

We may use the following prayer:

**Most merciful Lord,
your love compels us to come in.
Our hands were unclean,
our hearts were unprepared;
we were not fit even to eat the
crumbs from under your table.
But you, Lord, are the God of our
salvation, and share your bread
with sinners.
So cleanse and feed us with the
precious body and blood of your
Son, that he may live in us and we
in him; and that we, with the whole
company of Christ, may sit and eat
in your kingdom. Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

The Post Communion prayer is said .

We pray together:

**All Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of
your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you
our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out
in the power of your Spirit
to live and work
to your praise and glory. Amen.**

The Dismissal

Hymn

Notices

Blessing

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine
upon you, scatter the darkness from
before your path, and make you
ready to meet him when he comes
in glory; and the blessing of God
almighty, the Father, the Son, and the
Holy Spirit., be among you and
remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace
to love and serve the Lord.

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



**Do stay for refreshments
after the service.**

St Paul's, Egham Hythe Holy Communion



Advent



Common Worship

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on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption. As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of [N and] all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever. **Amen**

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who
trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**
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 following may be sung

**Worthy, worthy, worthy
is the Lord,
Worthy is the Lord God
Almighty.
Worthy, worthy, worthy
is the Lord,
Worthy is the Lord God
Almighty.
Who was, and is,
And is to come.
Worth, worthy, worthy
is the Lord.**

*The president says this or another invitation
to 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.

Father, we give you thanks and praise through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word, through whom you have created all things; who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.



By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh; as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin, he lived on earth and went about among us; he opened wide his arms for us on the cross; he put an end to death by dying for us; and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life; so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

And now we give you thanks because your Son our Lord was awaited by the prophets, announced by an angel, conceived by a virgin, and proclaimed at last to men and women of every race.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy is the Lord,
Holy is the Lord God Almighty.
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord,
Holy is the Lord God Almighty.
Who was, and is,
And is to come.
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness; grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

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.



Christ is the bread of life:

When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory.

And so, Father, calling to mind his death

*Welcome to our service today,
especially if you are new or here
for the first time.*

*If you need any help finding
your way through the service
do ask one of the people
handing out the books at the back.*

*You may find it helpful
to spend a little time
in quiet prayer or reflection
before the service begins.*

*Please pray for those helping
to lead worship today.*



The Gathering

Processional Hymn *(we stand)*

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

The Lord be with you
All and also with you.

The lighting of the Advent candles *(the children come to the front)*



Confession *(we sit or kneel)*

When the Lord comes, he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness, and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations into the peace of your kingdom: Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

You come in word and sacrament to strengthen us in holiness: Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

You will come in glory with salvation for your people: Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

We sing the following Taizé response a number of times. Other words may be spoken or sung between verses.

**Wait for the Lord,
Whose day is near.
Wait for the Lord:
Keep watch, take heart!**

Absolution

Almighty God, who in Jesus Christ has given us a kingdom that cannot be destroyed, forgive you your sins, open your eyes to God's truth, strengthen you to do God's will and give you the joy of his kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Collect

A special prayer for the day

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading *(we sit)*

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Hymn or Psalm

Gospel Reading *(we stand)*

The Gospel is announced as follows

Alleluia, alleluia. Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God. **Alleluia.**

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

and at the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The sermon may be followed by a time of reflection

The Creed



We say together in faith

All Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God almighty, who was, and is, and is to come.

We believe in God the Father, who created all things:
All for by his will they were created and have their being.

We believe in God the Son, who was slain:
All for with his blood, he purchased us for God, from every tribe and language, from every people and nation.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit:
All the Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come!' Even so come, Lord Jesus! Amen.

cf Revelation 4.8, 11; 5.9; 22.17, 20

Prayers of Intercession

(we sit or kneel)

In joyful expectation of his coming to our aid we pray to Jesus.

We may use the following response:

Maranatha

All Amen, come Lord Jesus.

At the end we may use this response:

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

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

The president may introduce the peace with this or another suitable sentence

Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

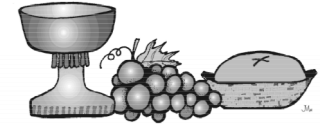
All and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn

The collection is taken and the bread and wine are placed on the table



This or another prayer may be used

As this bread was scattered and then gathered and made one, so may your Church be gathered into your kingdom.
Glory to you, O God, for ever.

Wisdom has built her a house; she has mixed her wine; she has set her table.
Glory to you, O God, for ever.

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.