

# THE EUCHARIST



THE SEASON OF CREATIONTIDE

# Welcome to Great St Mary's, the University Church

Wherever you have come from, and whoever you are, consider yourself at home here with us. If this is your first time here, please introduce yourself after the service. We'd love to get to know you better.

Great St Mary's has been witnessing to Christian truth in the centre of Cambridge for almost a thousand years. We seek to be an inclusive, friendly church with a congregation of all ages, offering inspiring music and preaching and serving as the spiritual heart of the University of Cambridge.

**Children are always welcome!** Do know that families are *also* very welcome to take part in our children's ministry at Michaelhouse during the first half of the service – just ask a Welcomer for directions.

**Standing, sitting, and kneeling:** Our practice of standing (*for singing and prayers of praise*), sitting (*for listening attentively*), and kneeling (*for times of repentance and reverence*) are ways we help involve our bodies in our prayer. All these postures of prayer are optional – no one will mind if you don't take part, and if you cannot physically stand or kneel, you do so in your heart.

**What is 'Creationtide'?** During the Autumn we join with Christians around the globe in worship dedicated to God as Creator and Sustainer of all life, reflecting on our responsibilities as stewards of the environment. As Christians, we believe that Jesus Christ holds the two "books" of creation and Scripture together. Faced with the reality of brokenness, suffering and death, Christ's incarnation and resurrection becomes the hope for reconciling and healing the Earth. The book of Scripture proclaims God's Word so that we can go into the world and read the book of creation in a way that anticipates this Gospel. In turn, the book of Creation helps us to see the book of Scripture from the perspective of all creation that waits with eager longing for the Good News.

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*Today's service will be livestreamed to YouTube & Facebook*

# The Gathering

## ORGAN PRELUDE

*As we gather, you're invited to take a quiet moment to pray and to be present to God.  
Saying the traditional 'Prayer of Preparation' may be helpful to you*

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.

## OPENING HYMN

*Please STAND, as you are able, to join in singing the opening hymn.  
The texts of the hymns and choral music are printed in your insert.*

## THE GREETING

In the name of God, Creator, Sustainer and Redeemer.

*All:* **Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

*All:* **And also with you.**

*The president welcomes everyone and introduces the service.*

Please **SIT** or **KNEEL**.

*The liturgical Deacon says these or similar words:*

God's whole creation groans, and longs to be set free. Our sin affects all around us. We confess our sins in penitence and faith.

*A short time of silence is kept.*

**All: Creator God,  
we confess that we have not honoured and obeyed you.  
We have broken our relationships with one another,  
abused your creation,  
wounded your love  
and marred your holy image in us.  
We are sorry and repent of our sins.**

**Father, forgive us.  
Lead us from apathy to love.  
Strengthen us as stewards of your precious people  
and of your glorious creation,  
for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, who died for us. Amen**

*The President pronounces God's absolution of our sin using these or similar words:*

Almighty God, who in Jesus Christ  
has given us a kingdom that cannot be destroyed:  
forgive you your sins,  
open your eyes to God's truth,  
strengthen you to do God's will  
and give you the joy of his kingdom  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

Please STAND to sing

## THE GLORIA

Communion Service (Series 3) – John Rutter

One-in-a-bar: firmly ( $d. = 60-72$ )

Org. *f*

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, —

— and peace to his peo-ple on earth. — *mf* Lord God,

— heav'n-ly King, Al-migh-ty God and Fa-ther, — *f* we wor-ship

— you, — we give you thanks, we praise you for — your glo-ry. —

— *d. = d* *p* Lord Je-sus Christ, — on-ly Son of the Fa-ther,

— Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

— world: — have mer-cy on us; — you are seat-ed at the right

— hand of the Fa-ther: — re-ceive our prayer. — *f*  $d. = d.$  For you a -

— lone are the Ho-ly One, — you a - lone are the Lord, —

— you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ,

*mf* with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, *f cresc.* in the glo - ry of

*ff* God the Fa - ther. A - - - - men.

## THE COLLECT

Please REMAIN STANDING.

The president prays the collect appointed for today, and we respond

All: **Amen.**

# The Liturgy of the Word

## THE READINGS

Please SIT as a member of the congregation reads two lessons from the Bible, each ending with:

This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Please STAND to greet

## THE GOSPEL

Org. *All* *Cantor*

Al-le-lu-ia, al - le-lu-ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*All*

Al-le-lu-ia, al - le-lu-ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Deacon: Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to [N.]



Glo-ry to you, O Lord.

At the end of the Gospel:

Deacon: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to you, O Christ. Al-le-lu-ia, al - le-lu-ia, al-le - lu - ia.

## THE SERMON

As the Gospel procession returns, the organist improvises on the theme of the reading.  
Please remain standing until after the preacher offers an opening prayer.

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Please STAND

We say together in faith

**All: Holy, holy, holy  
is the Lord God almighty,  
who was, and is, and is to come.**

We believe in God the Father, who created all things:

**All: for by his will they were created  
and have their being.**

We believe in God the Son, who was slain:

**All: for with his blood,  
he purchased us for God,  
from every tribe and language,  
from every people and nation.**

We believe in God the Holy Spirit:

**All: the Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come!'  
Even so come, Lord Jesus! Amen.**

*cf Revelation 4.8,11; 5.9; 22.17, 20*





## PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

*The bread and wine, part of the gifts of the people, are set on the altar table. The president says*

As the grain once scattered in the fields  
and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside  
are now reunited on this table in bread and wine,  
so Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together  
from the corners of the earth into your kingdom.

**All: Amen**

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

*Please STAND, as you are able.*



The Lord\_ is here. His spi - rit 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 thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, Lord God, our light and our salvation,  
to you be glory and praise for ever.  
From the beginning you have created all things and all your works  
echo the silent music of your praise. In the fullness of time you  
made us in your image, the crown of all creation.

You give us breath and speech, that with angels and archangels  
and all the powers of heaven we may find a voice to sing your  
praise:

*The choir sings (on occasion, a congregational Sanctus may be sung, printed on the back page):*

*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.]*

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord.  
As a mother tenderly gathers her children,  
you embraced a people as your own.  
When they turned away and rebelled  
your love remained steadfast.  
From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour,  
born of Mary, to be the living bread,  
in whom all our hungers are satisfied.  
He offered his life for sinners,  
and with a love stronger than death  
he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died,  
he came to supper with his friends  
and, taking bread, he gave you thanks.  
He broke it and gave it to them, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,  
he gave you thanks, and said:  
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.

*A minister proclaims:*

Great is the mystery of faith:

*All:*



Org. *mf* *f* rit.


Christ has died, Christ is ri - sen, Christ will come a - gain.

Father, we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross; we remember his dying and rising in glory, and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand. Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you these gifts of your creation; may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence, form us in the likeness of Christ, and build us into a living temple to your glory. Remember, Lord, your Church in every land. Reveal her unity, guard her faith, and preserve her in peace


Bring us at the last with the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints to the vision of that eternal splendour for which you have created us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, by whom, with whom, and in whom, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

*All:*



Org. *f*

Bless-ing and hon-our and glo - ry and power be yours for



ev - er and ev - er, A - - men.

*Please KNEEL or SIT for a time of silence.*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Christ is the bread which has come down from heaven.

*All:* **Lord, give us this bread for ever.**

## INVITATION TO 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.

*The ministers at the altar receive communion and prepare to share the sacrament with the congregation. The Agnus Dei may be sung by the choir, and there may be further music as communion is distributed.*

*Some notes on receiving Communion:*

- *This is God's table, and all are welcome. If you receive Communion in your own church, you are welcome to receive at Great St Mary's. If you do not wish to receive Communion, you may still come forward and, crossing your arms in front of your chest, receive a blessing.*

- *Sidespersons will help direct the congregation, beginning with the front of the side aisles, and then from the back of the centre aisle. Please return to your pew by going down the side aisle.*
- **Intinction** ('dipping' the host into the consecrated wine) is **not** encouraged. If you do wish to receive by intinction, please let the clergy know, and they will intinct the host for you.

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

**All: Lord of all creation,  
as we have received the bread and wine,  
fruits of the earth and tokens of salvation,  
so with joy we celebrate your goodness  
and commit ourselves to serve you on your earth,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## NOTICES

*The president shares any notices, which are also sent out via email.*

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## CLOSING HYMN

*Please STAND to sing our closing hymn, and REMAIN STANDING for the blessing.*

## THE BLESSING

*The President pronounces God's blessing, using these or similar words:*

May God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the source of all goodness and growth,  
pour his blessing upon all things created,  
and upon you his children,  
that you may use his gifts to his glory  
and the welfare of all peoples;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always

**All: Amen.**

*The deacon says*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

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

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

*After the clergy and ministers have processed to the back of the church, you are invited to remain to listen to the Organ Voluntary.*

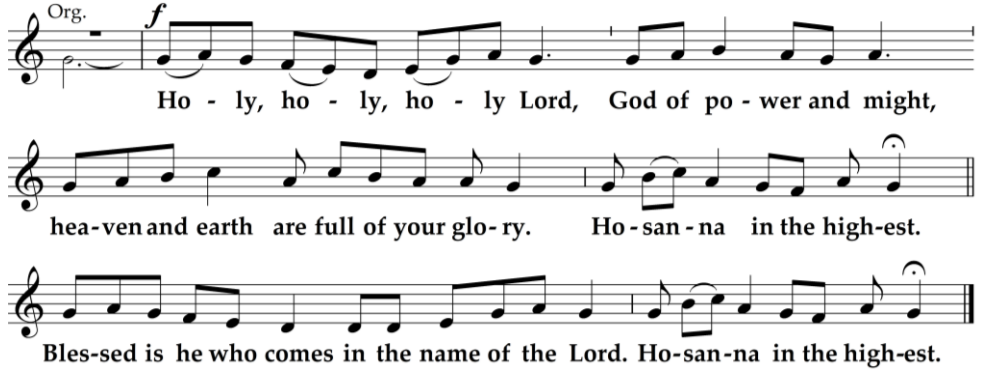
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just up Trinity Street.*

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## APPENDIX: CONGREGATIONAL SANCTUS

*On occasion, a congregational Sanctus may be sung:*



Org. *f*  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of po - wer and might,  
hea-ven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est.  
Bles-sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

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