

St. Mary's Church Woughton on the Green



Service Book

Welcome to

St Mary's Church, Woughton on the Green

part of Woughton Ecumenical Partnership



Thank you for coming to the service.

Please take a moment to be quiet
before it begins, to recognise that
together we are about to meet with God.

A Prayer before the service:

*Lord God, please draw close to us,
as we draw close to you;
inspire those who lead and each of us as we participate.
Through your Word, our worship and our prayers,
speak to us afresh today.
In Jesus Christ's name we pray. Amen.*

Do feel free to talk to the service leader afterwards.

Holy Communion

The Preparation

Minister: The Lord be with you

All: and with thy spirit.

All: Almighty God,
unto whom all hearts be open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hid:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love thee,
and worthily magnify thy holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Summary of the Law *(or the Commandments on p24)*

Minister: Our Lord Jesus Christ said:
Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord;
thou shalt love the Lord thy God
with all thy heart, and with all thy soul,
and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength.
This is the first commandment.
And the second is like, namely this:
Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.
There is none other commandment greater than these.
On these two commandments hang all the
law and the prophets.

All: Lord, have mercy upon us and write all these
thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.

Confession

Minister: Hear the words of comfort our Saviour Christ says to all who truly turn to him:
Come to me all ye who labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest.
God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ to save us from our sins,
to be our advocate in heaven and to bring us to eternal life.
Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,
firmly resolved to keep God's commandments,
and to live in love and peace with all.

All: **Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against thee
and against our neighbour,
in thought, word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are heartily sorry
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past,
and grant that we may serve thee in newness of life,
to the glory of thy name. Amen.**

Minister: 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.**

All: Glory be to God on high,
and in earth peace, goodwill towards men.
We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee, we glorify thee;
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory;
O Lord God, heavenly King,
God the Father almighty.
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ:
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of
God the Father, have mercy upon us.
For thou only art holy,
thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ,
with the Holy Ghost, art the most high
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect for the Day

First Reading

concludes with: This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading *(all stand, if able)*

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

concludes with: This is the Gospel of Christ.
Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Sermon

The Creed *(all stand, if able)*

All: I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things, visible and invisible:

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost
of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried,
and the third day he rose again
according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father.
And he shall come again with glory
to judge both the quick and the dead:
whose kingdom shall have no end.

**And I believe in the Holy Ghost
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together
is worshipped and glorified,
who spake by the prophets.
And I believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins.
And I look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

We use this response: Lord, in thy mercy,
hear our prayer.

We conclude with: Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers
for the sake of thy Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Prayer of Humble Access

All: **We do not presume to come to this, thy table,
merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness,
but in thy manifold and great mercies.
We are not worthy so much as to gather up
the crumbs under thy table.
But thou art the same Lord,
whose nature is always to have mercy.
Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ,
and to drink his blood, that we may evermore
dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

The Peace *(all stand, if able)*

Words of introduction are used, concluding with:

Minister: The Peace of the Lord be always with you

All: **and with thy spirit.**

(We may share the peace with one another)

The Offertory

All: Thine, O Lord, is the greatness and the power
and the glory and the victory and the majesty.
All that is in heaven and earth is thine.
All things come of thee, O Lord,
and of thine own do we give thee.

All sit

The Eucharistic Prayer

The minister prepares the bread and the wine for Communion.

Minister: The Lord is here.

All: **His Spirit is with us.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is meet and right so to do.**

Minister: It is very meet, right and our bounden duty
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father,
almighty, everlasting God,
through Jesus Christ thine only Son, our Lord.

*(The following may be replaced by a Proper Preface at
the appropriate season)*

For he is thy living Word.

Through him thou hast created all things from the beginning,
and fashioned us in thine own image.

Through him thou didst redeem us from the
slavery of sin, giving him to be born of woman,
to die upon the cross, and to rise again for us.

Through him thou hast made us a people for thine
own possession, exalting him to thy right hand on high,
and sending forth through him thy holy and life-giving Spirit.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we laud and magnify thy glorious name,
evermore praising thee and saying:

All: **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Accept our praise, heavenly Father,
through thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and as we follow his example and obey his command,
grant that by the power of thy Holy Spirit these gifts of
bread and wine may be unto us his body and his blood:

who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread;
and when he had given thanks to thee,
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.

Likewise, after supper he took the cup;
and when he had given thanks to thee,
he gave it to them, saying: Drink ye all of this;
for this is my blood of the new covenant which is
shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.
Wherefore, O Lord and 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 his kingdom and with this bread
and this cup we make the memorial of Christ thy Son our Lord:

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 thy divine majesty,
renew us by thy Holy Spirit,
inspire us with thy love,
and unite us in the body of thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be to thee,
O Father almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

Minister: As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray:

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 Communion

Minister: 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.**

All: **O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.**

**O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.**

**O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.**

Minister: 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.

*We welcome all who love the Lord to receive bread and wine.
If you would prefer a blessing, please come forward
and keep your hands by your side.*

After Communion

All: Almighty God,
we thank thee for feeding us
with the body and blood of thy Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer thee our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of thy Spirit,
to live and work to thy praise and glory. Amen.

Minister: 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. Amen.

Minister: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: In the name of Christ. Amen.

Ecumenical Holy Communion

The Preparation

Minister: The Lord be with you

All: **And also with you.**

All: **Give us, O God, a vision of your glory,
that we may worship you in spirit and in truth,
and offer you praise, from glad and thankful hearts;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Confession

The Minister introduces the confession with suitable words.

Minister: Let us confess our sins to God

All: **Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought and word and deed.
We have not loved you with all our heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.**

Minister: In your mercy

All: **forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Minister: 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.**

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.**

Prayer for today

Old Testament Reading and/or New Testament Reading

each concludes with:

**This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading

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

Glory to Christ our Saviour.

concludes with:

**This is the Gospel of Christ.
Praise to Christ our Lord.**

Sermon

The Creed *(all stand, if able)*

All: 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;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate of 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 together
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 use this response: Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

Minister: As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray:

All: *either:*
**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.**

or:

**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 forever. Amen.**

The Peace *(all stand, if able)*

Words of introduction are used, concluding with:

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All: **And also with you.**

(We may share the peace with one another)

The Offertory

The Offering is taken, and presented

All: Lord and giver of every good thing,
we bring to you bread and wine for our communion,
and our lives and gifts for your service.
Transform us by your grace and love, made known
to us through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

The Thanksgiving

All sit

Minister: The Lord is here

All: **His Spirit is with us.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts

All: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

The Minister prays a prayer of Thanksgiving to God.

Father you made the world and love your creation.

You gave us 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, and with the saints and angels
evermore praising you and saying:

All: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

We praise you 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 might be for us the body and blood of your
dear Son.

Jesus, 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 given for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, in remembrance of me.

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

Lord of 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, evermore praising you and singing (*saying*):

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

The Communion

All: **Lord, we come to your table,
trusting in your mercy
and not in any goodness of our own.
We are not worthy even to
gather up the crumbs under your table,
but it is your nature always to have mercy,
and on that we depend.
So feed us with the body and blood
of Jesus Christ, your Son,
that we may for ever live in him
and he in us. Amen.**

Minister: 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 welcome all who love the Lord to receive bread and wine.
If you would prefer a blessing, please come forward and keep your
hands by your side.*

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, feed on him in your hearts, by faith, with thanksgiving.

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.**

The Minister says words of blessing concluding with:

... And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
rest upon *you*, and remain with *you* always. **Amen.**

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

Service of Worship and The Word

The Preparation

Minister: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Minister: Loving Lord, we have come to worship you.

All: **Help us to remember that you are here with us.**

**May we pray to you in faith,
sing your praise with gratitude,
and listen to your word with eagerness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Confession

The Minister introduces the confession with suitable words.

All: **Loving Lord,
we have sinned against you
in our thoughts, words and deeds.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
We are truly sorry
and turn away from what is wrong.
Forgive us, for the sake of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Minister: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

This is his gracious word to us: 'Your sins are forgiven.'

All: **Amen. Thanks be to God.**

Prayer for today

Reading(s) *each concludes with:*

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Creed *(all stand, if able)*

Minister: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: **We believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Minister: Do you believe in his Son, Jesus Christ?

All: **We believe in Jesus Christ,
his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead and buried;
he descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the
living and the dead.**

Minister: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

All: **We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Minister: We thank you, O God,
for you are gracious.
You have loved us from the beginning and you
remember us in times of trouble and of joy.

All: **Your mercy endures for ever.**

Minister: We thank you, O God,
for you came to us in Jesus Christ,
who has redeemed the world
and saves us from our sins.

All: **Your mercy endures for ever.**

Minister: We thank you, O God,
for you have sent your Holy Spirit,
who comforts us and leads us into all truth.

All: **Your mercy endures for ever. Amen**

Other prayers use the response: Lord in your mercy
hear our prayer

Minister: As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

All:

either:

**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.**

or:

**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 forever. Amen.**

The Sending Out

The Minister says words of blessing concluding with:

... And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
rest upon *you* and remain with *you* always. **Amen.**

Minister: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

The Ten Commandments

God spake these words and said:

1. I am the Lord thy God;
thou shalt have none other gods but me.
2. Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image.
3. Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy
God in vain.
4. Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day.
5. Honour thy father and thy mother.
6. Thou shalt do no murder.
7. Thou shalt not commit adultery.
8. Thou shalt not steal.
9. Thou shalt not bear false witness.
10. Thou shalt not covet.

**Lord have mercy upon us and write all these
thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.**

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