

All those who are confirmed members of the Church of England or who would usually receive bread and wine at the Lord's table in another church, are welcome to come forwards and receive communion. Anyone who does not wish to receive communion is welcome to come forward to receive a blessing. If this is what you wish please bring your service book with you to indicate this to the ministers.

When the minister says

*The body of the risen Christ. and The blood of the risen Christ.
please reply Amen.*

During Communion the Choir may sing an anthem and hymns may be sung by all.

The president may use a POST COMMUNION PRAYER.

All **Fill us, good Lord,
with your Spirit of love;
and as you have fed us
with the bread of heaven,
so make us one in heart and mind,
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Dismissal

FINAL HYMN

The president may use this or another suitable BLESSING.

God the Father,
by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead,
strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life;
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 the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.
All **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

ST MICHAEL ON GREENHILL LICHFIELD



THE EUCHARIST in Easter time

Welcome

Welcome to St Michael's Church. For many hundreds of years people have gathered here to worship God, to know more about the teachings of Jesus and grow together in fellowship with one another.

We welcome anyone who wishes to join with us, whether you are familiar with church or simply interested in finding out more.

There is a place on the left hand side for **candles** to be lit as part of personal prayer. Please light a candle if you wish, before the service, after communion or at the end. (There is no charge for the candles). If you would like someone to pray with you please ask one of the ministers on duty.

If you have difficulties with **mobility** please let the welcomers know and holy communion will be brought to you in your seat.

There are **large print** versions available of this booklet and the notice sheets. The church is also equipped with a **hearing loop**.

There are **toilets** at the back of the church through the central door.

Also at the back of the church is a **comfortable seating** area with carpets. This is a suitable place for children to play during our service and there are toys and books available.

Before our worship begins you might like to use this prayer:

Father, as I enter this holy place,
prepare my heart and mind
to worship you openly and honestly.
For all the blessings of my life and those I love;
I give you thanks.
For all that is broken;
I pray for healing and wholeness .
For all that burdens me;
I pray for comfort and strength. Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The president says

All As our Saviour taught us, so we pray
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.

The president breaks the bread, saying

All Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

The Agnus Dei may be said or sung using either of the forms below

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.

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.

The minister invites the people to receive COMMUNION, saying

All Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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.

Therefore, 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 your kingdom,
and with this bread and this cup
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Minister Jesus Christ is Lord:
All **Lord, by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free.
You are the Saviour of the world.**

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 your divine majesty,
renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love
and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.**

A time of silence may follow.

The service on Easter Day begins at this point

The Blessing of the Paschal Candle

*The ministers go to the church door carrying the unlit Easter Candle
All turn to face the door. A moment of silence is kept.*

The President says

Christ yesterday and today
All The beginning and the end,
Alpha and Omega is he,
all time belongs to him and all ages:
All to him be glory and power,
through every age and for ever. Amen

This is the day when our Lord Jesus Christ passed
from death to life. Throughout the world Christians
celebrate the awesome power of God. As we hear his
word and proclaim all that God has done, we are
confident that we shall share with him the victory over
death and live with him for ever.

A minister lights the Easter Candle.

May the light of Christ rising in glory,
banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.

The minister carrying the Candle raises it and says

The light of Christ
All Thanks be to God.

*The procession moves to the mid-point of the main aisle
and the minister says*

The light of Christ
All Thanks be to God.

The choir follow the ministers and commence the processional hymn.

From Easter 2 onwards the service begins at this point.

The Gathering

OPENING HYMN

The president greets the people, saying

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All **He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

The minister says

Jesus Christ, risen Master and triumphant Lord, we come to you in sorrow for our sins, and confess to you our weakness and unbelief.

We have lived by our own strength,
and not by the power of your resurrection.

In your mercy, forgive us.

All **Lord, hear us and help us.**

We have lived by the light of our own eyes,
as faithless and not believing.

In your mercy, forgive us.

All **Lord, hear us and help us.**

We have lived for this world alone,
and doubted our home in heaven.

In your mercy, forgive us.

All **Lord, hear us and help us.**

The president says

May the God of love and power
forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

President The Lord is here

All **His Spirit is with us.**

President Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

President Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
almighty and eternal Father,
and in these days of Easter to celebrate with joyful hearts
the memory of your wonderful works.

For by the mystery of his passion, Jesus Christ, your risen Son,
has conquered the powers of death and hell
and restored in men and women the image of your glory.
He has placed them once more in paradise
and opened to them the gate of eternal life.

And so, in the joy of this Passover,
earth and heaven resound with gladness,
while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation
sing for ever the hymn of your glory:

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.

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

Please sit for THE PRAYERS.

Either of the following responses may be used.

Or there may be a seasonal response printed in the notice sheet.

Leader Lord in your mercy, OR Lord, hear us.

All **hear our prayer.** **Lord, graciously hear us.**

The prayers may conclude with this or another ending.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of all your saints,
we commend ourselves and all people
to your unfailing love.

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

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

All stand. The president introduces the PEACE, saying

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples
and said, ‘Peace be with you.’

Then they were glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

OFFERTORY HYMN

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

The president says

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

Amen

On Sundays and Feast Days, all stand to say or sing GLORIA IN EXCELSIS. On weekdays it is omitted.

**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.**

After a period of silent prayer, the president says the COLLECT,
to which all respond **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

please sit for the FIRST READING

*At the end, the reader says
This is the word of the Lord.*

All Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN

we remain standing for the GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.

All **Alleluia.**

He has defeated the powers of death.

All **Alleluia.**

Jesus turns our sorrow into joy.

All **Alleluia.**

He has the words of eternal life.

All **Alleluia.**

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, the minister says

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

A SERMON *may follow.*

On Sundays all stand to say either an Affirmation of Faith or The Nicene Creed. On weekdays this is omitted.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us declare our faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus

All **Christ died for our sins**

in accordance with the Scriptures;

he was buried;

he was raised to life on the third day

in accordance with the Scriptures;

afterwards he appeared to his followers,

and to all the apostles:

this we have received and this we believe. Amen

THE NICENE CREED

**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.