

PALM SUNDAY SERVICE – COMMUNION

Blessed be God,
by whose grace creation is renewed,
by whose love heaven is opened,
by whose mercy we offer our sacrifice of praise.

Blessed be God for ever.

The Lord is here
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.

Lord of all life,
you created the universe,
where all living things reflect your glory.
You give us this great and beautiful earth,
to discover and to cherish.

You give us happy times
and things to celebrate.
In these we taste your kingdom,
a feast for all your children.
We thank you, loving Father,
because, when we turned away,
you sent Jesus, your Son.
He gave his life for us on the cross
and shows us the way to live.
Send your Holy Spirit
that these gifts of bread and wine
may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

**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.**

On the night before he died,
when darkness had fallen,
Jesus took bread.
He gave thanks, broke it,
and shared it with his disciples, saying:
'Take eat, this is my body, given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine,
gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me. '

Great is the mystery of faith
**Christ has died: Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

So Father, with this bread and this cup
we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life.
As you feed us with these gifts,
send your Holy Spirit,
and change us more and more
to be like Jesus our Saviour.

Help us, Father, to love one another,
as we look forward to that day
when suffering is ended,
and all creation is gathered in your loving arms.
And now with St Peter and all your saints
we give you glory,
through Jesus Christ,
in the strength of the Spirit,
today and forever. **Amen.**

Silence is Kept

Lord's Prayer

“As our Saviour taught us, so we pray”
**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.**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
**Though we are many, we are one body, because we all
share in on bread.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.
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have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.**

The Invitation to Communion

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

Post-Communion Prayer

**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.**

Communion Songs - My Peace (S31) , How Deep the Father's
Love for Us (S16), Wonderful Grace (S47)