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CREATIONTIDE

All Age Communion

Please leave this booklet in church.

Prayer after Communion

A brief silence is kept then we say the following prayer together:

**Creator God,
Send your Holy Spirit to renew this living world,
That the whole of creation
In its groaning and striving,
May know your loving purpose
And come to reflect your glory;
In Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

The Dismissal

Notices and publishing of the banns of marriage.

The Blessing

We stand for the president to give the blessing

May God the Holy Spirit,
Who hovered over the waters of creation
And formed the world from chaos,
Form you in the likeness of Christ and renew the face of the earth.
And the blessing of God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit be upon you
now and always.
Amen.

Recessional Hymn

*As we sing our final hymn the servers and ministers process. Children are welcome to join the procession.
Please turn to face the ministers for the dismissal.*

Go in peace, and may the words we have shared this day
Be matched by our faithful living
Thanks be to God

You are warmly invited to stay for refreshments which are served most weeks after the service.

While the ministers break the remaining consecrated bread and the communion assistants come to the front we sing together the ancient prayer known as the Agnus Dei.

Agnus Dei by James Macmillan

**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.**

Giving of Communion

The president gives an invitation to communion.

This is the table, not of the Church but of Jesus Christ.
It is made ready for those who love God and who want to love God more.

So come you have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time or ever before.

You who have tried to follow and all of who have failed.

These are the gifts of God for the People of God. Christ invites you to be known and fed here.

Please come forward when directed by the stewards. Christians of any church tradition are welcome to receive the bread and wine including children who have been admitted to communion, here or at another church. Alternatively you can come forward for a prayer of blessing, please indicate if this is your wish by crossing your arms across your chest.

As we share communion the music group may sing a song and sometimes instrumental music will be played. We all join in singing the communion hymn(s) that follow, the number(s) for which can be found on the notice sheet and on the hymn board at the front of church.

Welcome

Today we gather for an All Age service of Communion where children are central in participating and leading our worship. If you have young ones please sit somewhere where they can see and join in being mindful of the live stream note below. The liturgy we use today echoes much of what is used in **Children's Church** that gathers in Fearon Hall on other weeks.

Children are always welcome in church and we understand that they do not always find it easy to be quiet! Please move around as you need to with them and if toddlers need a wander that is fine as long as they remain under your supervision. Church buildings are great places to explore but please be mindful of uneven floors, sharp edges and candles.

If you are a visitor here today we hope you feel at home. The **stewards** wearing rainbow lanyards, will be happy to help you. Please introduce yourself. If you receive **communion** in any church you are welcome to receive the bread and wine here. If you need a **gluten free wafer** or wish to receive communion in your seat please let one of the stewards know.

Our services are usually **live streamed**, so those at home can worship with us. If you wish to ensure you are not seen on camera please sit on the right hand side of the church as you enter, please ask a steward if you are unsure. The cameras do not film people coming up for communion.

We are part of the **Inclusive Church** network and as such we seek to challenge the church where it continues to discriminate against people on grounds of disability, economic power, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, learning disability, mental health, neurodiversity, or sexuality. We believe in a Church which welcomes and serves all people in the name of Jesus Christ; which is scripturally faithful; which seeks to proclaim the Gospel afresh for each generation; and which, in the power of the Holy Spirit, allows all people to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Jesus Christ.

We are a work in progress and welcome anyone who wishes to journey with us.



Who's Who in Worship?

Lots of people take part in a communion service. Some people perform a role that requires official recognition from the wider church but mostly these are tasks that any member of the church can take a turn at.

President

The communion service is presided over by a priest. A priest is someone who has been ordained by the Bishop and has a particular role to preach, teach and care for people. In the service s/he will be wearing a coloured chasuble and stole that reflect the season.

Deacon

A deacon is ordained by the Bishop and plays a significant part in the life of the church. Often deacons are also ordained as priest. In the service the deacon wears a coloured stole across the shoulder. The traditional Deacon's role may be carried out by a Lay Reader or Lay Assistant. (See below.)

Lay Reader

Lay Readers have a preaching, teaching and pastoral ministry and are licensed by the Bishop to serve in our church. When robed they wear a blue preaching scarf but sometimes they might preach in their ordinary clothes.

Lay Assistant

A member of the church who helps lead the service. They wear a white alb. Often they are people who are exploring a vocation to preaching or ordained ministry.

Server

Wearing white robes, these are members of the congregation who carry the processional candles and cross and assist with the communion vessels.

Reader

The person who reads aloud the scripture from the lectern.

Intercessor

Someone who prepares and delivers prayers reflecting the theme of the service.

The president recalls the Last Supper and the prayer continues leading into the final words of praise

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

Amen.

We kneel or sit and observe a period of silence.

The Lord's Prayer

We say this prayer together, each in whichever language is closest to our hearts.. It may be led by a member of the congregation using one of the global languages that make up our intercultural community.

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.**

Notre Pere...

Vater Unser...

Onze Vader...

Padre Nuestro...

Ojcie Nasz...

Baba Yetu...

E to matou Matua...

Ein Tad...

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.**

Taking of the Bread and Wine

When the altar-table is prepared the president offers this prayer.

As the grain once scattered in the fields
And the grapes once dispersed on the hillside
Are now united on this table in bread and wine,
So, Lord, may your whole church soon be gathered together
From the corners of the earth
Into your kingdom.

Amen

The president washes their hands symbolising our desire to come together at the Lord's table with pure hearts and minds.

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 thanks and praise.

The president praises God for His mighty acts and all respond by singing:

The Sanctus by James Macmillan

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

**Blessed is he, Oh blessed is he
Who comes in the name of the Lord
Hosanna in the highest
Hosanna in the highest.**

Communion Assistant

Members of the congregation who administer the chalice. Normally they will not be robed.

Then there are musicians, singers, Children's Church leaders, stewards and hospitality team members and YOU! We worship God together as the body of Christ.

If you would like to find out more about taking part in a Sunday service or if you feel God may be calling you to one of the ministries authorised by the Bishop, please speak to one of the clergy team or stewards after the service or email:

churchwardens@allsaintsloughborough.org.uk

Before the service begins there is an informal welcome. Once the service starts please join in with the words in **bold type**. The parts in *italics* are instructions or an indication of what is happening. You will find throughout the service there are notes to stand, sit or kneel. **These are invitations not commands**, so please do whatever helps you to worship.

Throughout this month we are keeping the season of Creationtide or the Season of Creation. This is the period in the annual church calendar, from 1st September to 4th October, dedicated to God as Creator and Sustainer of all life. We will spend the next few weeks learning about how our faith connects with this season and how we can join in with the mission of God here in Loughborough.

Gathering to worship God

The music group may play a piece of music or sing a song that leads us into worship before we all sing the processional hymn.

Processional Hymn

All stand to sing the hymn as the music begins and the servers and ministers process.

The Greeting

In my head
In my heart
And all around me
Jesus is here

**In my head
In my heart
And all around me
Jesus is here**

This is the day that the Lord has made
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Sharing Bread and Wine

The Peace

We stand. The president introduces the peace

You shall go out with joy and be led back in peace;
The mountains and hills before you shall burst into song,
And all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace

Members of the congregation turn to one another and greet their neighbours by saying 'peace be with you' and making a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn

During this hymn bread and wine are brought forward and the altar-table is prepared. The offertory plate is presented, symbolic of the financial gifts of the people, and the president gives thanks for these while the deacon or lay assistant is laying up the altar-table.

Giving financially at All Saints

There is no charge for coming to church, everyone is welcome whatever your circumstances

however, as a charity, we rely on the generosity of both occasional and regular givers to fund the mission and ministry of the church and to ensure the upkeep of this historic building. Giving generously is also part of our response to God, an expression of our worship.

If All Saints is your church please consider signing up to give regularly through your bank, if you are able, via the Parish Giving Scheme. Details of this are available from a steward.

Alternatively, you can make a one off gift today via the plate or card machine at the back of church or use this link.



Make a gift

Affirmation and Commitment of Faith

Let us declare our faith in God.

**We believe in God, the Creator and Lord of all that is.
In your hand is the life of every thing
of trees and plants, animals and insects
and the breath of every human being.**

**We believe in Jesus the Christ,
the Redeemer of all that we have damaged,
our broken souls and our broken world,
who offers new life when we love our neighbours,
sun and soil, water and air.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Sustainer of this community and future generations,
and the source of hope and courage to care about creation,
especially when sustainability seems hopeless.**

**We promise to work together and with God,
to be stewards of this gift, our home.**

Iona Abbey Worship Book, 2017 Wild Goose Publications

Prayers of Intercession

We think about the people and situations we wish to pray for. There may be some words shared or a creative response. This prayer song may then be used.

**For the world and all people: Hear our prayer.
For all Christians in all places: Hear our prayer.
For the place that we live in: Hear our prayer.
Lord Jesus hear our prayer.**

**For the sick and the lonely: Hear our prayer.
For our friends and our family: Hear our prayer.
For me and my life: Hear our prayer.
Lord Jesus hear our prayer.**

Additional words of welcome from the president may be given and the theme of the service introduced.

Saying sorry and hearing words of forgiveness

The deacon or a child invites us to think about the things we need to say sorry for and then we all join in with this sung confession:

**For the things we have thought
That we wish we'd not thought
We're sorry, we're sorry
We need a new start**

**For the things we have said
That we wish we'd not said
We're sorry, we're sorry
We need a new start**

**For the things that we've done,
That we wish we'd not done
We're sorry, we're sorry
We need a new start**

The Good News is God always wants to give us a new start. Let's draw a smile on our foreheads and say God gives us a new start.

We draw a smile on our foreheads or the family members we have come with today and say 'God gives us/you a new start.' The president then says the prayer of forgiveness.

**May the God of all mercies
Cleanse you from your sins,
And restore you in their image
To the praise and glory of God's name,
Through Jesus Christ our Saviour and our Redeemer
Amen**

The Gloria: A Song of Praise

**Gloria (Clap! Clap!) Gloria (Clap! Clap!) in excelsis Deo
Gloria (Clap! Clap!) Gloria (Clap! Clap!) in excelsis Deo**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
peace you bring to us;
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we sing our song of praise.**

Gloria . . .

**Jesus, Saviour of all,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away our sins,
O Lord, have mercy on us all.**

Gloria . . .

**At the Father's right hand,
Lord receive our prayer,
for you alone are the Holy One,
and you alone are Lord.**

Gloria . . .

**Glory, Father and Son,
glory, Holy Spirit,
to you we raise our hands up high,
we glorify your name.**

Gloria . . .

The Collect

The president introduces a period of silent prayer with the words 'let us pray'. All remain standing for the period of silence and the collect - the special prayer for the day - and all respond.

Amen.

Hearing & Responding to the Word of God

Reading

We sit to listen to a reading appointed for the day taken from the Christian scriptures, the Bible. This might be from the Old Testament or Hebrew Scriptures as it is also called, or from the New Testament which is mostly made up of letters sent to some of the earliest churches.

At the end of each reading the following is said:

**Here ends the reading
Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading

*We stand and sing together **Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-jah!** as the Gospel book is carried to the middle of the church and the congregation turns to face the reader. The Gospels are the books of the Bible which contain the stories and words of Jesus hence we stand to show how important they are to us.*

**Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N.
Glory to you, O Lord.**

The Gospel for the day is proclaimed.

**This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.**

*We sing **Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-jah!** as the gospel is carried back. We sit after the preacher offers an introductory prayer.*

Talk

After the talk a song or piece of music may be played or there is a brief pause for reflection and then all stand to declare the faith of the Church.