanks, we praise you - for - your
glo - ry Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fath - er,
Lord God, Lamb of God You take a - way the sins of the world, have
mer - cy on us. You are sea - ted at the right hand of the
Fath - er, re - ceive our prayer. For
you a - lone are the ho - ly - One You a - lone are the Lord, You a - lone are the
most high Je sus - Christ with the ho - - ly spi - rit, In the
glo ry of God the Fa - ther A - - - - - men

Collect (The special prayer for today)

A Bible Reading

At the end the reader says

This is the word of the Lord

and we all respond

Thanks be to God

Hymn

Through him we give ourselves to you.

May your Spirit draw us together in the one body of Christ,
that we may have life in all its fullness, live in your love,
and fill creation with a song of never-ending praise.

We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Through him, with him, and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and
glory by given to you, almighty Father,
throughout all ages. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

We say together the prayer that Jesus gave us:

**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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Christ is the bread of life. Christ is the light of the world.

**God here among us, light in the midst of us,
bring us light and life.**

The choir sing the Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)

The sharing of the Bread and Wine

Everyone who normally receives communion is welcome to do so here. If you would rather receive a blessing, please come forward and kneel with your head bowed. Communion is usually administered at both altars – please go forward to either of them. If you don't have a preference – please go to wherever the queue is shortest.

to make us your people, a people of light,
 to reflect your glory in all the earth.
 And so with angels and archangels and all the heavenly choir
 we join in the unending hymn of praise:

Ho-ly Ho-ly Ho-ly Lord, God of po-wer and might,
 Heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry Ho-san-na in the High-est
 Blessed is he that comes in the name of the
 Lord - Ho - sann - a in the high - est

Holy and redeeming God,
 we see your grace and truth in Jesus Christ our Lord,
 who, on the night in which he was betrayed,
 took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples,
 saying, 'Take this and eat it. This is my body given for you.
 Do this in remembrance of me.'
 In the same way, after supper,
 he took the cup, gave thanks,
 and gave it to them, saying,
 'Drink from it all of you.
 This is my blood of the new covenant,
 poured out for you and for many,
 for the forgiveness of sins.
 Do this, whenever you drink it,
 in remembrance of me.'

And so, Father, we remember and celebrate
 all that Christ has done for us.
 Send our Holy Spirit
 that these gifts of bread and wine
 may be for us the body and blood of Christ.

The Gospel

At the beginning of the Gospel Reading

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

Glo - ry to you O Lord

At the end of the Gospel Reading

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you O christ

Sermon

The Creed

Let us profess the faith of the Church.

**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 became truly human. 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 as we pray for the world

The response to the bidding

Lord in your mercy
is **Hear our Prayer**

And at the end of the prayers

Merciful Father

**Accept these prayers for the sake of your son our
Saviour Jesus Christ**

The Peace

All stand

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to all in whom he delights.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

We share with one another a sign of Christ's peace

Hymn

*During which a collection is taken and the bread and wine are brought to
the altar*

The Preparation of the Gifts

Lord and Giver of every good thing, we bring to you
bread and wine for our communion,
lives and gifts for your kingdom,
all for transformation through your grace and love,
made known in Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen**

The Thanksgiving

All stand



Father, it is our joy and delight, our reason for being,
to offer you thanks and praise.

All your actions show wisdom and love.

Through your Word you spoke creation into existence
and made us in your image and likeness.

When we disobeyed you and drew away from you,
you did not leave us in darkness
but sent your Son, the Word made flesh,
to be the light of the world.

Emptying himself of all but love, he was born of Mary,
shared our human nature and died on the cross.

Yet you have raised him from death to eternal life;
and through him you have sent your holy and life-giving Spirit