

The Parish of St Leonard with Holy Cross & St Michael's Methodist-Anglican Church



The Liturgy of the
Eucharist in Ordinary Time

Welcome to our service of Holy Communion. Whether you are a regular worshipper, occasional, or this is your first time, you are most welcome today.

The Parish of St Leonard with Holy Cross is a member of Inclusive Church.

We believe in inclusive church – a church which celebrates and affirms every person and does not discriminate against people on grounds of disability, economic power, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, learning disability, mental health, neurodiversity, or sexuality.

We believe in a Church which welcomes and serves all people in the name of Jesus Christ; which is scripturally faithful; which seeks to proclaim the Gospel afresh for each generation; and which, in the power of the Holy Spirit, allows all people to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Jesus Christ.



During this service a collection will be taken.

If you would be minded to donate, either during the service or afterwards, your generosity would be greatly appreciated.



Our church receives no state funding and is entirely reliant on people's generous giving. Your donation ensures that we are able to continue serving the whole community in Hythe by offering a space for Christian witness and service, worship, prayer, spiritual growth, and stillness in the business of the world.

Your support also enables us to continue serving the people of this town by offering the ministry of christenings, weddings, and funerals; key moments in people's lives when the need of Christ's love for the world is so important.

Thank you.

Prayers of Preparation for the Eucharist

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.
Body of Christ, save me.
Blood of Christ, inebriate me.
Water from the side of Christ, wash me.
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.
O good Jesu, hear me.
Within your wounds hide me.
Suffer me not to be separated from you.
From the malicious Enemy defend me.
In the hour of my death call me and bid me come to you,
that with your Saints I may praise you,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Anima Christi, early 14th century

Lord Christ, who said, "do this in remembrance of me": help us at every communion service to look back, and remember your death for us on the cross; to look up, and know that you are the risen saviour among us; to look around, and rejoice in our fellowship with one another; and to look forward in hope to the coming of your kingdom and heavenly banquet. For your name's sake. Amen.

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O Sacred Feast!
Wherein Christ is received
his Passion is remembered
our souls are filled with grace
and the pledge of eternal glory is received.

O Sacrum Convivium, 13th century

The Gathering

Hymn

We stand for the Introit.

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

All **Amen.**

The Greeting

The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Please be seated.

Prayer of Preparation

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

Prayers of Penitence

‘How often have I longed to gather your children,
as a hen gathers her brood under her wings,’ says the Lord,
‘but you would not come to me.’
Let us as wayward children return to God
and confess our sins.

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

Kyrie Eleison (Lord Have Mercy) may be sung by the choir, by all, or said

Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

We are invited to stand for the Absolution.

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.

All **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis

The Gloria in excelsis is sung by all

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.

The Collect

Silence is kept. Our prayers are gathered together as the president prays the Collect for the Sunday. We respond

All **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

Readings

The choir may sing a motet or Psalm before or between the two readings.

At the end

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn

We stand to sing the Gradual Hymn.

Gospel Reading

Alleluia, alleluia.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
one God, who was, and who is, and who is to come, the Almighty.

All Alleluia.

(or)

The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

The responses to the acclamations may be either said or sung.

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

The Creed

We turn east to say the Creed.

**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,
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,
who with the Father and the Son 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

These responses may be used

Lord, in your mercy

All hear our prayer.

(or)

Lord, hear us

All Lord, graciously hear us.

At the end

[Uniting our prayers with those of
the Blessed Virgin Mary,
St Michael the Archangel, and St Leonard.]

Merciful Father,

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

The Peace

The president introduces the peace

Peace to you from God our heavenly Father.
Peace from his Son Jesus Christ who is our peace.
Peace from the Holy Spirit, the life-giver.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

Preparation of the Table

We stand to sing the Offertory Hymn.

The priest takes the gifts, bread and wine from the people.

The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this bread to set before you,
which earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life.

All Blessed be God forever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this wine to set before you,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become for us the cup of salvation.

All Blessed be God forever.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The responses may be either said or sung.

The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

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.

The Eucharistic Prayer continues with the Preface.

The Sanctus and Benedictus may be sung by the choir, by all, or said.

**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.**

The Eucharistic Prayer continues with the Words of Institution.

We respond to the acclamation (said or sung)

Great us the mystery of faith:

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

The Eucharistic Prayer continues, concluding with

Through him, and with him, and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty,
in songs of everlasting praise:

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

The Lord's Prayer

As we come to the Lord's Prayer, you may wish to be seated.

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

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.

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 choir leads us in singing one of the following versions of Agnus Dei (Lamb of God).

**Lamb of God,
you take away
the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away
the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away
the sin of the world,
grant us peace.**

**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

The president says

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**All Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

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.

We are invited to come forward and encounter Christ through receiving the consecrated bread and wine, or through a blessing.

If you wish to receive a blessing, please keep your hands down and bow your head.

During Communion, an anthem will be sung.

Prayer after Communion

The president says the Post-Communion Prayer.

We respond

All **Amen.**

We pray together the prayer 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 you praise and glory.
Amen.

The Dismissal

Hymn

We stand to sing the Post-Communion hymn.

God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love,
defend you on every side,
and guide you in truth and peace;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

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