

# Holy Communion for **Passion Sunday**



*St Cuthbert's Church, Allendale*

*St Mark's Church, Ninebanks*

*Holy Trinity Church, Whitfield*

*Welcome and introduction to the service.*

The Gathering

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

**All Amen.**

*We stand to sing the opening hymn.*

Prayers of Penitence

God shows his love for us in this: while we were still sinners  
Christ died for us. Let us show our love for him by confessing  
our sins in penitence and faith.

Lord Jesus Christ, we confess we have failed you, as did your  
disciples. We ask for your mercy and your help.

Our selfishness betrays you: Lord, forgive us.

**All Christ have mercy.**

We fail to share the pain of your suffering: Lord, forgive us.

**All Christ have mercy.**

We run away from those who abuse you: Lord, forgive us.

**All Christ have mercy.**

We are afraid of being known to belong to you: Lord, forgive  
us.

**All Christ have mercy.**

Absolution

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

**All Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

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

**All Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

Old and New Testament Readings

*We sit for the readings. At the end the reader says*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

*We stand to sing the **gradual hymn** and remain standing to hear the Gospel.*

Gospel Reading

*When the Gospel is announced the reader says*

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.**

Sermon

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

## The Hymn from Philippians

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God:

**All** Though he was divine, he did not cling to equality with God, but made himself nothing. Taking the form of a slave, he was born in human likeness. He humbled himself and was obedient to death – even the death of the cross. Therefore, God has raised him on high, and given him the name above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## Prayers of Intercession

*We sit or kneel to pray.*

Let us pray to the Father through his Son who suffered on the cross for the world's redemption.

Fill with your Spirit Christ's broken body, the Church ...

Give to Christian people everywhere a deep longing to take up the cross and to understand its mysterious glory.

By the Saviour's cross and passion,

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

Bless those who lead the Church's worship at this solemn time...

In the preaching of the word and the celebration of the sacraments draw your people close to you.

By the Saviour's cross and passion,

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

Strengthen those who are preparing for baptism, together with their teachers, sponsors and families ...

Teach them what it means to die and rise with Christ and prepare them to receive the breath of his Spirit.

By the Saviour's cross and passion,

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

Look in your mercy upon the world you loved so much that you sent your Son to suffer and to die ...

Strengthen those who work to share the reconciliation won at such a cost upon the cross.

By the Saviour's cross and passion,

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

Bring healing by the wounds of Christ to all who are weighed down by pain and injustice ...

Help the lonely and the betrayed, the suffering and the dying, to find strength in the companionship of Jesus, and in his passion to know their salvation.

By the Saviour's cross and passion,

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

Welcome into paradise all who have left this world in your friendship ...

According to your promises, bring them with all your saints to share in all the benefits of Christ's death and resurrection.

By the Saviour's cross and passion,

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

**Holy God, holy and strong, holy and immortal, have mercy on us. Amen.**

The Peace

Now in union with Christ Jesus, we who once were far off have been brought near through the shedding of Christ's blood; for he is our peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**All And also with you.**

*The Liturgy of the Sacrament*

*We stand to sing the **offertory hymn**, and then kneel to pray.*

Preparation of the Table

**All God of life, saviour of the poor, receive with these gifts gratitude for your goodness, penitence for our pride and dedication to your service in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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 and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. For as the time of

his passion and resurrection draws near the whole world is called to acknowledge his hidden majesty. The power of the life-giving cross reveals the judgement that has come upon the world and the triumph of Christ crucified. He is the victim who dies no more, the Lamb, once slain, who lives for ever, our advocate in heaven to plead our cause, exalting us there to join with angels and archangels, for ever praising you and *singing*:

**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.**

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.

**All 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 St Cuthbert, St Mark 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.

**All Amen.**

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**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.**

The 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.**

#### 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.

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

#### Prayers after Communion

*We sit or kneel to pray; and silence is kept.*

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever.

**All Amen.**

**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.**

*We stand to sing the **final hymn.***

*The Dismissal*

*The Blessing*

May the Father who so loved the world that he gave his only Son, bring you by faith to his eternal life.

**All Amen.**

May Christ, who accepted the cup of sacrifice in obedience to the Father's will, keep you steadfast as you walk with him the way of his cross.

**All Amen.**

May the Spirit, who strengthens us to suffer with Christ that we may share his glory, set your minds on life and peace.

**All Amen.**

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

**All Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

Holy Communion for Passion Sunday falls within the permitted options for Common Worship, which is © The Archbishops' Council 2000, and which may not be reproduced without permission.