

# Holy Communion for Eastertide



*St Cuthbert's Church, Allendale*  
*St Mark's Church, Ninebanks*  
*Holy Trinity Church, Whitfield*

*Welcome and Introduction.*

The Gathering

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

The Greeting

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

*We sing the opening hymn.*

Prayer of Preparation

*We sit or kneel to pray.*

**All** **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.**

Penitence

Christ our passover lamb has been sacrificed for us.  
Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil  
and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

Like Mary at the empty tomb, we fail to grasp the wonder of  
your presence.

**All** Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

Like the disciples behind locked doors,  
we are afraid to be seen as your followers.

**All** Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

Like Thomas in the upper room,  
we are slow to believe.  
Lord, have mercy.

**All**      **Lord, have mercy.**

Absolution

May the God of love and power forgive us and free us from our  
sins heal and strengthen us by his Spirit and raise us to new life  
in Christ our Lord.

**All**      **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis

*We stand if able and sing.*

**All**      **Glory to God, 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,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Glory to God, to God in the highest  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Glory to God, to God in the highest  
and peace to his people on earth.**

**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, receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,**

**with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, of God the Father, Amen, Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

*We pray together in silence, which is drawn together by the collect of the day.*

The Liturgy of the Word

*We sit for the reading(s). At the end the reader says:*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

*We stand, if able, to sing the **gradual hymn**; and remain standing to hear the Gospel.*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N

**All Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the end the reader says:*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All Praise to you, O Christ.**

*We sit while a sermon is preached and then stand, if able, to reaffirm our faith.*

Affirming our faith

**All 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

*We sit or kneel to pray. The bidding and response, if any, will be announced by the person leading the prayers. These responses maybe used:*

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

*At the end:*

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

The Liturgy of the Sacrament  
The Peace

*We stand for 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. Alleluia.

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

*We stand, if able, to sing the **offertory hymn.***

Preparation of the Table

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,  
the glory, the splendour, and the majesty,  
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

**All** **All things come from you, and of your own do we give you.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.

**All** **His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

**All** **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All** **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

You are worthy of our thanks and praise,

Lord God of truth,

for by the breath of your mouth

you have spoken your word,

and all things have come into being.

You fashioned us in your image

and placed us in the garden of your delight.

Though we chose the path of rebellion

you would not abandon your own.

Again and again you drew us into your covenant of grace.

You gave your people the law and taught us by your prophets

to look for your reign of justice, mercy and peace.

As we watch for the signs of your kingdom on earth,

we echo the song of the angels in heaven,

evermore praising you and singing:

**All**

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

Lord God, you are the most holy one, enthroned in splendour and light, yet in the coming of your Son Jesus Christ you reveal the power of your love made perfect in our human weakness.

Embracing our humanity, Jesus showed us the way of salvation; loving us to the end, he gave himself to death for us; dying for his own, he set us free from the bonds of sin, that we might rise and reign with him in glory.

On the night he gave up himself for us all  
He took bread and gave you thanks;  
He broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying:  
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.

Therefore we proclaim the death that he suffered on the cross, we celebrate his resurrection, his bursting from the tomb, we rejoice that he reigns at your righthand on high and we long for his coming in glory.

As we recall the one, perfect sacrifice of our redemption, Father, by your Holy Spirit let these gifts of your creation

be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;  
form us into the likeness of Christ and make us a perfect  
offering in your sight.

Look with favour on your people  
and in your mercy hear the cry of our hearts.  
Bless the earth, heal the sick, let the oppressed go free  
and fill your Church with power from on high.

Gather your people from the ends of the earth  
to feast with St Cuthbert, St Mark and all your saints  
at the table in your kingdom, where the new creation is  
brought to perfection in Jesus Christ our Lord;  
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,  
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*We sit or kneel to pray; and silence is kept. We say together the Lord's Prayer  
in this or in its traditional form. Please use the form with which you feel  
comfortable.*

The Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in God's new creation, let us pray as our Saviour has  
taught us:

**All** **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

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

**All**

Giving of Communion

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.  
**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

**All**

**All**

**Most merciful Lord,  
your love compels us to come in.  
Our hands were unclean,  
our hearts were unprepared;  
we were not fit  
even to eat the crumbs from under your table.  
But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation,  
and share your bread with sinners.  
So cleanse and feed us  
with the precious body and blood of your Son,  
that he may live in us and we in him;  
and that we, with the whole company of Christ,  
may sit and eat in your kingdom. Amen.**

*We come forward to receive communion or a prayer of blessing.  
We reply 'Amen' when given communion.*

Post Communion Prayer

*After a post-communion prayer, we say:*

**All**

**Father of all, we give you thanks and praise,  
that when we were still far off  
you met us in your Son and brought us home.  
Dying and living, he declared your love,  
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.  
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;  
we who drink his cup bring life to others;**

**we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.  
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,  
so we and all your children shall be free,  
and the whole earth live to praise your name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Dismissal

*We stand, if able, to sing the **final hymn**.*

Blessing

God the Father,  
By whose love Christ was raised from the dead,  
open to you who believe, the gates of everlasting life.  
**Amen.**

**All**

God the Son,  
who in bursting from the grave has won a glorious victory,  
give you joy as you share the Easter faith.  
**Amen.**

**All**

God the Holy Spirit,  
who filled the disciples with the life of the risen Lord,  
empower you and fill you with Christ's peace.  
**Amen.**

**All**

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

**All**

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**All**

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