

St John's Glastonbury



The Holy Eucharist

Lent Season

A very warm welcome to this service at St John's Glastonbury.

The season of Lent is traditionally one of self-examination and repentance, turning from those things which are not of God, and drawing closer to the one who is source of all. Since early days Christians have observed with devotion this season with penitence and fasting, preparing for the celebration of Easter which lies ahead.

The Eucharist is our sustenance in this season, and a time of celebration, even in the 40 days of Lent. We gather around the table in this Eucharist as fellow pilgrims on the journey of faith. If you are visiting us, you are invited to receive the sacrament or a blessing.

Whatever has drawn you here this morning you are very welcome. Please do stay for coffee after the service, and if you are new, introduce yourself to the welcomers, or ministry team.

If you have prayer requests, or pastoral needs, or would like to discuss faith then please feel free to email me.

With every blessing for this season,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alice". The script is cursive and elegant, with a large initial 'A' and a long, sweeping tail on the 'e'.

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GATHERING AND WELCOME

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.

The presiding priest welcomes the congregation and introduces the service.

OPENING HYMN

If it is comfortable to do so, please stand.

NOTICES

Please sit as notices are given.

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart God will not despise.
Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion,
and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith.

**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.**

KYRIE ELEISON

The Kyrie is sung, by the choir or congregation.

Lord have mercy	<i>Kyrie eleison</i>
Christ have mercy	<i>Christe eleison</i>
Lord have mercy	<i>Kyrie eleison</i>

The presiding priest declares the forgiveness of our sins in the words of 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.**

THE COLLECT

READING

We sit for our reading.

GRADUAL HYMN

We stand to sing and remain standing for the Gospel reading, turning to face the Gospel book as it is brought into the middle of the congregation.

GOSPEL

The choir sing the Gospel acclamation and the congregation respond:

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

When the Gospel is announced, the reader says:

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

At the end of the Gospel:

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

Please be seated.

SERMON

THE NICENE CREED

We stand to affirm our faith in God:

**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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The following responses may be used:

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

Lord, hear us
Lord, graciously hear us.

The prayers conclude:

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

THE PEACE

Since we are justified by faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has given us access to his grace.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Please exchange a sign of peace with others as you wish.

OFFERTORY HYMN

The presiding priest prays over the gifts in the following words:

God of mercy and compassion,
your Word calls us home to faith and love,
accept all we offer you this day;
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.
Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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.

*The Eucharistic preface continues, praising the mighty acts of God,
followed by the sung Sanctus and Benedictus:*

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.

The prayer continues, recalling the events of the last supper:

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.

The prayer continues into the doxology, concluding:

for ever and ever.

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.

The presiding priest introduces the Lord's Prayer.

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

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

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.

The Agnus Dei is sung:

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.

The presiding priest breaks the consecrated bread.

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sins 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.**

**We do not presume
to come to this your table, merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your manifold and great mercies.
We are not worthy
so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table.**

**But you are the same Lord
whose nature is always to have mercy.
Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ
and to drink his blood,
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body
and our souls washed through his most precious blood,
and that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us.
Amen.**

If you wish to receive communion or a blessing, then please come to the altar rail, as directed. If you'd like a blessing then please cross your arms as a sign to the priest. Gluten free wafers are available.

POST COMMUNION PRAYERS

The post communion prayer for the day is led by the presiding priest, and we say the following together:

**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.**

HYMN

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,
to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him;
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.