



A Service of Holy Communion



St Andrew's Church Higher Blackley

✝ Holy Communion will be celebrated during this service, and all are welcome to the Lord's table. It doesn't matter if you are a member of another church or are not Confirmed, if you would like to receive Communion, you are welcome.

✝ If you do not want to receive the sacrament of bread and/or wine, please do join us at the rail for a blessing instead.

✝ Refreshments will be served in the Parish Room next to church after the service. Please do come and join us.

✝ A collection may be taken during the service, and we do invite your gifts and donations. You may use the QR code to make a digital contribution, and there is a plate available if you would like to give cash. Your financial support means we can continue with God's mission in Blackley. Thank you.



✝ If you would like to make an enquiry about baptism or weddings, please speak to one of our Wardens who will put you in touch with our ministry team. Alternatively, you can contact our Clergy on 0161 264 9982 or via email clergy@blackleycofe.church.

✝ You can follow us on Facebook (<https://facebook.com/BlackleyCofE>) where you can join us for prayers, news updates and conversation.

As we prepare for worship, please take a few moments to be still and quiet before God.

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

All **Amen.**

The president may say informal words of welcome and introduction

The Greeting

The president greets the people
The Lord be with you

All **and also with you.**

Hymn/Song

The Beatitudes

Silence is kept between each Beatitude.

Let us hear our Lord's blessing on those who follow him.

Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn,
for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,
for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness,
for they shall be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful,
for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they shall be called children of God.

Blessed are those who suffer persecution for righteousness' sake,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Let us confess our many failures to keep this way of truth and life.

The confession follows without further invitation.

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.**

God, the Father of mercies,
has reconciled the world to himself
through the death and resurrection of his Son, Jesus Christ,
not counting our trespasses against us,
but sending his Holy Spirit
to shed abroad his love among us.
By the ministry of reconciliation
entrusted by Christ to his Church,
receive his pardon and peace
to stand before him in his strength alone,
this day and evermore.

All **Amen.**

The Collect

The president introduces a period of silent prayer with the words 'Let us pray' or a more specific bidding.

The Collect is said, and all respond

All **Amen.**

Liturgy of the Word

Readings

Either one or two readings from Scripture precede the Gospel reading.

At the end of each the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn/Song

Gospel Reading

*An acclamation may herald the Gospel reading.
When the Gospel is announced the reader says*

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

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

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon/Homily

A sermon or homily is offered, followed by a short period of silence for reflection

The Apostles' Creed

The origin of the Apostles' Creed is the profession of faith made at baptism. This association may have implications for the occasion when it is used at Holy Communion.

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

**I 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, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**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.**

**I 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 Intercession

This or another form or prayer may be used. At the end of this form of intercession, silence may be kept

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

For the peace of the whole world,
for the welfare of the Holy Church of God,
and for the unity of all,
let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

For N our bishop,
for the leaders of our sister Churches,
and for all clergy and people,
let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

For *Charles our King*,
for the leaders of the nations,
and for all in authority,
let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

For this community,
for every city, town and village,
and for all the people who live within them,
let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who travel by land, air, or water,
for the sick and the suffering,

[*for ... ,*]

for prisoners and captives,
and for their safety, health and salvation,
let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

For our deliverance from all affliction, strife and need,
and for the absolution of our sins and offences,
let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Remembering [*... and*]
all who have gone before us in faith,
and in communion with [*... and*] all the saints,
we commit ourselves, one another,
and our whole life to Christ our God;

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Bring us all to your heavenly city,
to the joyful gathering of thousands of angels,
to the assembly of your firstborn,
to the spirits of the saints made perfect,
to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant
and to the sprinkled blood that promises peace.

Merciful Father

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

The Peace

The president introduces the Peace with these or other suitable words:

Christ is our peace.
He has reconciled us to God
in one body by the cross.
We meet in his name and share his peace.

All The peace of the Lord be always with you
And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Hymn/Song

Liturgy of the Sacrament

Preparation of the Table

Be present, be present,
Lord Jesus Christ,
our risen high priest;
make yourself known in the breaking of bread.

All **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.

All **His Spirit is with us.**

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.**

Father, we give you thanks and praise
through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word,
through whom you have created all things;
who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.
By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh;
as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin,
he lived on earth and went about among us;
he opened wide his arms for us on the cross;
he put an end to death by dying for us;
and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life;
so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

Short Proper Preface, when appropriate

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever 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.
[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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

All **Christ has died:**

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

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 [*N and*] 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.

All **Amen.**

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.**

The Agnus Dei may be used as the bread is broken

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.**

Giving of Communion

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.

This prayer may be said before the distribution

All

We do not presume

**to come to this your table, merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your manifold and great mercies.**

We are not worthy

so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table.

But you are the same Lord

whose nature is always to have mercy.

Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,

**so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ
and to drink his blood,**

**that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body
and our souls washed through his most precious blood,
and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us.**

Amen.

The president and people receive communion.

Authorised words of distribution are used and the communicant replies

Amen.

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.

The Post Communion or another suitable prayer is said, and the people respond

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.**

Hymn/Song

Continued overleaf

The Dismissal

Notices

The president may use a seasonal blessing, or another suitable blessing

(or)

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.

All **Amen.**

A minister says

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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



Thank you for joining us for worship today. If anything in the service has stirred you or you have any questions about what you have experienced today, please speak to Rev Pam or one of our Lay Readers who will be delighted to talk to you. You can contact Rev Pam on 07834 424568, or by email pam@blackleycofe.church.