

**Welcome to  
a Service of  
Holy Communion**



**St Mary Magdalene  
with St Paul in the Bail and  
St Michael on the Mount, Lincoln**

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## ¶ *The Gathering*

*Welcome to this time of worship today. Please stand as the minister enter. No congregational singing is currently allowed, but a small choir may be present.*

*The president may say*

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

**Amen.**

## **The Greeting**

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

*Words of welcome or introduction may be said.*

## **Prayer of Preparation**

*This prayer may be said*

**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 Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

## Prayers of Penitence

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:

The first commandment is this:

'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord.  
You shall 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.

**Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

*A minister uses a seasonal invitation to  
confession or these or other suitable words*

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.

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.

**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.**

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.**

## **Gloria in Excelsis**

*Please stand. Sung by the choir when present*

**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**

*The president introduces a period of silent prayer  
with the words 'Let us pray' or another bidding.*

*The Collect is offered, and all respond*

**Amen.**

## **¶ The Liturgy of the Word**

### **Readings**

*Please sit. Readings from Scripture  
precede the Gospel reading.*

*These readings might include a Psalm.*

*At the end of the Old Testament reading  
and the Epistle the reader may say*

This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Reading**

*Please stand.*

*When the Gospel is announced the reader says*

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the end*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Sermon or Homily**

*Please be seated after the introductory prayer.*

## **The Creed**

*Please stand.*

**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**

*Please sit.*

*Prayers of Intercession are offered.*

*This response may be used:*

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

*And at the end*

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

¶ *The Liturgy of the Sacrament*      *Please stand*

## **The Peace**

*The president may introduce the Peace  
with a suitable sentence, and then says*

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace

## **Preparation of the Table Taking of the Bread and Wine**

*The table is prepared and  
bread and wine are placed upon it.*

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation.  
Through your goodness we have this  
bread to set before you,  
which earth has given and human hands have made.  
It will become for us the bread of life.  
**Blessed be God forever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation.  
Through your goodness we have this  
wine to set before you, fruit of the vine  
and work of human hands.  
It will become for us the cup of salvation.  
**Blessed be God forever.**

## **The Eucharistic Prayer**

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.**

## **Prayer E**

*Here follows an extended Preface or the following*

Father, you made the world and love your creation.  
You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour.  
His dying and rising have set us free from sin and  
death. And so we gladly thank you, with saints and  
angels praising you, and saying:

*Sung by the choir when present*

**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 praise and bless you, loving Father,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
and as we obey his command,  
send your Holy Spirit,  
that broken bread and wine outpoured  
may be for us the body and blood of  
your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper  
with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you.  
He broke the bread, gave it to them, and said:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.  
Again he praised you, gave it to them, and said:  
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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,  
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice  
made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of  
salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection  
until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith  
*Sung by the choir when present*  
**Christ has died,**  
**Christ is risen,**  
**Christ will come again.**

Lord of all life,  
help us to work together for that day  
when your Kingdom comes

and justice and mercy will be  
seen in all the earth.  
Look with favour on your people,  
gather us in your loving arms  
and bring us with [*N and*] all the saints  
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,  
for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

*Please sit or kneel.*

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.**

## 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.**

*The Agnus Dei may be used as the bread is broken  
Sung by the choir when present*

**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.**

## Giving of Communion

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

*Communion is distributed.*

## Prayer after Communion

*The Post Communion prayer is offered, followed by*

**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.**

### **¶** *The Dismissal*

*The president may use the seasonal blessing or*

The peace of God,  
which passes all understanding,  
keep your hearts and minds  
in the knowledge and love of God,  
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you, and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

*A minister says*

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