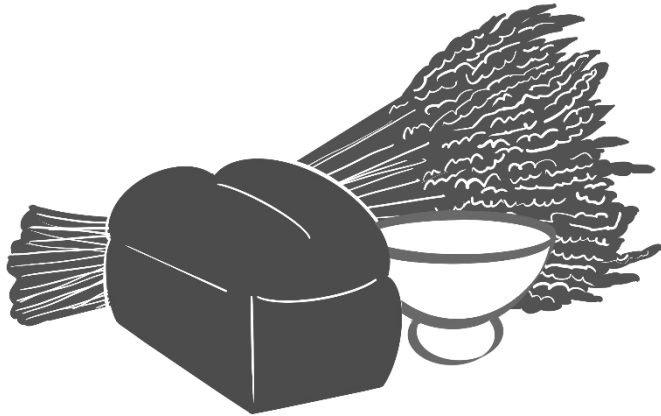




**St. Michael and All Angels
Amersham on the Hill**



**HOLY EUCHARIST
ORDINARY TIME**

A warm welcome to this service

This booklet is designed for use throughout Ordinary Time and includes guidance notes. Do please ask a “Welcomer” if you need any further help.

“Ordinary Time” is those parts of the liturgical year when no other season is observed, namely from the day following the Presentation of Christ (Candlemas) to Shrove Tuesday, and again from the Monday following the Day of Pentecost until the Saturday before the First Sunday of Advent. There is, though, nothing “ordinary” about Ordinary Time, which simply comes from the word “ordinal”, or “counted time”, (as Sundays are numbered “before Lent” or “after Trinity”). The seasonal colour is green, denoting new life and growth.

The Gathering

Introit

Processional Hymn

Please stand, if able.

The Greeting

All The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Please sit.

Words of welcome or introduction may be said.

Prayer of Preparation

All **We have come to seek you, O God,
just as we are come.
We have come to be sought by you,
just as we are come.**

**We will wait for the Lord.
Our souls wait,
and in his word do we hope.**

Prayers of Penitence

Deacon Our Lord Jesus Christ said:
The first commandment is this:
'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord.
You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
with all your soul, with all your mind,
and with all your strength.'

The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'
There is no other commandment greater than these.
On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

All **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Invitation to Confession

Please remain seated or kneel.

We come to God as one from whom no secrets are hidden,
to ask for his forgiveness and peace.

We pause for confession.

Confession

All **Create a clean heart within me, O God,
so that it may be your chosen shelter
and the resting place of the Holy Spirit.**

Silence

**Holy God,
Holy and strong,
Holy and immortal,
have mercy on us.**

Silence.

**I make the cross of Christ upon my breast,
and I ask the living God of the universe
that the Light of lights banish my darkness
so that I may live in the resurrection power of your love.**

or

All **Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy
forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly,
love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.
Amen.**

Absolution

President **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.**

All **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis

Please stand, if able.

All

**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 gathers together, or collects, our prayers.

The Liturgy of the Word

Please sit

(Readings and Psalm on Notice Sheet)

Old Testament Reading

All

For the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Choir – all sing responses.

New Testament Reading

All

For the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

Please stand, if able.

Gospel Reading

Please turn to face the Gospel.

Alleluia, **alleluia.**

I am the light of the world, says the Lord.

Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness
but will have the light of life.

Alleluia, **alleluia.**

(cf John 8.12)

or

Alleluia, **alleluia.**

The word of the Lord endures for ever.

The word of the Lord is the good news announced to you.

Alleluia, **alleluia.**

(cf 1 Peter 1.25)

All The Lord be with you
and also with you

All Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *N*
Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel is proclaimed.

All This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith

Please stand, if able.

All **We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

(cf Ephesians 3)

or

All

**Lord, we will trust you:
help us to journey beyond the familiar
and into the unknown.**

**Give us the faith to leave old ways
and break fresh ground with you.**

**Christ of the mysteries, can we trust you
to be stronger than each storm in us?**

**We determine amidst all uncertainty
always to trust.**

**We choose to live beyond regret,
and let you recreate our lives.**

**We believe you will make a way for us
and provide for us, if only we trust you,**

**We will trust in the darkness and know
that our times are still in your hand.**

**We will believe you for our future,
chapter by chapter, until all the story is written.**

Prayers of Intercession

Please sit or kneel to pray.

All

Lord in your mercy
hear our prayer.

or

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

And at the end

All

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

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Please stand, if able.

For those who would like to, you are welcome to join hands as we sing or say the Peace.

'Where two or three are gathered together in my name,' says the Lord, 'there am I in the midst of them.'

or

We are all one in Christ Jesus.
We belong to him through faith,
heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.

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

Deacon Let us offer one another a sign of peace.
All may exchange a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn

*The gifts of the people are gathered and presented.
The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.
The President takes the bread and wine.*

Preparation of the Table

Holy God,
holy and strong,
holy and immortal,
give us the bread of everlasting life,
and make us branches of the true vine.
Amen.

All



The Eucharistic Prayers (Prayer D p.8, Prayer G p.10)

Eucharistic Prayer D

Please remain standing, if able.

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.**

Almighty God, good Father to us all,
your face is turned towards your world.

In love you gave us Jesus your Son
to rescue us from sin and death.

Your Word goes out to call us home
to the city where angels sing your praise.

We join with them in heaven's song:

All **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.**

Father of all, we give you thanks
for every gift that comes from heaven.

To the darkness Jesus came as your light.

With signs of faith and words of hope

he touched untouchables with love and washed the guilty clean.

This is his story.

All sing **This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

The crowds came out to see your Son,
yet at the end they turned on him.

On the night he was betrayed

he came to table with his friends

to celebrate the freedom of your people.

All sing This is his story.
**This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food;
he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said:
This is my body, given for you all.
Jesus then gave thanks for the wine;
he took the cup, gave it and said:
This is my blood, shed for you all
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this in remembrance of me.

All sing This is our story.
**This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup
we celebrate the cross
on which he died to set us free.
Defying death he rose again
and is alive with you to plead for us and all the world.

All sing This is our story.
**This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

Send your Spirit on us now
that by these gifts we may feed on Christ
with opened eyes and hearts on fire.

May we and all who share this food
offer ourselves to live for you
and be welcomed at your feast in heaven
where all creation worships you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

All sing **Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever.
Amen.**

Please turn to page 12 for the Lord's Prayer.

Eucharistic Prayer G

Please remain standing, if able.

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

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

All Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, Lord God,
our light and our salvation;
to you be glory and praise for ever.

From the beginning you have created all things
and all your works echo the silent music of your praise.
In the fullness of time you made us in your image,
the crown of all creation.

You give us breath and speech, that with angels and archangels
and all the powers of heaven
we may find a voice to sing your praise:

All **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.**

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord.
As a mother tenderly gathers her children,
you embraced a people as your own.
When they turned away and rebelled
your love remained steadfast.

From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary,
to be the living bread,
in whom all our hungers are satisfied.

He offered his life for sinners,
and with a love stronger than death
he opened wide his arms on the cross.

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

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, 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.

Deacon Great is the mystery of faith.

All **Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

Father, we plead with confidence
his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross;
we remember his dying and rising in glory,
and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.
Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you
these gifts of your creation;
may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence,
form us in the likeness of Christ,
and build us into a living temple to your glory.

Remember, Lord, your Church in every land.
Reveal her unity, guard her faith,
and preserve her in peace.

Bring us at the last with St. Michael and all the saints
to the vision of that eternal splendour
for which you have created us;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
by whom, with whom, and in whom,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
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

Please sit or kneel.

As our Saviour taught us, in our own language, 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 for ever. Amen.**

or

Let us pray with confidence, in our own language, as our Saviour has taught us:

All **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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

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.**

Agnus Dei

All **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.**

or

All **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

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.

or

All God's holy gifts
for God's holy people.
**Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

*All are welcome to receive communion or a blessing.
After receiving the bread and the wine please respond "Amen" or, if
you would like a blessing, please place your hands across your
chest.*

Post Communion Hymn

Please stand, if able.

Post Communion Prayer

Prayer after Communion

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.**

or

All **Loving God, we thank you
for every gift of life and well-being,
of love and faith, and for the gift
of this meal we have shared together.
Help us to find our life in you,
and work to see your kingdom coming.
Amen.**

Notices and Banns

The Dismissal

Blessing

God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love,
defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All

Amen.

or

The peace of God,
which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All

Amen.

Deacon

Our worship is finished; let our service begin.

All

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

Recessional hymn verse

**May the grace of Christ our Saviour,
and the Father's boundless love,
with the Holy Spirit's favour,
rest upon us from above.**

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