

*Holy Trinity Church  
Minchinhampton*



***The Holy Eucharist in Lent***

*Very early on, the season of Lent became attached to Easter, as the main occasion for baptism and reconciliation of penitents. This explains the characteristic notes of Lent – self-examination, penitence, self-denial, study, and preparation for Easter. The whole Christian community was invited to join in this process of study and repentance over forty days, reminding them of the forty days Jesus spent in the wilderness.*

*Towards the end of Lent, the mood darkens; readings anticipate the story of Christ's suffering and death, with the reading of the Passion Narrative on the Fifth Sunday.*

# ¶ **The Gathering**

## **Welcome**

*The presiding priest welcomes the congregation and introduces the service.*

## **Hymn**

*Please stand as the choir and altar party enter during the first hymn.*

## **The Greeting**

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

*All* **Amen.**

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

*All*

## **The Prayer of Preparation**

*All* **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.**

## Junior Church

*Our youngest members now meet in the Porch Room.*

*The Deacon introduces Junior Church with the following prayer:*

Father, we meet today to learn about Jesus.  
Help us all to listen and to grow, and learn and love,  
as we celebrate our Heavenly Father above.

*All*    **Amen.**

## The Prayers of Penitence

*The deacon invites the people to confess their sins.*

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit;  
a broken and contrite heart God will not despise.  
Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion,  
and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith.

*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.**

## Kyrie Eleison

*All*    **Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy.  
Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy.  
Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy.**

*The president pronounces the Absolution*

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.

All **Amen.**

### **The Collect**

*The presiding priest prays the prayer for the day and all respond:*

All **Amen.**

## **¶ The Liturgy of the Word**

*Please sit down.*

### **The Old Testament Reading**

*When the reading ends, these words are said.*

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

### **Responsorial Psalm**

*A responsorial psalm is sung, which is printed on your readings sheet.*

### **The New Testament Reading**

*When the reading ends, these words are said.*

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

### **The Gospel Reading**

*The congregation stand and turn towards the centre of the church for the Gospel reading. This or another sentence may be sung or said.*

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

*All repeat:*



Praise to you, O Christ, King of e - ter - nal glo - ry.

*Choir* The Lord is a great God, O that today  
you would listen to his voice.  
Harden not your hearts.

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

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

*All* **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the end*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*All* **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please sit for the sermon.*

**The Sermon**

**The Creed**

*We stand to say The 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.**

## **The Prayers of Intercession**

*The president says*

In the power of the Spirit  
and in union with Christ  
let us pray to the Father.

*The congregation sits or kneels. This response is used.*

Lord of compassion,  
**All In your mercy, hear us.**

*After the final bidding there is a moment of silence.*

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

# ¶ *The Liturgy of the Sacrament*

*Please stand.*

## **The Peace**

*The president says*

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God  
through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who has given us access to his grace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

*All* **and also with you.**

*The deacon says*

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*While we sing, the bread and wine are brought to the table and there is an opportunity for those who are not on a planned giving scheme to contribute to the work of the church in this parish.*

## **Offertory Hymn**

*We remain standing to sing the hymn.*

## **The Eucharistic Prayer**

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.**

It is indeed right and good  
to give you thanks and praise,  
almighty God and everlasting Father,  
through Jesus Christ your Son.

For in these forty days  
you lead us into the desert of repentance,  
that through a pilgrimage of prayer and discipline  
we may grow in grace and learn to be your people once again.



Through fasting, prayer and acts of service  
you bring us back to your generous heart.  
Through study of your holy word  
you open our eyes to your presence in the world  
and free our hands to welcome others  
into the radiant splendour of your love.  
As we prepare to celebrate the Easter feast  
with joyful hearts and minds,  
we bless you for your mercy  
and join with saints and angels  
for ever praising you and singing:

*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.**

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,  
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
and as we follow his example and obey his command,  
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, heavenly Father,  
we remember his offering of himself  
made once for all upon the cross;  
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;  
we look for the coming of your kingdom,  
and with this bread and this cup  
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

*The deacon says*

Great is the mystery of faith.

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

Accept through him, our great high priest,  
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,  
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts  
in the presence of your divine majesty,  
renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love  
and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
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.**

*Silence is kept as the bell is rung three times. All sit or kneel.*

## The Lord's Prayer

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 for ever.  
Amen.**

## Breaking of the Bread

*The president breaks the consecrated 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.**

*We sing the Lamb of God as the bread is broken for all to share*

**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.**

## The Giving of Communion

*The president says*

Jesus is 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.**

*Everyone is welcome to receive communion. If you simply wish to receive a blessing, please carry this booklet with you.*

## Hymns during Communion

*Hymns and an anthem may be sung.*

## Prayer after Communion

*The post communion collect is said after which 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 Notices

*The presiding priest shares the notices, Banns of Marriage may be read and we find out what the younger members have been exploring this morning.*

## **¶ The Dismissal**

### **Hymn**

*Please stand for the hymn.*

### **The Blessing**

*The president blesses the congregation with this or another suitable blessing.*

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,  
to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

*All*    **Amen.**

### **The Dismissal**

*The deacon dismisses the congregation*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

*Please do join us for coffee after the service in the Porch Room.*

*If you are new and are looking for a church to be part of which will nourish you on your spiritual journey, then we would be delighted if you felt that Holy Trinity was the place for you. If so, please do make yourself known to a welcomer or a member of clergy, so we can let you know about all that goes on here. If not, we wish you well and God's blessing, and would be pleased to tell you of other Christian fellowships that meet in the area.*