

Advent Season

An Order of Service for
Holy Communion



The Parish of St Bartholomew
and St Christopher
Haslemere

The Gathering

Please stand

Hymn and Procession

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

The Welcome

The Lord be with you,

All and also with you.

Prayers of Preparation

As we invite God's presence amongst us so we prepare to bring him our worship.

All 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.

In Confession

When the Lord comes, he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness, and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Therefore, in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

**Sit or
kneel**

Silence is kept for us to offer our sins to God.

Come, let us return to the Lord and say:

All Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against thee
and against our neighbour,
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are heartily sorry
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past,
and grant that we may serve thee
in newness of life
to the glory of thy name.
Amen

We sing:

Lord have mercy		Kyrie eleison
Christ have mercy	or	Christe eleison
Lord have mercy		Kyrie eleison

We receive absolution and the assurance of sins forgiven.

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.

All Amen.

The Advent Wreath

O come, O come, Emmanuel.
Come, Lord Jesus.

Each week our advent wreath carries a different prayer:

For Advent Sunday - **The Patriarchs**

For the Second Sunday of Advent - **The Prophets**

For the Third Sunday of Advent - **John the Baptist**

For the Fourth Sunday of Advent - **The Virgin Mary**

After the wreath prayer all say:

Blessed be God for ever:
Blessed be God for ever. Amen

The Collect

After the collect or other prayer we all respond:

All Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

At the end of each lesson the reader says:

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Stand

Hymn

The Gospel Reading

When the Gospel is announced the reader proclaims:

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

All Alleluia!

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

The Creed

Stand

**All I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

Our Prayers

You may wish to kneel as we pray for each other and our communities. The following responses may be used.

Lord, in your mercy (or) Lord, hear us.
All hear our prayer. **All** Lord, graciously hear us.

A time of silence may be kept, after which we respond:

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

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

Sharing God's Peace

Stand In the tender mercy of our God, the dayspring from on high shall break upon us, to give light to those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Luke 1.78,79

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Please take time to leave your seat and greet others with the peace

Hymn

*An offering will be taken up during the hymn.
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Prayer and Preparation of the Table

As the grain once scattered in the fields
and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside
are now reunited 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.

All Amen

The Holy Communion

*We remember Christ's offering of himself for us at the last supper,
blessing the bread and wine to be for us his body and blood.*

Stand

The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise,
almighty God and everlasting Father,
through Jesus Christ your Son.

When he humbled himself to come among us in human flesh,
he fulfilled the plan you formed before the founding of the world
to open for us the way of salvation.

Confident that your promise will be fulfilled,
we now watch for the day

when Christ our Lord will come again in glory.

And so we join our voices with angels and archangels
and with all the company of heaven

to proclaim your glory,

for ever praising you and saying:

**All 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 praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:
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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**All Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts
in the presence of your divine majesty,
renew us by your Spirit,
inspire us with your love
and unite us in the body of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Through him, and with him, and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty,
in songs of everlasting praise:

**All Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**All Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who 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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

All Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.

All 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.

or:

All 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.

The Giving of Communion

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

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

The choir sings an anthem.

*Those who wish to receive a blessing are welcome to come to the
rail carrying this sheet.*

The Prayer after Communion

The Post Communion prayer is said by the President.

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

The Dismissal

Do please remain with us after the service
for refreshments.

Hymn

The Blessing

May God the Father,
who loved the world so much that he gave his only Son,
give you the strength to share His good news;
and the blessing of God Almighty
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit
be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

As we await our coming Saviour,
go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ.

Amen

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