

St Peter's, Bishop's Waltham
Communion Service
Thorne Setting
1st Sunday of Sept to Advent



You are warmly welcome to our service today and afterwards for refreshments. If you are new, we would love to hello, so please do make yourself known as you arrive or afterwards.

Our 9am service is a time to worship God in a more traditional and reflective way using familiar Anglican words, prayers, hymns and music.

If you have come as a family today with children, please use our Family Corner (Admirals Corner) where there are books, toys and activities.

For the service you will need a bible, hymn book and a service sheet. Our church notices are available on our website or by weekly e-mail.

Welcome, Notices and Opening Prayer

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.

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.

We now take a moment to confess to God anything for which we need forgiveness today:

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 to bring us to eternal life.

So, 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.

A moment of quiet

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault.

We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is

**past and grant that we may serve you
in newness of life to the glory of your
name. Amen.**

God's forgiveness is declared

We celebrate as the choir sings the Gloria:

**Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory to God in the highest!**

**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.**

**Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory to God in the highest!
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.**

**Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory to God in the highest!
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.**

**Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory to God in the highest!**

We pray the Collect (special daily
prayer) for today:

The Collect

Bible Readings

Reading(s)

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to *N*.

Glory to you, O Lord.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon



*Following the sermon, a prayer and/or
Creed/Affirmation of Faith is said.*

Let us affirm and declare our faith:

**Christ died for our sins in accordance
with the Scriptures:**

**he was buried; he was raised to life on
the third day in accordance with the
Scriptures:**

**afterwards he appeared to his
followers, and to all the apostles: this
we have received, and this we believe.
Amen. (1 Corinthians 15.3-7)**

Prayers

The form of our prayers and responses will be explained by the leader, for example:

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

Communion Prayer

We now share God's peace with each other:

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Hymn

During which a collection is taken and offertory is made.

Thanksgiving prayers are said for the gifts given and bread and wine:

God of life, Saviour of the poor, receive with these gifts, gratitude for your goodness, and may our gifts be used to bless others in body, mind and spirit, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Wise and gracious God, you spread a table before us; nourish your people with the word of life and the bread of heaven. **Amen.**

A welcome is given to communion or for a blessing and for personal prayer



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.

We praise God for all he has done as the choir sings:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth
are full of your glory.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna
in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, Hosanna,
Hosanna in the highest.**

The Last Supper is remembered.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:
**Christ has died: Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

the prayer continues until Amen.

A moment of quiet

We pray the prayer Jesus gave us:
**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**

or

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 one bread.**

**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.**

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.

Please come for communion or a blessing. If you receive in any Christian Church, you are welcome here.

If you would like personal prayer, for yourself or someone else, please make your way to the gallery area after you have received where there will be someone to talk to, or please do speak to a member of the clergy afterwards.

Please remain in quiet prayer during the giving of communion.

After Communion, a Post-Communion Prayer, then:

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

If you don't have to rush away, you are warmly invited to join us for refreshments afterwards.

Blessing

Hymn

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



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