

# Holy Communion in the season of **All Saints**



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

The Gathering

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

**All**      **Amen.**

*HYMN*

The Greeting

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

**All**      **And also with you.**

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.**

Prayers of Penitence

Since we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, looking to Jesus in penitence and faith.

Jesus Christ, risen Master and triumphant Lord, we come to you in sorrow for our sins, and confess to you our weakness and unbelief.

We have lived by our own strength, and not by the power of your resurrection. In your mercy, forgive us.

**All**      **Lord, hear us and help us.**

We have lived by the light of our own eyes, as faithless and not believing.

In your mercy, forgive us.

**All Lord, hear us and help us.**

We have lived for this world alone and doubted our home in heaven.

In your mercy, forgive us.

**All Lord, hear us and help us.**

The almighty and merciful Lord  
grant you pardon and forgiveness of all your sins,  
time for amendment of life,  
and the grace and strength of the Holy Spirit.

**All Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis

*We stand*

**Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.**

**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.**

**Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.**

**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.**

**Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.**

**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.**

**Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.**

*We pray together in silence, which is drawn together by the Collect of the Day*

The Liturgy of the Word

*We sit for the first reading, at the end the reader says*

This is the Word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

*The New Testament reading*

This is the Word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN**

*If able to, we stand for the reading of The Gospel*

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

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

*At the end*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

*We sit while a sermon is preached and then stand to reaffirm our faith*

Affirmation of Faith

The Nicene Creed

**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 may be 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.**

*We stand for the Peace*

We are fellow citizens with the saints and of the household of God, through Christ our Lord, who came and preached peace to those who were far off and those who were near.

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

*We share the peace with a smile and wave*

**HYMN**

Preparation of the Table

Blessed be God,  
by whose grace creation is renewed,  
by whose love heaven is opened,  
by whose mercy we offer our sacrifice of praise.

**All** **Blessed be God forever.**

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.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
And now we give you thanks, most gracious God,  
surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses  
and glorified in the assembly of your saints.  
The glorious company of apostles praise you.

The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.  
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.  
We, your holy Church, acclaim you.  
In communion with angels and archangels,  
and with all who served you on earth and worship you now in  
heaven, we raise our voice to proclaim your glory,  
for ever praising you and singing (saying):

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

Accept our praises, heavenly Father, through your Son our  
Saviour Jesus Christ, and as we follow his example and obey  
his command, grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit  
these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his  
blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, 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, heavenly Father, we remember his offering of  
himself made once for all upon the cross; we proclaim his  
mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; we look for the  
coming of your kingdom; and with this bread and this cup we  
make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.  
Great is the mystery of faith:

**All** Christ has died: Christ is risen:  
Christ will come again.

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise, and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty, renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with St Cuthbert, St Mark and all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

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

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray for the coming of God's kingdom, in the words that Christ 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

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**All** Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.



**All**      **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

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.

Prayer of Humble Access

**All**      **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  
dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

*We receive communion; We reply 'Amen' when given bread*

*Post Communion Prayer*

**All**      **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

The Dismissal

### *The Blessing*

God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love, defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All**      **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

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