

# St John's Glastonbury



## The Holy Eucharist

Easter Season

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

The fifty days of Eastertide begin on Easter day and stretch to Pentecost, and are a period of joy in the Church's year, a celebration of the glorious resurrection of Jesus. It is a time of rejoicing, when we hear stories from scripture of Jesus' time on earth after he was raised from the dead, his ascension into heaven, and the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

Each Sunday the Eucharist is a celebration. 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 cursive script that reads "Alice".

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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.**

**Alleluia! Christ is risen!**

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

*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

In baptism we died with Christ,  
so that as Christ was raised from the dead,  
we might walk with him in newness of life.  
Let us receive new life in him  
as we confess our sins 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.**

*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 GLORIA

*The Gloria in Excelsis is sung by the choir or as a congregation. Please stand:*

**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 on 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.**

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:*

**Alleluia.**

*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:*

Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

*Please be seated.*

SERMON

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*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

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples  
and said 'peace be with you.'

Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

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:*

Be present, be present,  
Lord Jesus Christ,  
our risen high priest;  
make yourself known in the breaking of bread.  
**Amen.**

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

**All** The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

**All** Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

**All** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**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:	Praise to you Lord Jesus
<b>Christ has died</b>	<b>Dying you destroyed our death</b>
<b>Christ is risen</b>	<b>Rising you restored our life:</b>
<b>Christ will come again.</b>	<b>Lord Jesus, come in glory.</b>

*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.**

*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.**

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;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

He is not here. He is risen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

**In the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.**