

# A service of Holy Communion for all the family



St Lawrence Church Bovingdon

## Opening Hymn or song



## The Greeting

Leader: This is the day which the Lord has made.

**All Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

We come to Family Communion

**to bring our praise to God**

**to listen to God's word**

**as we read the Bible**

**to bring our prayers to God**

**to share friendship and communion with each other**

We are now going to say sorry to God for the things of which we are ashamed – things which have hurt him and which have hurt others.

Let us ask God for his forgiveness for all we've done wrong:

**God, our gracious Father,**

**we confess that we have sinned against you:**

**We have done many things to grieve you.**

**We have often been selfish.**

**We have sometimes forgotten to pray to you.**

**We have not loved you as we should.**

**Forgive us we pray,**

**through Jesus our Lord, who died for us. Amen.**

The Lord your God is gracious; he surrounds you with his love, gives light to your eyes and freedom from your sins;

God has not deserted you – he shows you kindness and grants you new life in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen**

**The Collect:** a special prayer for today

**The Reading:** hearing God's word

We worship with Christians near  
and far, living and departed,  
old and young.  
God's word is for all of us.



**May God's word be a lamp to our  
feet and a light to our path.**

**The Talk**

**Hymn or song**

**The Creed:** we 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.**

Cf Ephesians 3

**Intercessions:** we pray for the needs of others and ourselves

## **The Peace**

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.'  
Then were they glad when they saw the Lord.

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**And also with you**

## **Offertory Hymn or Song**

Be present, be present,  
Lord Jesus Christ,  
our risen high priest;  
make yourself known in the breaking of bread.  
**Amen.**

## **Thanksgiving 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.**

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 made us all,  
each wonderfully different,  
to join with the angels  
and sing your praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

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.

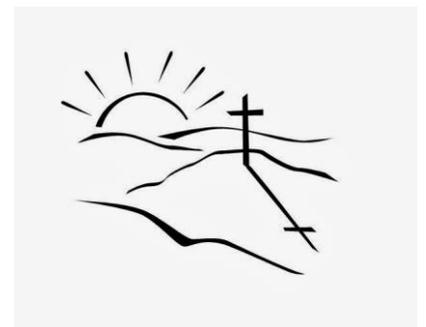
**Send your Holy Spirit  
that these gifts of bread and wine  
may be for us Christ's body and his blood.**

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:  
'This is my body, given for you.  
Do this to remember me.'

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine,  
gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying:  
'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many,  
for the forgiveness of sins.'

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 [N and] all your saints  
we give you glory,  
through Jesus Christ,  
in the strength of the Spirit,  
today and for ever.

**Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

*sit or kneel*

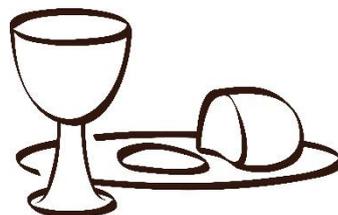
As our Saviour taught us so we pray:

**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 forever. Amen.**

## **Breaking of the Bread**

Every time we eat this bread  
and drink this cup,  
**We proclaim the Lord's death  
until he comes.**



## **Giving of Communion**

The gifts of God for the people of God.

**Jesus Christ is holy,  
Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.**

## **Prayers after Communion**

*The Post Communion prayer is said*

**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.**

## **Hymn or song**

## **The Blessing**

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.**

## **The Dismissal**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Amen**

*or, from Easter Day to Pentecost*

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

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