



The Parish of Ewhurst  
with Okewood & Forest Green

# Holy Communion

## THE GATHERING

*The first hymn is announced*

**Hymn**  
**The Greeting**

*The president says, and everyone replies*

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

Grace, mercy and peace  
from God our Father and  
the Lord Jesus Christ be with you  
**and also with you.**

*The president welcomes everyone, and introduces  
the service*

## The Prayer of Confession

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:  
The first commandment is this:  
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. On these two commandments hang all  
the law and the prophets.

**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.**

## The Kyrie

**Lord, have mercy  
Lord, have mercy**

**Christ, have mercy  
Christ, have mercy**

**Lord, have mercy  
Lord, have mercy**

## The Collect

*A time of silence is kept*

*We say the collect of the week together using the  
words in the pew sheet.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### The Old Testament and Epistle Readings

*After each reading:*

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

*The Gradual hymn is announced*

## Hymn

## The Gospel

*The Gospel is announced*

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

*At the end of the Gospel reading*

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

## The Sermon

## The 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:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from 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.  
With the Father and the Son  
he is worshiped and glorified.  
He 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

Lord in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer**

*At the end of the prayers*

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

## THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

### The Peace

*The president introduces the Peace*

Being justified by faith,  
we have peace with God through our Lord  
Jesus Christ

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*All may exchange a sign of peace*

## The Offertory

### Hymn

*The president announces the hymn*

*During the hymn you may like to make an  
electronic donation to the work of the Parish:  
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**Yours Lord, is the greatness,  
the power, the glory, the splendour  
and the majesty.  
For everything in heaven and earth is yours;  
all things come from you,  
and of your own do we give you.**

## The Eucharistic Prayer

*The president says, and everyone replies*

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

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.**

Almighty God, good Father to us all,  
your face is turned towards your world.  
In love you gave us Jesus your Son  
to rescue us from sin and death.  
Your Word goes out to call us home  
to the city where angels sing your praise.  
We join with them in heaven's song:

**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.**

Father of all, we give you thanks  
for every gift that comes from heaven.  
To the darkness Jesus came as your light.  
With signs of faith and words of hope  
he touched untouchables with love and washed the  
guilty clean.

This is his story.  
**This is our song:  
Hosanna in the highest.**

The crowds came out to see your Son,  
yet at the end they turned on him.  
On the night he was betrayed  
he came to table with his friends  
to celebrate the freedom of your people.

This is his story.  
**This is our song:  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food;  
he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said:  
This is my body, given for you all.  
Jesus then gave thanks for the wine;  
he took the cup, gave it and said:  
This is my blood, shed for you all  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this in remembrance of me.

This is our story.  
**This is our song:  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup  
we celebrate the cross  
on which he died to set us free.  
Defying death he rose again  
and is alive with you to plead for us and all the  
world.

This is our story.  
**This is our song:  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Send your Spirit on us now  
that by these gifts we may feed on Christ  
with opened eyes and hearts on fire.  
May we and all who share this food  
offer ourselves to live for you  
and be welcomed at your feast in heaven  
where all creation worships you,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

*SILENCE is kept*

### **The Lord's Prayer**

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

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name;  
your kingdom come;  
your will be done;  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
And 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.**

### **Breaking of the Bread**

*The president breaks the consecrated 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**

*The following is said or sung*

**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.**

### **The Invitation to Communion**

*The president invites people to receive 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.**

**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 live in him,  
and he in us.  
Amen.**

### **The Giving of Communion**

*The president guides you in taking communion in  
your home.*

*The choir may sing an anthem*

### **The Prayers after Communion**

*When the distribution is ended, silence is kept*

*The president prays*

*The president introduces this prayer of St Anselm,  
said by all*

**O Lord our God, grant us grace to  
desire you with our whole heart; that  
so desiring, we may seek and find you;  
and so finding, may love you;  
and so loving, may hate those sins  
from which you have delivered us;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

*The final hymn is announced*

**Hymn**

# THE DISMISSAL

## The Blessing

*The president gives the blessing*

May God the Father,  
who does not despise the broken spirit,  
give to you a contrite heart.

**Amen.**

May Christ, who bore our sins in his body on  
the tree,  
heal you by his wounds.

**Amen.**

May the Holy Spirit,  
who leads you into all truth,  
speak to you words of pardon and peace.

**Amen.**

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

**Amen.**

## The Dismissal

This is love, not that we loved God,  
**but that he loved us and sent his Son.**

He is the sacrifice for our sins,  
**that we might live through him.**

*1 John 4.12*

Go in his joy and his peace.  
**Thanks be to God.**