Sung Eucharist for Apostles & Evangelists

"Mass for St Giles" – Malcolm Archer



Welcome

If you have a query, please speak to the welcomer on duty, who will be glad to help you.

Prayer Requests

If you would like us to pray for someone or something specific during the service, please speak to the welcomer.

A Word to Children

You are very welcome at all our services.

We want you to feel comfortable

and able to join in,

and we don't mind a bit of noise!

lf you are onsite

Standing, sitting, kneeling

This booklet suggests where to stand (to praise God), to sit (to receive from God) and to kneel (to ask from God). But feel free to stand, sit or kneel at any time,

as you are most comfortable

Gluten Free Wafers 🏵

All our wafers are gluten free



Communion Wine for life

Our communion is organically and ethically produced and fairly traded.

Loop System

This church is equipped with a loop system: please set hearing aids to the "T" position.

Receiving Communion

You are welcome to share bread and wine with us if you do so in any Christian church - or to receive a blessing if you prefer.

If you need assistance to get to the altar, or need to receive communion in your pew, please speak to the welcomer.

Livestreaming

This service will be livestreamed on Zoom and YouTube. If you prefer not to be filmed, please ask the welcomer where to sit.



lf you are joining in online

Where to find us

Find us on Zoom (Meeting 357 123 751) or at www.alstonmoor.tiny.us/youtube

You may like to prepare ...

- the Easter candle, or another candle, and something to light it with
- a Bible and hymnbook or today's readings and hymns from our website

Microphones

Please keep your microphone muted, except when joining in the responses or prayers

Livestreaming

The service will be livestreamed on Zoom and YouTube. If you are uncomfortable with being seen online, or on a screen in church, please turn off your camera.

¶ Gathering as God's Holy People

We stand as the ministers enter

The Greeting

The service may start with a Bible sentence, then

Welcome in the name of Christ. God's grace, mercy and peace be with you and also with you.

Words of welcome or introduction may be said

We come from diverse lives to meet with God.
 Let us recognize God's presence among us.

Silence is kept.

 Whether present in this building, or joining in online

All We are united in the love of Christ.

We light the Paschal Candle in church, and our candles at home, as a sign of Christ's presence

In Eastertide, we say

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

A hymn is sung

Prayer of Preparation

All Faithful one, whose word is life: come with saving power to free our praise, inspire our prayer and shape our lives for the kingdom of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



Prayers of Penitence

These or other appropriate words are said

 Seeing we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which clings so closely, looking to Jesus in penitence and faith.

Hebrews 12.1

We kneel

Silence is kept

We acknowledge the pain and sin of the world in words such as

 You were sent to preach the good news of light in the darkness of the world: Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

 You were sent to plant in our hearts the seed of eternal life: Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

 You were sent to reconcile us to yourself by the shedding of your blood: Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

The priest assures us of God's forgiveness in these or other suitable words

God our Father forgive you your sins, and bring you to the fellowship of his table with his saints for ever.

All Amen.



Gloria in Excelsis

We stand to join in the angels' song of praise (except in Lent or Advent)





The Collect (Prayer for the Day)

After a brief period of silent prayer the priest says the collect and we respond

All Amen.



1 Listening & Responding to God

Readings

We sit while we hear one or two readings from the Bible

At the end of each, the reader says

Into ancient words

All you breathe new life.

A **hymn, psalm** or **canticle** may follow each reading



Gospel Reading

We stand

The reader may say a phrase such as

Alleluia, alleluia.
 I appointed you to go and bear fruit,
 fruit that will last.

All Alleluia.

Or, in Lent,

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.
 Blessed are the pure in heart,
 for they shall see God.

Matthew 5.8

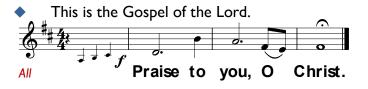
All Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

Then

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



At the end



Sermon

We sit

The Creed

We stand

ΑII

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.

With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He 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,

Amen.

and the life of the world to come.

Prayers of Intercession

We kneel

One of the following or another response may be used

Either

Lord, in your mercy

All hear our prayer.

And at the end

Merciful Father

All Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Or

Saviour, we hear your call.

All Help us to follow.

And at the end

All God of mercy,
you know us and love us
and hear our prayer:
keep us in the eternal fellowship
of Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen.



The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

We stand

The priest introduces the Peace with these or other suitable words



We are fellow-citizens with the saints and of the household of God, through Christ our Lord, who came and preached peace to those who were far off and those who were near.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace with immediate neighbours, for example in sign language, or with a handshake and greeting such as "Peace be with you"



Preparation of the Table Taking of the Bread and Wine

A **hymn** is sung as the gifts of the people are gathered and presented

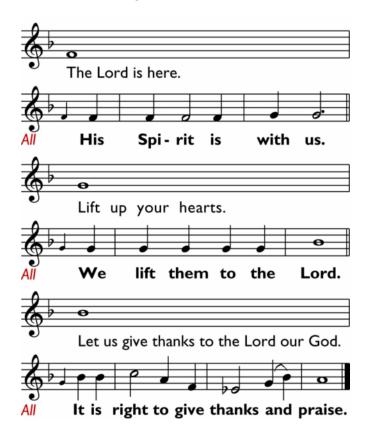
The priest takes the bread and wine

God our Father, keep us united in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and the prayers, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

we remain standing



It is indeed right and good that we should give you thanks, praise and glory, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. For after his resurrection he sent out his apostles and evangelists to preach the gospel to all nations and lead us in the way of truth.

Himself the chief cornerstone, he founded his Church upon the apostles firmly to stand for ever as a sign of your holiness upon earth and a living witness to all of the way that leads to heaven.

And so with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we lift our voices and join in their unending hymn of praise:



Either we sing



Or we say

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.



Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness; grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

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.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:



And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.



The Lord's Prayer

We kneel

We pray the Lord's Prayer, in whichever version or language we wish

 With all God's saints throughout the ages we pray to the Father as Jesus taught us

All Our Father ...

Breaking of the Bread

The priest 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.



Agnus Dei

Either we sing



Or we say

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.

Invitation to Communion

I heard the voice of a great multitude crying, 'Alleluia.' The Lord our God has entered into his kingdom.

All Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

Prayer of Humble Access

We may say

ΑII Most merciful Lord, your love compels us to come in. Our hands were unclean, our hearts were unprepared; we were not fit even to eat the crumbs from under your table. But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation, and share your bread with sinners. So cleanse and feed us with the precious body and blood of your Son, that he may live in us and we in him; and that we, with the whole company of Christ, may sit and eat in your kingdom. Amen.

Sharing Communion

If you are onsite

You are invited to come forward to the altar to receive the bread and wine (if you would do so in any Christian church), or else to receive a blessing

If you wish to receive a blessing, please keep your hands lowered



If you are joining in online

You may wish to pray this Act of Spiritual Reception

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits you have given me, for all the pains and insults you have borne for me.

Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
I ask you to come spiritually into my heart.
O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen.

after the Prayer of St Richard of Ch

A hymn may be sung

Prayers after Communion

We kneel

Jesus said to the disciples, 'Go into all the world, and proclaim the good news to the whole creation.'

John 15.15

The priest may say this or another Prayer

Almighty God, who on the day of Pentecost sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame, filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel: by the power of the same Spirit strengthen us to witness to your truth and to draw everyone to the fire of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

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.

¶ Sent out by God

Banns of Marriage may be published and **notices** may be given out.

A **hymn** is sung

Acclamation

- Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised:
- All there is no end of his greatness.
- One generation shall praise your works to another
- All and shall declare your power.
- All your works praise you, Lord,
- All and your faithful servants bless you.
- They make known the glory of your kingdom
- All and speak of your power.
- My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord:
- All let everything bless his holy name for ever and ever.

The Blessing

The Lord be with you

All And also with you

The priest assures us of God's blessing in these or other words

God, who has prepared for us a city with eternal foundations, give you grace to share the inheritance of the saints in glory; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

- Following God's saints

 in the ways of holiness and truth,
 go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
- All In the name of Christ.
 Amen.

Or, in Eastertide

- Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.
- All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

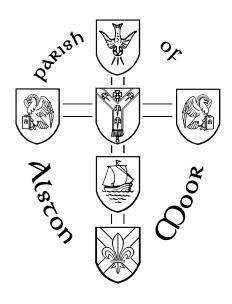
To our Visitors

Thank you for worshipping with us today.

We thank God for your presence in worship, and we invite you to return soon.

Until then, we wish you God speed and a safe journey.





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