

Holy Communion *for Mothering Sunday*



St Cuthbert's Church, Allendale

St Mark's Church, Ninebanks

Holy Trinity Church, Whitfield

The Gathering

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

All Amen.

Welcome and introduction to the service.

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

Praise and Thanksgiving

We sit or kneel to pray.

We praise you, our God, for all mothers who have loved and laughed and laboured as they cared for their children.

All Blessed be God for ever.

We praise you, our God, for all mothers who have wept in sorrow and joy for their children.

All Blessed be God for ever.

We praise you, our God, for Jesus, born of a woman and nurtured in her love, and for Mary, a reminder of your patient, waiting love.

All Blessed be God for ever.

Prayers of Penitence

Let us call to mind our sin, our failure to value the love of others and our failure to love as Christ has loved us.

Silence for reflection.

Your love gives us life from the moment of conception.
Yet we fail to live as your children.
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

You call us to do good.
Yet we seek our own good.
Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

You hear us when we cry for help.
Yet we ignore the cries of others.
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Absolution

May the Father of all mercies cleanse you from your sins and restore you in his image 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.***

The Liturgy of the Word

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.

We sit while a sermon is preached.

Let us declare our faith in God.

All 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.

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.

Lord, in your mercy,

All hear our prayer.

And at the end:

Merciful Father,

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

The Peace

We all stand.

Through the prophet Isaiah, God says, 'As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you.'

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

*We sing the **offertory hymn**, and then sit or 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.

Blessed are you, Lord God, our light and our salvation; to you be glory and praise for ever. From the beginning you have created all things and all your works echo the silent music of your praise. In the fullness of time you made us in your image, the crown of all creation. You give us breath and speech, that with angels and archangels and all the powers of heaven we may find a voice to sing your praise:

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.

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord. As a mother tenderly gathers her children, you embraced a people as your own. When they turned away and rebelled your love remained steadfast.

From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary, to be the living bread, in whom all our hungers are satisfied. He offered his life for sinners, and with a love stronger than death he opened wide his arms on the cross.

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

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, 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.

Great is the mystery of faith.

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

Father, we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross; we remember his dying and rising in glory, and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand. Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you these gifts of your creation; may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence, form us in the likeness of Christ, and build us into a living temple to your glory.

Remember, Lord, your Church in every land. Reveal her unity, guard her faith, and preserve her in peace.

Bring us at the last with the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Cuthbert, St Mark and all the saints to the vision of that eternal splendour for which you have created us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, by whom, with whom, and in whom, with 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

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

We say together the Lord's Prayer.

As God's children and heirs with Christ, 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 this day 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.

Agnus Dei

**All Jesus Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus Redeemer of the world; give us your 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.

We come forward to receive communion or a prayer of blessing.

We reply 'Amen' when given bread and wine.

Post Communion Prayer

Prayer for Mothers

For the care of mothers.

All Thanks be to God.

For their patience when tested.

All Thanks be to God.

For their love when tired.

All Thanks be to God.

For their hope when despairing.

All Thanks be to God.

For their service without limit.

All Thanks be to God.

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

We say together:

All Thank you God for the love of our mothers: thank you God for their care and concern; thank you God for the joys they have shared with us; thank you God for the pains they have borne for us; thank you God for all that they give us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Dismissal

The Blessing

May God, who gave birth to all creation, bless you.

May God, who became incarnate by an earthly mother,
bless you.

May God, who broods as a mother over her children,
bless you.

May almighty God bless you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
now and for ever.

All Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

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