

Leader: 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.****

If you usually receive communion you are welcome to receive here. If you would prefer to receive a blessing please bring your service sheet with you to indicate that is your wish.

Prayer after Communion

Please sit or kneel

**All: **God, you are everything to us,
 giving us life, filling us with love,
 and setting us free from sin that we might live in you.
 Accept the work of our hands this day,
 take our lives, give us your peace
 and renew us in the service of Jesus Christ our Lord.
 Amen.****

Hymn

Closing Prayer and Blessing

Dismissal

Leader: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

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Welcome to our By Brook Benefice Service of Holy Communion



They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching
and fellowship,
to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Acts 2:42

We offer you a very warm welcome and we hope you will enjoy worshipping with us today.

do this in remembrance of me.

All: Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his blood is shed for all.

Leader: As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory,
send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine may be to us
the body and blood of your dear Son.

**All: As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us one in Christ, our Risen Lord.**

Leader: With your whole Church throughout the world we offer you this
sacrifice of praise and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Please sit or kneel

Leader: As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**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.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

Leader: The Lord is here. **All: His Spirit is with us.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give thanks and praise.

Leader: It is right to praise you, Father,
for all your goodness and your love.
When we turned away you did not reject us,
but came to meet us in your Son.

**All: You embraced us as your children
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

Leader: In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us.

**All: He opened his arms of love upon the cross
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

Leader: On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends
he took bread, and 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.

**All: Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his body is the bread of life.**

Leader: 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 for the forgiveness of sins;

Welcome and Introduction

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Loving God, we have come to worship you.

**All: Help us to pray to you in faith,
to sing your praise with joy,
and to listen to your word with eagerness,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Hymn

We call on the Holy Spirit to forgive and empower us

Leader: The gospel calls us to turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ.
As we offer ourselves to him in repentance and faith,
we renew our confidence and trust in his mercy.

Please sit or kneel

**All: Merciful God, you made us in your image,
with a mind to know you,
a heart to love you,
and a will to serve you.
But our knowledge is imperfect,
our love inconstant,
our obedience incomplete.
Day by day we fail to grow into your likeness;
yet you are slow to be angry with your children.
Forgive us for all that we have done to upset or anger you.
Amen.**

Leader: May the father of all mercies
cleanse you from your sins,
and restore you in his image
to the praise and glory of his name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Collect

First Reading *Please sit*

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Hymn

Gospel Reading *Please remain standing*

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.

and at the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

We declare our faith together *Please stand*

Leader: Let us declare our faith in the God who loves us.

**All: We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.
We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.
We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us with power from on high.
We believe in one God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Prayers *Please sit or kneel*

These responses may be used

Lord, in your mercy

All hear our prayer.

and at the end

Merciful Father,

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

The Peace *Please stand*

Leader: We are all one in Christ Jesus. We belong to him through faith,
heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

Hymn *during which the collection is taken*