

Welcome to our, All together Communion Service



Welcome and Notices

1st Hymn – Morning Has Broken

Morning has broken like the first morning Blackbird has spoken like the first bird Praise for the singing, praise for the morning Praise for them springing fresh from the world

Sweet the rains new fall, sunlit from Heaven Like the first dewfall on the first grass Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden Sprung in completeness where His feet pass

Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning Born of the one light, Eden saw play Praise with elation, praise every morning God's recreation of the new day

Eleanor Farjeon

Confession

Wise Men from the east worshipped Jesus and brought their gifts.

We, too, have seen your glory, but turned away.

We, too, have gifts but have not offered them to you or used them for you.

We, too, have said you are a King, but have not served you as we should.

And so we confess our sins: Lord Jesus forgive us and help us When our trust is less than certain Lord Jesus forgive us and help us When our love is less than bright Lord Jesus forgive us and help us When our prayer is less than frequent Lord Jesus forgive us and help us

Absolution

May we, like the Wise men, who were once far away from Jesus, be brought nearer to him, who gives us forgiveness and peace.

May God forgive us, and help us to overcome our faults. All Amen.

Reading 1 Corinthians 12:7-11

Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

2nd Hymn – Loving Shepherd of You Sheep

Loving shepherd of Thy sheep, Keep Thy lamb, in safety keep; Nothing can Thy power withstand, None can pluck him from Thy hand.

Loving Saviour, Thou didst give Thine own life that we might live, And the hands outstretched to bless Bear the cruel nails' impress.

May he praise Thee every day, Gladly all Thy will obey; Like Thy blessèd ones above, Happy in Thy precious love.

Loving Shepherd, ever near, Teach Thy lamb Thy voice to hear; Suffer not his steps to stray From the straight and narrow way.

Where Thou leadest may he go, walking in Thy steps below, Then, before Thy Father's throne, Saviour, claim him for thine own.

Jane Eliza Leeson

Gospel Reading John 15:26-27

The Work of the Holy Spirit

"When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father—the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father—he will testify about me. And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning.

Sermon

Creed

This is what we as Jesus' Church believe. All over the world churches say very similar words to the ones we say together, here today.

We say together our Christian belief. We believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. We believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, was crucified, died, and was buried. On the third day He rose again; He went up into heaven, He is at the right hand of the Father, and He will come again to judge the living and the dead. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the whole church that was created by Jesus We believe in the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen

Prayers

The Peace

God gives us a peace which passes all understanding, and which we reach through trusting in God. Let us share that peace with each other.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

And also with you

Let us offer each other a sign of peace

3rd Hymn – What a friend we have in Jesus

What a friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry Everything to God in prayer! O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear-All because we do not carry Everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere? We should never be discouraged: Take it to the Lord in prayer! Can we find a friend so faithful, Who will all our sorrows share? Jesus knows our every weakness-Take it to the Lord in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy-laden, Cumbered with a load of care? Jesus only is our refuge, Take it to the Lord in prayer! Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer! In His arms He'll take and shield thee, thou wilt find a solace there.

Blessed Saviour, thou hast promised thou wilt all our burdens bear may we ever, Lord, be bringing all to thee in earnest prayer. Soon in glory bright unclouded there will be no need for prayer Rapture, praise and endless worship will be our sweet portion there.

Charles Converse / Joseph Scriven

The Communion

In this communion we remember the last supper that Jesus had with his disciples. It also helps us to feel closer to God, because it is something that links us to that meal.

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 him thanks and praise.** Let us pray It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy, at all times to give you thanks, holy Father, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him you have created us in your image: Through him you have freed us from sin and death: Through him you have made us your own people by the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Hear us, Father, through Christ your Son our Lord, and 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, Father, proclaiming his saving death and resurrection and looking for his coming in glory we celebrate with this bread and this cup his one perfect sacrifice.

Accept through him, our great high priest this is our sacrifice of thanks and praise; and grant that we who eat this bread and drink this cup may be renewed by your Spirit and grow into his likeness; Through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom, and with whom, and in whom, all honour and glory be yours, Father, now and forever. **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 forever. Amen.

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.

The communion is shared.

This is where we share in the memory of Jesus' life on this earth. If you are from another Church/ Denomination and would like to receive Communion then you are welcome to join us here at St Marys. If you would rather receive a blessing then you are welcome to come to the communion rail and keep your hands at your side. If you have a child who you would like to receive communion and has not before today, please speak to the vicar after the service.

When receiving Communion, the vicar will say Eat this and Remember Christ's body and blood, broken and shed for you – **Amen** or give you a blessing

After the Communion we pray together: Day by day, dear Lord three things I pray: To see thee more clearly, to love you more dearly, and to follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen

Final Hymn Shine Jesus Shine

Lord, the light of Your love is shining In the midst of the darkness, shining; Jesus, Light of the World shine upon us, Set us free by the truth You now bring us, Shine in me. Shine on me.

Chorus

Shine, Jesus, shine, Fill this land with the Father's glory; Blaze Spirit, blaze, Set our hearts on fire. Flow, river, flow, Flood the nations with grace and mercy; Send forth Your word, Lord, and let there be light.

Lord, I come to Your awesome presence, From the shadows into Your radiance; By the blood I may enter Your brightness, Search me, try me, consume all the darkness. Shine in me. Shine on me.

Chorus

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness So our faces display Your likeness, Ever changing from glory to glory, Mirrored here may our lives tell Your story. Shine in me. Shine on me.

Chorus

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Blessing:

May God our creator, who clothes the lilies and feeds the birds of the air, bestow on you his care and increase the harvest of your righteousness; and the blessings of God almighty Father, Son and Holy Spirit Be with you now and forevermore Amen

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord In the name of Christ. Amen.

This is the end of the service, but you are welcome to stay and have a drink, biscuit and chat.

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