

The Eucharist (weekdays)

Welcome to Liverpool Parish Church. There has been Christian worship on this site since the 13th century and today we are still proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ in the centre of Liverpool.

All people are welcome to join in our daily offering of prayer and in the celebration of the Eucharist, known also as the Mass, Holy Communion, and the Lord's Supper. All you need to take part in the service is in this booklet. Please ask if you would like to know more about our work and our faith.

Confession, Spiritual Direction, or someone to talk to are available if you wish. Please speak to the priest taking this service, or contact the Church Office.

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¶ The Gathering

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

All Amen.

The Greeting

The Lord be with you *or*
and also with you.

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

From Easter Day to Pentecost we say
Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Prayer of Preparation

This prayer may be said

Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayers of Penitence

We are invited to confess our sin and receive God's forgiveness.
After a moment's silence, the priest leads penitential sentences,
and we respond by repeating:

...Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

...Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

...Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

The priest gives the absolution, assuring us of God's forgiveness.

Gloria in Excelsis

On Feast days, and in the week following Christmas and Easter, the Gloria is said

**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 priest introduces a period of silent prayer with the words Let us pray before the Collect (today's gathering prayer) is said. We respond **Amen**.*

¶ The Liturgy of the Word

Readings

*We sit to hear one or two readings from the Bible. At the end the reader says
This is the word of the Lord.*

All Thanks be to God.

The reader announces a response to the Psalm or Canticle, which we repeat between the verses.

Gospel Reading

The Gospel is introduced with a sentence of scripture, to which we respond

Alleluia!

or, in Lent:

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Prayers of Intercession

We kneel, stand, or sit as we bring our prayers before God.

Either of these responses is used

Lord, in your mercy or Lord, hear us.
All hear our prayer. Lord, graciously hear us.

The following prayers may be used

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord,
All and let light perpetual shine upon them.

**Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinner,
now and at the hour of our death.**

At the end

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

¶ The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

We stand as the priest introduces the peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All and also with you.

We offer those around us a handshake, or another suitable sign of God's peace.

Preparation of the Table

The priest takes the bread and the wine and says the offertory prayers, to which we respond

All Blessed be God for ever.

A prayer is said over the gifts on the altar, to which we respond **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

Please stand

The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

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.

The priest says the seasonal part of the prayer and we respond:

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power 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!

The priest invokes the Holy Spirit and repeats the words Jesus used at the Last Supper

One of these memorial acclamations is used

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

Dying, you destroyed our death,

rising, you restored our life:

Lord Jesus, come in glory.

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.

Jesus Christ is Lord:

Lord, by your cross and

resurrection

you have set us free.

You are the Saviour of the world.

The priest continues the prayer, which concludes

...all honour and glory be yours,

almighty Father [or O loving Father], for ever and ever.

All Amen.

or

...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

The priest introduces the Lord's Prayer

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.

Breaking of the Bread

The priest breaks the consecrated host

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.**

or

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,

All we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.**

or

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.

Giving of Communion

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**All Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

or

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

**All Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

or, from Easter Day to Pentecost

Alleluia! Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

All Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Please come forward and form an arch around the altar. If you normally receive Communion in your own church then you are welcome to do so here, or you may prefer the priest to pray for God's blessing on you.

Prayer after Communion

After Communion the priest says the Post-Communion Prayer, then we all say together

**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

The Lord be with you
All and also with you.

*The priest pronounces God's blessing on us, and we respond **Amen.***

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

or

Go in the peace of Christ.
All Thanks be to God.

or, from Easter Day to Pentecost

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!
All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

The priest and people depart