



Kingdom season

Eucharist from All Saints to Christ the King



South Newbury - St George, St John, St Michael

Welcome to St John's Church, Newbury

(in the Benefice of South Newbury)

This service of Holy Eucharist (also known as Communion or Mass) is for everyone. We hope you will value this opportunity to worship. How much you want to participate is entirely up to you, but whatever your involvement, we do hope you feel at home.

A number of traditions are represented at St John's

We use our bodies in the 'drama of worship.' You may see people bowing at the name of Jesus, others making the sign of the cross – these are a matter for each individual and there is no right or wrong way to be in this church. Feel free to do what is comfortable for you.

All our senses are related to God in worship. **Incense** is used in our main Sunday Service and on other special occasions. It symbolises both the presence and grace of the Holy Spirit, and the prayers of worshippers rising to heaven. The aroma of incense reminds us also of the uncontainable mystery of God and the presence of Christ.

Children are most welcome at our services, especially the 10am Parish Communion. There are books and an activity table at the back of church. If you are bringing children to services, please let the Stewards know, and they will introduce you to a 'children's welcomer'.

And please don't worry, we understand that children make noise! It's a delightful sound to God and to us all.

The Hearing Loop is in operation for those using a hearing aid (set 'T').

Toilets can be found at the back of church, and in the Parish Room.

The Benefice of South Newbury are Inclusive Churches

This means we affirm and welcome everyone as a beautiful human person made in the image of God - which includes their sexuality, gender, race, dis/ability, ethnicity, diversity and whole-life story.

The Kingdom Season

from All Saints to Christ the King

The Gathering

The presiding priest says:

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

Amen.

*A minister welcomes us informally before the start of the Service.
After the welcome, a time of silence is kept for prayer, preparing
ourselves for worship before the first hymn.*

Opening Hymn

The Greeting

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

The Prayer of Preparation

**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.**

Prayer of Penitence

A minister uses these or other suitable words:

Let us confess to God the sins and shortcomings of the world;
its pride, its selfishness, its greed;
Let us confess our share in what is wrong,
and our failure to seek and establish that peace
which God wills for all people

A short silence follows offering space for reflection.

**Lord God,
We have sinned against you;
Your people have done evil in your sight.
We are sorry and repent.
Have mercy on us according to your love.
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.
Renew a right spirit within us
and restore us to the joy of your salvation,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

The presiding priest says the Absolution (God's forgiveness of sin):

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all
your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in
all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

or

May the God of love and power
forgive you and free you from
your sins,
heal and strengthen you by
his Spirit,
and raise you to new life in
Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

Our response to God's compassion and welcome.

**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

(a prayer shared by the whole church this day)

Let us pray...

*The Collect is preceded by a short period of silent prayer,
and sometimes sung.*

The Liturgy of the Word

Readings

At the end of a reading,

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

We turn to face the Gospel, we sing or say,

Alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven

When the Gospel is announced the reader says:

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The Creed

We affirm our faith using the words of The Nicene Creed:

**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 the Virgin 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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who 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 pray for the church, creation, the peoples of the world and their
leaders, our local community, family and friends, those who are sick or
suffering, and those who have recently died.*

One of the responses below is used at the end of each prayer.

**Lord, in your mercy, *or*
hear our prayer.**

**Holy God, by your Spirit
bring in your kingdom.**

And at the end:

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

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

The presiding priest introduces the Peace;

To crown all things there must be love,
to bind all together and complete the whole.
Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

The peace of the Lord be always with you;
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

We share a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn

(where bread and wine are brought forward as gifts)

Preparation of the Table

The altar table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.

The presiding priest takes the bread and wine and praises God in these or similar words:

To you we come, Father of lights,
with angels and saints,
where heaven and earth unite.

May Jesus meet us in the breaking of the bread.

Eucharistic Prayer (Prayer E)

The presiding priest says:

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, 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 you are the hope of the nations,
the builder of the city that is to come.
Your love made visible in Jesus Christ
brings home the lost, restores the sinner
and gives dignity to the despised.
In his face your light shines out,
flooding lives with goodness and truth,
gathering into one in your kingdom
a divided and broken humanity.
Therefore with all who can give voice in your creation
we glorify your name,
for ever praising you and saying:

**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.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:
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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

or

Jesus Christ is Lord:

Lord, by your cross and

resurrection

you have set us free.

You are the Saviour of the world.

Lord of all life,
help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with Mary, John, George, Michael and all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,
for ever and ever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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.**

Breaking of the Bread

The presiding priest breaks the consecrated bread.

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.
**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

*We sing or say the **Agnus Dei** (Lamb of God) as the bread is broken*

**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.**

Giving of Communion

The presiding priest says this invitation to communion:

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

The presiding priest and people receive communion with these words,

The body of Christ. **Amen**
The blood of Christ. **Amen**

*If you don't wish to receive communion, but would like a blessing, please
come forward with your arms crossed, and a priest will bless you.*

Please use this time for prayer and reflection.

Prayer after Communion

The presiding priest says a Post Communion collect or prayer, then;

Father of all,
we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

or

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

Notices

Final Hymn

The presiding priest uses this or another suitable blessing:

May God give to you and to all those whom you love
his comfort and his peace, his light and his joy,
in this world and the next;
And may the blessing of God almighty
Father Son and Holy Spirit
Be with you this day and evermore.

Yours, Lord, is the kingdom:
and you are exalted as head over all.

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



You are warmly invited to join us in the Parish Room next door for refreshments after the service.



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St John's Liturgy 2023

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