

# All Age Eucharist



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# Welcome to St John's, Harpenden

From earliest times, Christians gathered at regular hours during each day and night to respond to God's word with praise on behalf of creation and with intercession for the salvation of the world.

On this Sunday morning:

We have come together in the name of Christ,  
to offer our praise and thanksgiving,  
to hear and receive God's holy word,  
to pray for the needs of the world,  
and to seek the forgiveness of our sins,  
to exchange the Peace,  
pray the Eucharistic prayer,  
break the bread,  
receive communion and  
depart with God's blessing  
that by the power of the Holy Spirit  
we may give ourselves to the service of God.

People of all ages are welcome at all of our services as a full part of God's family, and this service is especially aimed at being something we can all take part in together.



During this service we invite all, as they are able, to help contribute to the cost of running this church so that we might show God's love to those around us.



There is an Induction Loop in the church, for those using a hearing aid



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**Please join us for refreshments in the church hall immediately after the service**

## **We Gather**

**Processional Hymn** (*number can be found in the pewsheet or hymn boards*)

Welcome in the name of Christ,  
God's grace, mercy and peace be with you

**All** and also with you

*Words of welcome or introduction may be said*

## **We Confess**

*We say sorry to God*

Jesus said, 'Before you offer your gift, go and be reconciled.' As sisters and brothers in God's family, we come together to ask our Father for forgiveness.

*After each bidding, there is a response*

*Lord, have mercy.*

**All** Lord, have mercy.

*Christ, have mercy.*

**All** Christ, have mercy

*Lord, have mercy.*

**All** Lord, have mercy.

*The president declares God's forgiveness with these words*

May God who loved the world so much  
that he sent his Son to be our Saviour  
forgive you your sins and make you holy to serve him in the world, through  
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **We sing God's glory!**

*We stand to sing God's praise (this is not sung during Advent and Lent)*

Refrain: Gloria (clap, clap), Gloria (clap, clap), in excelsis Deo

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

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

3. At the Fathers right hand, Lord receive our Prayer,  
for you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord.

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

## **The Collect**

*We remain standing to say the special prayer for today*

## **We Listen**

*Please sit as we hear from the Bible*

## **First Reading**

*At the end we say*

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

## **Gradual Hymn or Psalm is sung**

## **Gospel Reading**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N

All Glory to you, O Lord.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise of you, O Christ

## **We Learn**

*We explore together what God is saying to us today with a talk, normally led by a member of the ministry team.*

## **We Believe**

*We stand to say together what we believe about God*

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,  
source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

**All We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature,  
died for us and rose again?

**All We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the  
people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

**All We believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**All This is our faith.**

**We believe and trust in one God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

**Amen.**

## **We Pray**

*We pray together for the world, our community and those in need.*

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer** Or Lord hear us: **Lord graciously hear us.**

## **[We Welcome**

*If there are children to be welcomed from recent Baptisms, the following is said:*

There is one Lord, one Faith,  
One baptism: by one Spirit we are all  
Baptized into one body.

**All We welcome you into the fellowship of faith,  
We are children of the same heavenly father; we welcome you.]**

## **We share God's Peace**

*We stand to share in the peace*

*The minister may say a few words, and then...*

The peace of the Lord be with you

**All And also with you**

*We offer each other a sign of peace, either a wave or a hand shake.*

## **Offertory Hymn**

*The altar is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.*

*Young people are encouraged to stand around the altar*

With this bread that we bring

**All We shall remember Jesus**

With this wine that we bring

**All We shall remember Jesus**

Bread for his body

Wine for his blood

Gifts from God to this table we bring.

**All We shall remember Jesus.**

**We Give Thanks**  
*God makes the bread and wine holy for us*

**The Eucharistic Prayer**

The Lord is here.

**All His Spirit is with us.**

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 right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;  
in your love you made us for yourself.

When we turned away you did not reject us,  
but came to meet us in your Son.

**All You embraced us as your children  
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life  
that we might live in him and he in us.

**All He opened his arms of love upon the cross  
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed,  
at supper with his friends  
he took bread, and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to them, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

**All Father, we do this in remembrance of him:  
his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,  
he gave you thanks, and said:  
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins;  
do this in remembrance of me.

**All** Father, we do this in remembrance of him:  
his blood is shed for all.

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory,  
send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine  
may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

**All** As we eat and drink these holy gifts  
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.

With your whole Church throughout the world  
we offer you this sacrifice of praise  
and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

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

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*Rejoicing in God's new creation, let us pray as our saviour has taught us  
Please remain kneeling or sitting.*

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.  
And 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.



## 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.

## Giving of Communion

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

All Jesus Christ is holy,  
Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

*The president and people receive communion. All full members of Christian Churches are warmly invited to receive communion. If you would prefer a blessing, please come forward carrying this booklet with you. Authorised words of distribution are used and the communicant replies 'Amen'*

## Communion Hymn(s)

## Prayer after Communion

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

## The Notices

*We hear what is going on in the life of the church this week.*

## Blessing and Dismissal

*We prepare ourselves to be sent out in the world as god's people*

### The Final Hymn

### The Blessing

### Dismissal

Go in the peace of Christ.

All Thanks be to God.

*The ministers and people depart*

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