

Holy Communion for

MUSIC SUNDAY



St Cuthbert's Church, Allendale

St Mark's Church, Ninebanks

Holy Trinity Church, Whitfield

Brothers and sisters in Christ, today we celebrate God's gift of music and give special thanks for the Royal School of Church Music – for the way it has enriched the worship of the Christian Church in many musical styles and in many places around the world. In this service we make our prayer in word, silence and song, as we seek God's blessing upon the work of the RSCM and all who minister through music.

We stand, if able, to sing the opening hymn

Invitation to Confession

We have too often exchanged the worship of the living God for idols of our own imagining. As we gather to offer our praises to the holy and undivided Trinity, and to worship him in spirit and in truth, let us call to mind our sin.

We have not always worshipped God, our creator.
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

We have failed to sing the Lord's song in a strange land.
Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

We have used your gifts to serve our own ends.
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

May the God of Love bring us back to himself, forgive us our sins, and assure us of his eternal love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

We stand, if able, to sing

**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,
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we praise you for your glory,
Glory to God, to God in the highest
and peace to his people on earth.
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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

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, if able, to sing the gradual hymn.

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

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to NNN

**All Alleluia, alleluia.
Sound praises to the Lord, all the earth;
break into singing and make music.
Alleluia.**

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

We sit while a sermon/reflection is given

If able to, we stand to reaffirm our faith

Affirmation of Faith

**All We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and 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.**

Intercessions

We sit or kneel for the prayers

In the quietness, aware that we are only part of a great multitude, on earth and in heaven, who share in the Church's offering of worship, let us join ourselves with them and bring to God in prayer our own hopes and needs, together with those of all his children.

Through silence, spoken word and music, let us be open to the God who both listens and speaks to us.

We keep a time of silence

For your holy catholic Church, seeking the renewal of her unity, drawing men and women to Christ, and proclaiming your love in all the world...

Let us pray to the Lord:

All

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

For the leaders of the churches, for Helen-Ann and Mark our Bishops, for all who share Christ's ministry in this benefice, and especially for those who order the worship of your people that many may draw close to you in prayer and praise...

Let us pray to the Lord:

All

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

For all whom you inspire to compose music, for all to whom you give skill and devotion to perform it, and for all your children who are enriched and renewed by it...

Let us pray to the Lord:

All

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

For the nations of the world, seeking the path to peace and justice: for this country, for Charles our King, and for all who strive to build here a society that is Christian and free...

Let us pray to the Lord:

All

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

For those who suffer in mind and body, and for those who dedicate their lives to caring for their neighbours...
Let us pray to the Lord:

All Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

For all who have gone before us in the faith of Christ, for those who in past generations have enriched your Church with fine music, and for all who have served as musicians in this area...
Let us pray to the Lord:

All Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

At the end

All Lord of the Church,
hear our prayer, and makes us one in heart and mind to serve you with joy for ever.
Amen.

If able to, we stand for the Peace.

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.

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

We share the peace with one another

We stand, if able, to sing the offertory hymn

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 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, that we should always sing of your glory, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord: for at this time, we celebrate your gift of music, through which earth and heaven combine. At the creation of the world, the morning stars sang together, and the heavenly beings shouted for joy. At the deliverance of your people from Egypt, Moses and Miriam sang of your salvation. At the birth of your Son, Jesus, the angels sang 'Glory in the highest'. And so, with the saints and angels around your throne who offer you ceaseless songs of praise, we join to glorify your name, for ever 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.**

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.**

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.

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 come forward to receive communion, or a prayer of blessing.
When we receive communion, we reply 'Amen.'*

Post Communion Prayer

We stand, if able, to sing the final hymn

The Conclusion

All God of majesty, whom saints and angels delight to worship in heaven: be with your servants who make music for your people, that with joy we on earth may glimpse your beauty; and bring us to the fulfilment of that hope of perfection which will be ours as we stand before your unveiled glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

The Sending Out

May the songs of the angels sustain us,
may the praises of the saints inspire us,
may the silent music of the Unseen Trinity be in our hearts,
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among us and remain with us always.

All Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

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