



THE EUCHARIST

for

The Ascension



Welcome to St Peter's Huddersfield

A very warm welcome to worshipers old and new. The community here are part of the Inclusive Church movement. We aspire to be open, warm and welcoming to all who come here. We hope all who visit here this Easter Day will know that God and God's people here welcome them.

If you are new to church and faith please do speak to one of our team before you leave today about the opportunities to find out more.

During the Service

Please switch off mobile phones. Everyone joins in with the service, following the words in this sheet and saying the words in bold type together. The places where we need to sit, stand or kneel are indicated in the sheet.

All those who are baptised into the Christian church (any denomination) are welcome to receive the bread of communion here. If you prefer not to receive the bread please come forward anyway to be blessed today. You will be directed to the front at the appropriate time by our sidespeople.

Children are truly welcome here and we have a Junior Church group on most Sundays (please ask one of our volunteers or clergy to find out more.) Unfortunately the building can also present hazards. If your child needs to wander, please wander with them.

We prepare for the service with quiet prayer.

The Gathering

We stand to sing as the procession of choir and ministers move into the church. Hymn words are found in the red hymn book. Numbers are on the boards.

Processional Hymn

We remain standing at the end of the hymn.

The Greeting

The Deacon

God has gone up with a shout,
the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

The President

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

Word of welcome are given.

Introduction

The President

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, for forty days we have been celebrating with joyful hearts the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, his bursting from the tomb and his defeat of the power of sin and death. He appeared to his disciples many times and told them about the kingdom of God.

Today we recall how he left this earth and returned to his Father, ascending into heaven to take his throne over all dominions and powers. Trusting in his reign over all creation, and submitting to his kingly yet loving rule, let us hear the story of his parting.

Please remain standing.

The Ascension Reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

At the end:

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The Deacon

Seeing we have a great high priest who has passed through the heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us offer him the praise worthy of his name.

Gloria

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.

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.

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. Amen.

The Collect

The President

Let us pray that our risen and ascended Lord will lead us to eternal life.

Silence is kept.

Risen Christ, you have raised our human nature to the throne of heaven: help us to seek and serve you, that we may join you at the Father's side, where you reign with the Spirit in glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please sit

The Liturgy of the Word

Reading

A reading from the book of Daniel 7.9-14.

At the end:

Hear the word of the Lord **Thanks be to God.**

We stand to sing.

Gradual Hymn

We remain standing to hear the good news of ascension in our Gospel.

Gospel Reading

The Deacon

Alleluia **Alleluia.**

God has highly exalted Jesus Christ. **Alleluia**

At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow. **Alleluia**

Let every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. **Alleluia.**

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

We sing: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

We sing: Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

Please sit when invited.

A period of Silence may be kept after the Sermon

The Nicene Creed

We stand when invited to declare our faith.

The President

Let us stand and declare our faith in God.

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 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.

With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.

He 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 kneel if able for the prayers.

Let us join our prayers with those of our Saviour Christ,
seeking the Father's blessing and the gifts of the Spirit.

This response is used.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

At the end

Jesus Christ, keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace and bring the whole created order to worship at your feet; for you are alive and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

We stand to sing.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

Offertory Hymn

During the hymn the table is prepared and bread and wine are placed on it.

We remain standing at the end of the hymn.

Prayer over the Gifts

The Deacon

Be present, be present, Lord Jesus Christ, our risen high priest; make yourself known in the breaking of bread. **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The President

The Lord is here **His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and good, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ the King of glory.

Born of a woman, he came to the rescue of our human race.

Dying for us, he trampled death and conquered sin.

By the glory of his resurrection

he opened the way to life eternal

and by his ascension, gave us the sure hope

that where he is we may also be.

Therefore the universe resounds with Easter joy

and we join with the voices of the angels,

praising you and singing:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

We recall the last supper and join in the joyful acclamation of Christ:

The Deacon

Jesus Christ is Lord: **Lord by your cross and resurrection you have set us free. You are the Saviour of the world.**

Our prayer continues and we join in boldly with the Amen.

Silence is kept and we kneel to pray if able.

The Lord's Prayer

The President

We pray as Jesus taught us:

**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

Lord we died with you on the cross.

Now we are raised to new life.

We were buried in your tomb.

Now we share in your resurrection.

Live in us, that we may live in you.

Agnus Dei

**Jesus Lamb of God, have mercy on us
Jesus bearer of our sin, have mercy on us.
Jesus redeemer of the world, grant us peace.**

Invitation to Communion

The Deacon

Let us pray now with those at home
joining us in spiritual communion,
remembering that God creates family here on earth
when we share in Christ's heavenly feast.

**Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your disciples,
'I am with you always'. Be with us today,
as we share this spiritual communion.**

We offer ourselves to you.

**Hear our prayers for others and for ourselves,
and keep us in your care. Amen.**

The President

I heard the voice of a great multitude crying, Alleluia.
The Lord our God has entered into his kingdom.

**Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.
Alleluia!**

When we consume our bread and wine.

The body and blood of Christ. Amen.

Please come forward as directed by our stewards to receive either the bread/wine or a blessing.

If you are not accustomed to taking communion and would prefer to receive a blessing please cross your arms when you come to the front. Gluten free bread and bread without wine are available, please ask the person distributing communion.

During this time we pray quietly, sing our communion hymn and listen to our choir as those around us also receive.

An anthem may also be sung.

Prayer after Communion

The President

God our Father, you have raised our humanity in Christ and have fed us with the bread of heaven: mercifully grant that, nourished with such spiritual blessings, we may set our hearts in the heavenly places; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Merciful God, you have called us to your table and fed us with spiritual food.

Draw us and all people to serve your Son, our risen Saviour, Jesus Christ, Amen.

Sending Out

We stand to sing our final hymn.

Hymn

At the end of the hymn we remain standing.

Dismissal Reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

At the end of the reading silence is kept.

The Deacon: As we wait in silence
make us ready for your coming Spirit.
As we listen to your word
make us ready for your coming Spirit.
As we worship you in majesty
make us ready for your coming Spirit.
As we long for your refreshing
make us ready for your coming Spirit.
As we long for your renewing
make us ready for your coming Spirit.
As we long for your equipping,
make us ready for your coming Spirit.
As we long for your empowering
make us ready for your coming Spirit.

Silence is kept.

The President

May the Spirit who hovered over the waters when the world was created, breathe life into you. **Amen.**

May the Spirit, who overshadowed Mary the God-bearer when the eternal Son came among us, make you joyful in the service of the Lord. **Amen.**

May the Spirit who set the Church on fire on the Day of Pentecost, bring the world alive with the love of the risen Christ. **Amen.**

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

The Deacon

Waiting expectantly for the promised Holy Spirit, go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

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