

*Stand*

**Hymn**

**The Blessing and Dismissal**

*A seasonal blessing, or*

The peace of God,  
which passes all understanding,  
keep your hearts and minds  
in the knowledge and love of God,  
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;  
and the blessing of God Almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*Or, from Easter day to Pentecost:*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
Alleluia, alleluia.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen Alleluia, Alleluia.**



# St John's Church, Glastonbury



## HOLY COMMUNION



**Jesus says:**  
*"I am the bread of life"*

## **WELCOME**

Welcome to St. John the Baptist Church. We are all on a journey of faith together, and we try to support each other on the way.

Everyone is welcome to have Holy Communion but, if you would prefer to have a blessing then, bring this booklet to the altar rail with you. If you can't get to the altar rail but would like Holy Communion we are happy to bring the Bread and Wine to you. If you would like this or if you have any questions, just ask the Welcomers (the people by the door before the Service).

After the Sunday morning service most people stay for a cup of coffee and a chat, and we hope you will join us.

The clergy and pastoral team are always willing to talk with you if you would like us to.

We hope you will come to the Church again. There are details of Church activities at the back of Church.

If you are visiting us while on holiday, we hope you enjoy your stay in Glastonbury and have a safe journey home.

**Mr. David Smith, Churchwarden**  
**Mr. Derek Dorey, Churchwarden**

## **The Postcommunion Collect**

*All reply: Amen*

*One of the following prayers is used:*

### **Prayer After Communion**

**O God you give us life and growth,  
we thank you for calling us to be your people.  
Help us to become united  
in prayer and worship  
in service to you and your world.  
Make us witnesses of your love;  
give us a spirit of tolerance and understanding,  
of hope and courage.  
Increase our faith and knowledge;  
so that we may give ourselves to you  
and to each other.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ  
your Son our Lord. Amen.**

*(or)*

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

## 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.**

## Agnus Dei

**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.**

## 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.  
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
But only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*(or)*

Draw near with faith.  
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ  
which he gave for you,  
and his blood which he shed for you.  
Eat and drink  
in remembrance that he died for you,  
and feed on him in your hearts  
by faith with thanksgiving.

*Please come to the altar, as directed, to receive communion or a blessing.  
Communicant members of other churches are welcome to receive  
communion. Those who wish to receive a blessing should bow their head.*

*Notices are said at the beginning of the Service.*

## The Welcome

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## Hymn

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

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

*From Easter Day to Pentecost this acclamation follows.*

Alleluia. Christ is risen  
**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

## Prayer of Preparation

*Please kneel*

**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.**

## Prayers of Penitence

*The Celebrant introduces the confession*

*Sit or Kneel*

Our Lord Jesus Christ said;  
The first commandment is this:  
'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord.  
You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,  
with all your soul, with all your mind,  
and with all your strength.'

The second is this:  
'Love your neighbour as yourself.'  
There is no other commandment greater than these.  
In these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

**Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

God so loved the world  
that he gave his only son Jesus Christ  
to save us from our sins,  
to be our advocate in heaven,  
and bring us to eternal life.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,  
firmly resolved to keep God's commandments  
and to live in love and peace with all.

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you,  
through our own fault,  
in thought, and word, and deed,  
and in what we have left undone.  
We are heartily sorry,  
and repent of all our sins.**

## The Lord's Prayer

*Either*

**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.**

*(or)*

**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.**

*After the Consecration one of these four acclamations may be used:*

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

**Dying you destroyed our death,**

**Rising you restored our life:**

**Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Christ is the bread of life:

**When we eat this bread**

**And drink this cup,**

**We proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,**

**Until you come in glory.**

Jesus Christ is Lord:

**Lord, by your cross and resurrection**

**You have set us free.**

**You are the Saviour of the world.**

*The prayer continues and leads into the doxology, concluding:*

For ever and ever.

*To which all respond boldly:*

**Amen.**

*(or)*

We worship you, Father Almighty,

in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power**

**Be yours for ever and ever.**

**Amen.**

**For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,  
forgive us all that is past;  
and grant that we may serve you in  
newness of life  
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

*(Or)*

**Most merciful God,**

**Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,**

**we confess that we have sinned**

**in thought, word and deed.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart.**

**We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.**

**In your mercy**

**forgive what we have been,**

**help us to amend what we are,**

**and direct what we shall be;**

**that we may do justly,**

**love mercy,**

**and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

*Or with suitable penitential sentences, The Kyrie eleison may be used*

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

## **The Absolution**

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.  
**Amen.**

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## **Gloria in Excelsis**

*Omitted during Advent and Lent*

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy upon us.  
You are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation;  
Through your goodness we have this bread to offer,  
Which earth has given and human hands have made.  
It will become for us the bread of life.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:  
Through your goodness we have this wine to offer,  
Fruit of the vine and work of human hands.  
It will become for us the cup of salvation.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

## **The Eucharistic Prayer**

The Lord be with you (or) The Lord is here.  
**and also with you. His Spirit is with us.**

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 Celebrant praises God for his mighty acts and all respond:*

**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.**

*Sit or Kneel as the Celebrant recalls the Last Supper.*

## **The Intercessions**

*These responses may be used:*

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

*(or)*

Lord, hear us  
**Lord, graciously hear us.**

*And at the end*  
Merciful Father,  
**Accept these prayers,  
For the sake of your Son,  
Our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
Amen.**

## **The Liturgy of the Eucharist**

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## **The Peace**

*The Celebrant introduces the Peace*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

## **The Preparation of the Gifts**

### **Offertory Hymn**

*The collection is taken and blessed.*

## **The Collect**

*The Collect is said, and all respond*  
**Amen.**

## **The Liturgy of the Word**

*Sit*

## **Reading**

*At the end the reader says:*

This is the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

## **Hymn**

## **GOSPEL READING**

*When the Gospel is announced, the reader says:*

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

*At the end:*

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

*Sit*

## **SERMON**

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## **NICENE CREED**

**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 was made man.  
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.**

*(Or)*

## **THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**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,  
and 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.**

*Sit or Kneel*