

# 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,  
to 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**

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## Welcome

### Processional Hymn 194 – Alleluia, Alleluia!

1 Alleluia! Alleluia!

Hearts to heaven and voices raise;  
sing to God a hymn of gladness,  
sing to God a hymn of praise:  
he who on the cross a victim  
for the world's salvation bled,  
Jesus Christ, the King of glory,  
now is risen from the dead.

2 Christ is risen, Christ the first-fruits  
of the holy harvest field,  
which will all its full abundance  
at his second coming yield;  
then the golden ears of harvest  
will their heads before him wave,  
ripened by his glorious sunshine,  
from the furrows of the grave.

3 Christ is risen, we are risen;  
shed upon us heavenly grace,  
rain, and dew, and gleams of glory  
from the brightness of thy face;  
that we, with our hearts in heaven,  
here on earth may fruitful be,  
and by angel-hands be gathered,  
and be ever, Lord, with thee.

4 Alleluia! Alleluia!

Glory be to God on high;  
Alleluia to the Saviour,  
who has gained the victory;  
Alleluia to the Spirit,  
fount of love and sanctity;  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
to the Triune Majesty.

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.

Lord Jesus, you raise us to new life.  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you forgive us our sins.  
Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**  
Lord Jesus, you feed us with the living bread.  
Lord, have mercy.  
**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!(A&M 416)**  
*We stand to sing God's praise (this is not said during Advent and Lent)*

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father.  
**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father.**  
To God be glory forever.  
**To God be glory forever.**  
Alleluia, Amen.  
**Alleluia, Amen. Alleluia, Amen. Alleluia, Amen!**

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to our Saviour.

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to our Saviour.**

To God be glory forever.

**To God be glory forever.**

Alleluia, Amen.

**Alleluia, Amen. Alleluia, Amen. Alleluia, Amen!**

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit.

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit.**

To God be glory forever.

**To God be glory forever.**

Alleluia, Amen.

**Alleluia, Amen. Alleluia, Amen. Alleluia, Amen!**

## **The Collect**

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

Risen Christ,

you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope:

strengthen us to proclaim your risen life

and fill us with your peace,

to the glory of God the Father.

**Amen.**

## **We Listen**

*Please sit as we hear from the Bible*

### **First Reading Acts 9.1-6**

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest<sup>2</sup> and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.<sup>3</sup> Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him.<sup>4</sup> He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?"<sup>5</sup> He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.<sup>6</sup> But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do."

### **Gospel Reading**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

## All Glory to you, O Lord.

21After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. 2Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. 3Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. 4Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. 5Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." 6He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. 7That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. 8But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. 9When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. 10Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." 11So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. 12Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. 13Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. 14This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

15When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." 16A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." 17He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. 18Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not

wish to go.” 19(He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, “Follow me.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All Praise of you, O Christ**

**We Learn**

**Talk**

**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 risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said  
'Peace be with you'. Then were they glad when they saw the Lord.

The Peace of the Risen Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

**Hymn 502 Restore, O Lord, the honour of your name!**

Restore, O Lord  
The honour of Your name  
In works of sovereign power  
Come shake the earth again  
That all may see  
And come with reverent fear  
To the living God  
Whose kingdom shall outlast the years

Restore, O Lord  
In all the earth Your fame  
And in our time revive  
The church that bears Your Name  
In Your anger  
Lord, remember mercy  
O living God  
Whose mercy shall outlast the years



Bend us, O Lord  
Where we are hard and cold  
In Your refiner's fire  
Come purify the gold  
Though suffering comes  
And evil crouches near  
Still our living God  
Is reigning, He is reigning here

Restore, O Lord  
The honour of Your name  
In works of sovereign power  
Come shake the earth again  
That all may see  
And come with reverent fear  
To the living God  
Whose kingdom shall outlast the years

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

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 with confidence 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**

**510 Will you come and follow me;**

**451 Just as I am.**

Communion Anthem: Let all the world in every corner sing'

## 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.**

## NOTICES

### Blessing and Dismissal

#### Blessing

The God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you now and always. **Amen.**

#### Hymn 197 – Jesus is Lord of all the Earth.

*Alleluia, Alleluia, Give thanks to the risen Lord,  
Alleluia, Alleluia, give praise to His Name.*

Jesus is Lord of all the earth  
He is the King of creation.

Spread the good news o'er all the earth.  
Jesus has died and has risen.

We have been crucified with Christ.  
Now we shall live forever.

God has proclaimed the just reward,  
Life for all men, Alleluia.

Come let us praise the living God,  
Joyfully sing to our Saviour.

## **Dismissal**

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia!

**All Thanks be to God.**

*The ministers and people depart*