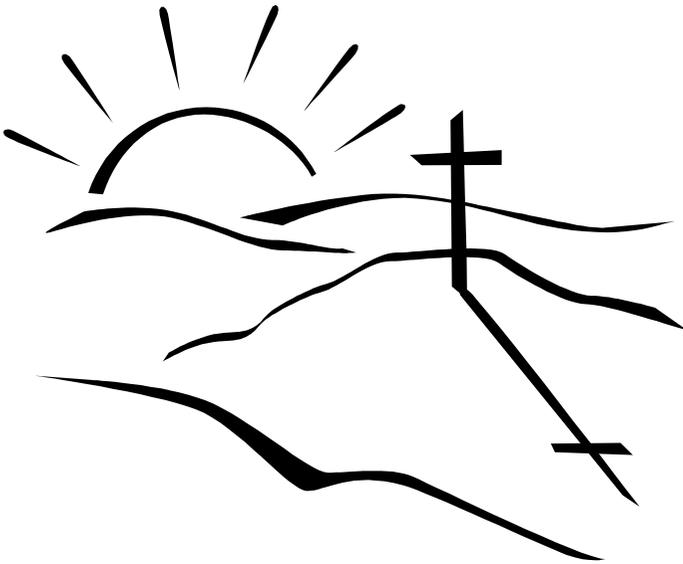


**The Parish Church of  
All Saints  
Wokingham**



Easter  
Parish Communion  
for the Whole Church

Common Worship Services for the Church of England

## ***Welcome!***

*Welcome to All Saints Church Wokingham and today's celebration of the Parish Communion for the Whole Church on Easter Day.*

*In this service we celebrate the resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ with great joy.*

*We shall renew our baptism vows.*

*The Easter Garden will be dedicated.*

*This service follows Order One of the Church of England's new Common Worship services and prayers. It is specially adapted for a congregation of all ages.*

*Please note that for your assistance if you use a hearing aid, the church is fitted with an inductive loop system.*



**The Parish Communion on Easter Day**  
(Common Worship Eucharist Order One)

Structure

*In this service we will:*

¶ greet each other in the name of the risen Lord

¶ rejoice and sing praise to God

¶ confess our sins and be assured of God's forgiveness

¶ keep silence and pray a Collect

¶ proclaim and respond to the word of God

¶ bless the Easter garden

¶ renew our baptism vows

¶ pray for the Church and the world

¶ exchange the Peace

¶ offer gifts

¶ prepare the altar table

¶ pray the Eucharistic Prayer

¶ break the bread

¶ receive communion

¶ depart with God's blessing

## Words of Welcome

## The Gathering

*Before we start the Rector or the priest who is leading the service will welcome you to church today.*

*After that, we have a quiet time to get ready to worship God; then we stand to sing the first hymn.*

### FIRST HYMN

*During the first hymn there is a PROCESSION led by the Cross. The ministers, servers and the choir come in.*

*Then the Junior Church banner is brought in.*

***When the hymn ends we remain standing.***

### The Greeting

*The priest says the special Easter greeting*

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

*We reply with joy*

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**



**Start here**

# Alleluia!

## Prayer of Preparation

*We join in this prayer asking God to inspire our thoughts and feelings in worship.*

**Lord, direct our thoughts,  
teach us to pray,  
lift up our hearts to worship you  
in Spirit and in truth,  
through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## Prayers of Penitence

*The minister invites us to confess our sins to God.*

Jesus Christ, risen Master and triumphant Lord,  
we come to you in sorrow for our sins,  
and confess to you our weakness and unbelief.

We have lived by our own strength,  
and not by the power of your resurrection.  
In your mercy, forgive us.

**All Lord, hear us and help us.**

We have lived by the light of our own eyes,  
as faithless and not believing.  
In your mercy, forgive us.

**All Lord, hear us and help us.**

We have lived for this world alone,  
and doubted our home in heaven.  
In your mercy, forgive us.

**All Lord, hear us and help us.**



*The priest:*

May almighty God have mercy on you,  
forgive you your sins,  
and bring you to everlasting life,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Gloria in Excelsis**

*We sing or say "The Gloria", or another song.*

**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.**

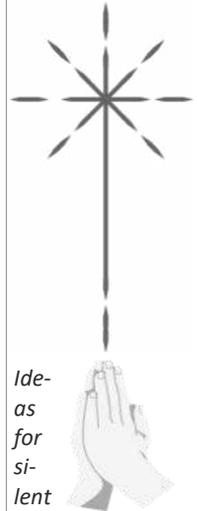
**Lord Jesus Christ,  
only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand  
of the Father:**

**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 leading the service invites us to pray in silence and then says the Easter Day prayer.*

Lord of all life and power,  
who through the mighty resurrection of your Son  
overcame the old order of sin and death



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*prayer here:*

seek God's  
word for you  
in this service

pray for those  
around you

to make all things new in him:  
grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ,  
may reign with him in glory;  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit  
be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity.  
**Amen.**

## The First Reading

*We sit for the first Bible reading from a part of the New Testament which is not a Gospel.*

*At the end of the reading the reader says:*  
This is the word of the Lord.

Answer: **Thanks be to God.**

## HYMN OR ANTHEM BEFORE THE GOSPEL

*Either we sing a hymn or the choir will sing an anthem.*

## Gospel Reading

*Everyone stands to listen to the Gospel reading.  
The gospel is introduced with this acclamation.*

Alleluia, alleluia.  
I am the first and the last, says the Lord,  
and the living one;  
I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore.  
*We reply:* **Alleluia.**

*The deacon then announces the gospel reading.*  
*We reply:* **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the end:*  
This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
*We reply:* **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## The Liturgy of the Word

*The reading may be read by one person or it may be read by several people, mimed, or acted out.*



TALK, SERMON, PRESENTATION, OR ACTIVITY.

## The Renewal of Baptism Vows

*After the talk the presiding priest moves to the **Easter Garden** accompanied by the children present and says a prayer of blessing. See page 16.*

### The Renewal of Baptism Vows

*The minister says*

As we celebrate again the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead, we remember that through the paschal mystery we have died and been buried with him in baptism, so that we may rise with him to a new life within the family of his Church. Now that we have completed our observance of Lent, we renew the promises made at our baptism, affirming our allegiance to Christ, and our rejection of all that is evil.

Therefore I ask these questions:

Do you turn to Christ?

**I turn to Christ.**

Do you repent of your sins?

**I repent of my sins.**

Do you renounce evil?

**I renounce evil.**

Let us declare our faith in God:

**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.**

**The Liturgy  
of the Word**

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

### **The Prayers of the People**

*We pray for the church, the peoples of the world and their leaders, our local community, family and friends, those in need, those who are sick or suffering, and those who have died.*

*We kneel or sit.*

*One of the following responses or a similar one as announced is used after each section.*

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

*or*

Lord, hear us.  
**Lord, graciously hear us.**

*and this response is used normally at the end of the prayers*

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



## The Peace

## The Liturgy of the Sacrament

*We stand. Everyone in the church takes part in the Peace.*

*The presiding priest says these or similar words:*

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, “Peace be with you”.  
Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

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

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*We now greet our neighbours with a handshake and these or similar words:*

**Christ is risen.**

Reply: **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**



## The Offerings of the People and the Preparation of the Table Taking of the Bread and Wine

### OFFERTORY HYMN

*During the offertory hymn, representative members of the congregation take up our offerings of bread, wine and water for the Communion, and also the collection is taken. Children will be invited to assist with these. The bread and the wine are placed on the altar by the deacon.*



*The presiding priest says these words*

With this bread that we bring

*We reply:*

**We shall remember Jesus.**

*and*

With this wine that we bring

*We reply:*

**We shall remember Jesus.**

Bread for his body,  
wine for his blood,  
gifts from God to his table we bring.

*We reply:*

**We shall remember Jesus.**

*The presiding priest takes the bread and cup into his/her hands and replaces them on the holy table.*

*Then we say together:*

**Yours, Lord, is the greatness,  
the power, the glory, the splendour,  
and the majesty;  
for everything in heaven and on earth  
is yours.**

**All things come from you,  
and of your own do we give you.**

## The Liturgy of the Sacrament



## The Eucharistic Prayer

*The presiding priest offers the thanksgiving of the people over the bread and wine which consecrates them for Communion.*

***We remain standing through the whole prayer.***

**The  
Eucharistic  
Prayer  
(CW Prayer E)**

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.**



Father, you made the world and love your creation.  
You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour.  
His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death.  
And so we gladly thank you,  
with saints and angels 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.

**The  
Eucharistic  
Prayer  
(CW Prayer E)**

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 for-  
giveness 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.**

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 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 together, as the whole family of God,  
the prayer which Jesus himself taught us.

*We sit or kneel.*

**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 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.**



*The Agnus Dei (Lamb of God) is sung as the bread is broken.*

## The Liturgy of the Sacrament

**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

*Before the distribution presiding priest says:*

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.

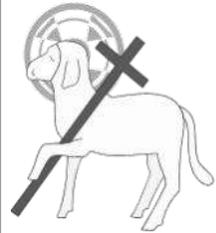
***The presiding priest and the people  
receive Holy Communion or a Blessing***

*We invite everyone to share in this by coming forward  
either to receive Communion or to receive a Blessing as  
appropriate for you.*

*It can help the minister if you show your wish for a Blessing  
by holding this booklet in your hands when you kneel  
at the communion rail.*

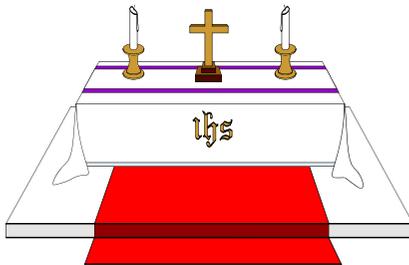
*If either or both of the consecrated elements are likely to prove insufficient,  
the priest returns to the altar table and adds more, saying:*

Father, having given thanks over the bread and the cup  
according to the institution of your Son Jesus Christ, who said,



‘Take, eat; this is my body’  
[and/or ‘Drink this; this is my blood’ ],  
we pray that by the power of your Holy Spirit  
this *bread/wine* also  
may be to us his *body/blood*,  
to be received in remembrance of him.

## The Liturgy of the Sacrament



## Prayer after Communion

*When Communion is over  
we remain kneeling or sitting.*

*The presiding priest says the special **prayer  
after communion** which is set for this Sunday.*

God of Life,  
who for our redemption gave your only-begotten  
    Son to the death of the cross,  
and by his glorious resurrection  
    have delivered us from the power of our enemy:  
grant us so to die daily to sin,  
that we may evermore live with him  
    in the joy of his risen life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

*Then we pray 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.**



## HYMN AFTER COMMUNION

*We stand to sing the hymn. During this hymn any banners etc are returned.*

*The presiding priest gives the blessing in these or similar words:*

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

God the Father,  
by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead,  
strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

*The ministers and people depart.*

*After each Sunday service refreshments are served in the Cornerstone;<sup>1</sup> all are welcome.*

*Happy Easter to everyone!*

<sup>1</sup> Turn right out of main church door & follow path round

## The Dismissal



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## **The Blessing of the Easter Garden**

The Lord has risen indeed. Alleluia!

**Glory and kingship be his for ever and ever. Alleluia!**

The angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has risen, as he said.' *Matthew 28.5,6*

Blessed are you, O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In your great mercy you have given us new birth into a living hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

By your blessing may we who have prepared this garden in celebration of his victory be strengthened in faith, know the power of his presence, and rejoice in the hope of eternal glory, for he is alive and reigns for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

Risen Lord Jesus, as Mary Magdalen met you in the garden on the morning of your resurrection, so may we meet you today and every day: speak to us as you spoke to her; reveal yourself as the living Lord; renew our hope and kindle our joy; and send us to share the good news with others.

**Amen.**

*We say together*

**Dying you destroyed our death,  
rising you restored our life.  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

*Please turn back to page 5 to continue the service.*

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