

*An order for the
Holy Eucharist
for All-Age
Worship in
Lent*



*Please come and meet each other
and enjoy a chat over a cup of
fairtrade tea or coffee after the
service*



the parish of
St George the Martyr
Shirley

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may they remind us to be people of thanks, people of love, and people of joy in Jesus' name.

Amen

The notices and any banns of marriage are read.

We are sent out into the World

We stand as the president dismisses and blesses the people using these or similar words.

The Blessing

May the Lord who brought us all to birth, strengthen us for daily life.
May the Lord who provides for all our needs sustain us day by day.
May the Lord whose steadfast love is for all,
send us out to live and work for others.
And the blessing of God who creates, who redeems, and who sustains us,
be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

(or)

Praise God who loves us.

Praise God who cares.

May God, who gave birth to all creation, bless us:
may God, who became incarnate by an earthly mother, bless us:
may God, who broods as a mother over her children, bless us.
May almighty God bless us, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

The Final Hymn is sung as the choir and clergy leave. (see separate sheet)

All are welcome at the altar.

Please come forward to the altar rail as directed.

If you wish to receive the blessed bread please offer your cupped hands to receive it. Likewise, if you wish to receive the blessed wine please guide the cup and take a sip of wine.

If for any reason you feel unable to receive the blessed bread and wine, please do still come forward to receive a sign of God's blessing – simply bow your head and keep your hands lowered.

Hymns sung during communion can be found on the separate sheet.

Please respect each other's need for silence during this time.

Prayers after Communion

The president reads the After Communion Prayer for the week.
(See separate sheet)

The After-Communion Prayer

**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.**

On Mothering Sunday:

The flowers are blessed and distributed before the notices.

Loving God, who is both our father and our mother,
we thank you for all the love we have known in our homes,
among our friends, with God's people.
Bless (+) these flowers and, as we share them,



We Gather

We stand at the entry of the choir and clergy for the Gathering Hymn.
(All hymns and additional material can be found on the separate sheet.)

The Greeting

The president greets the people.

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

(or)

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

(or on Mothering Sunday)

Jesus, like a mother you gather your people to you;
you are gentle with us as a mother with her children.
(A Song of St Anselm)

Praise God who loves us.
Praise God who cares.

Informal words of welcome.

Opening Prayer

Be with us, Spirit of God;
nothing can separate us from your love.

Breathe on us, breath of God;
fill us with your saving power.

Speak in us, wisdom of God;
bring strength, healing and peace.

(or)



**Loving God,
We thank you for bringing us together this Mothering Sunday.
We thank you that you gather us as your children,
We thank you that you provide for us,
We thank you that you feed us and nurture us,
We thank you that you encourage and challenge us,
We thank you that you love us. Amen**

We ask for God's forgiveness

The deacon says:

Let us call to mind our sin, our failure to value the love of others and our failure to love as Christ has loved us.

Silence for Reflection

Your love gives us life from the moment of conception.
We fail to live as your children.
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

You call us to do good. We seek our own good.
Christ, have mercy. **Christ have mercy.**

You hear us when we cry for help.
We ignore the cries of others.
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

(or)

Like a mother you gather your people to you;
you are gentle with us as a mother with her children.
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

In your mercy heal us;
in your love and tenderness remake us.
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Your warmth gives life to the dead,
your touch makes sinners righteous.
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

We kneel to say the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples to pray..

The Lord's Prayer

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



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.**

Lamb of God

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.**

Giving of 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.**

In Christ you shared our life
that we might live in him and he in us.
**He opened his arms of love upon the cross
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**



On the night he was betrayed,
at supper with his friends
he took bread, and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to them, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.
**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, and said:
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins;
do this in remembrance of me.
**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory,
send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine
may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.
**As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world
we offer you this sacrifice of praise
and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

**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.**

We receive God's forgiveness

The president uses these or similar words

May the Father of all mercies
cleanse us from our sins,
and restore us in his image
to the praise and glory of his name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

We listen to God's Word

The Collect Prayer for this week

The president reads the appropriate prayer for the week.

We sit to listen to the readings.

(see separate sheet)

The Reading(s)

At the end of each reading

Reader This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

*We stand to hear the Gospel. We sing the **Gospel Hymn** during which we turn
to face the gospel reader.*

Gospel

Gospeller The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Gospeller Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to ...
Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end of the Gospel reading.

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



We sit to listen to a talk.

The Creed

Deacon Let us declare our faith in God.

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.
We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.
We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us with power from on high.
We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

We sit or kneel to pray.

The Prayers of the People

As children of a loving God who always listens to our cries,
let us pray to our Father in heaven.

Response

God of love, **Hear our prayer.**



We come to be fed

We stand as the president introduces the peace with these or similar words.

The Peace

Jesus says: 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.
Do not let your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.'

(or)

Through the prophet Isaiah, God says,
'As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you.'

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

Deacon Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

We share a handshake with those around us saying 'Peace be with you'.

The Hymn of the Gifts is sung. (see separate sheet)

Preparation of the Table

The bread and wine for communion are brought to the altar.

With this bread that we bring
we shall remember Jesus.

With this wine that we bring
we shall remember Jesus.

Bread for his body, wine for his blood,
gifts from God to his table we bring.
We shall remember Jesus.

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

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 our thanks and praise

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;
in your love you made us for yourself.
When we turned away
you did not reject us,
but came to meet us in your Son.
**You embraced us as your children
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

