



THE PARISH CHURCH OF
ST LEONARD, LEXDEN



ALL-AGE
EUCCHARIST

Welcome to this All-Age Eucharist.

Because God's love is for all people, this service is for all people too: people of all ages and backgrounds.

If you or someone with you needs to move or needs a break during the service, you are very welcome to come and go as you need. There are facilities through the door at the back left of the church. It's OK to make a noise and to move about.

Eucharist is a word that means 'giving thanks': and so we're here to share in and celebrate the amazing story of God's love for us - and to say thank you to God together.

Because at different times of year we think about special parts of that story, we sometimes add words to this service or leave some out.

Please join in with the words printed in bold.

Opening Hymn

The Greeting

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

The Lord be with you
And also with you

Everyone is welcomed. An opening prayer is often said.

Confession

We say sorry to God. Some special words are used and we answer,

...
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

...
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy

...
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

May the God of love forgive *us* our sins,
heal and strengthen *us* by his spirit
and raise *us* to new life in Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Gloria

We don't sing the Gloria during Advent or during Lent

**All glory be to God in heaven,
For peace on earth we sing,
We worship you, we bring you thanks
Our Father, glorious King.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, oh Lamb of God
God's only Son, be praised!
Have mercy, take our sins away,
Receive the prayers we raise.**

**For you alone are God most high
You are the Holy One!
To Father, Son and Spirit sing:
the glorious Three in One.**

The Collect: the prayer for today

Bible Readings

At the end of each reading the reader may say:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn

The Gospel

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ...

Glory to you, O Lord.

After the reading:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The Creed: sharing what we believe

**We believe in God the Father,
God almighty, by whose plan
earth and heaven sprang to being,
all created things began.**

**We believe in Christ the Saviour,
Son of God in human frame,
virgin-born, the child of Mary
upon whom the Spirit came.**

**Christ, who on the cross forsaken,
like a lamb to slaughter led,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
he descended to the dead.**

**We believe in Jesus risen,
heaven's king to rule and reign,
to the Father's side ascended
till as judge he comes again.**

**We believe in God the Spirit;
in one Church, below, above:
saints of God in one communion,
one in holiness and love.**

**So by faith, our sins forgiven,
Christ our Saviour, Lord and friend,
we shall rise with him in glory
to the life that knows no end.**

Prayers

Baptism welcome

At some services we welcome into the Church those who have been recently baptised, and pray for those who have been baptised at this time of year.

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:
by one Spirit we are all baptised into one body.
**We welcome you into the fellowship of faith;
we are children of the same heavenly Father;
we welcome you.**

The Peace

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn

Offertory Prayer

The Eucharistic Prayer

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 him thanks and praise

It is always right to give you thanks, God our Creator,
loving and faithful, holy and strong.

You made us and the whole universe,
and filled your world with life.

You sent your Son to live among us,
Jesus our Saviour, Mary's child.

He suffered on the cross;
he died to save us from our sins;
he rose in glory from the dead.

You send your Spirit to bring new life to the world,
and clothe us with power from on high.

[And so we join the angels to celebrate and sing:]

Sometimes words are added here to mark a special day or time of year.

**Holy, holy, holy is the Lord,
Holy is the Lord God almighty,
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord,
Holy is the Lord God almighty,
Whose glory fills both heav'n and earth
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord**

**Blessed, blessed, blessed is the one,
Blest is he who comes in the Lord's name,
Blessed, blessed, blessed is the one,
Blest is he who comes in the Lord's name,
Hosanna in the highest heaven
Blessed, blessed, blessed is the Lord**

Father, on the night before he died,
Jesus shared a meal with his friends.
He took the bread, and thanked you.
He broke it, and gave it to them, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this to remember me.

After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine.
He thanked you, and gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you.
This is my blood,
the new promise of God's unfailing love.
Do this to remember me.

Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

Father, as we bring this bread and wine,
and remember his death and resurrection,
send your Holy Spirit,
that we who share these gifts
may be fed by Christ's body and his blood.
Pour your Spirit on us
that we may love one another,
work for the healing of the earth,
and share the good news of Jesus,
as we wait for his coming in glory.
For honour and praise belong to you, Father,
with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit:
one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

We are still for a moment.

The Lord's Prayer

**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 the 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.**

**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

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

If you are used to receiving the consecrated bread and wine you are very welcome to come forward to receive them. If you'd prefer to have a blessing, please keep your hands down when you come forward. During the distribution of Holy Communion some hymns are usually sung.

Prayer after Communion

**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.**

Notices

The Blessing

...and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Final Hymn

Sending Out

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

OR during Easter:

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!



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because we all share in one bread'*

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