

## **Holy Communion Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September**

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### **Welcome & Opening Prayer**

#### **Opening responses**

In you, eternal Father  
And through your Son, Jesus Christ

We find the beginning and end of all things

In him we find hope, forgiveness

And courage for new beginnings

**Let then, O God**

**The fresh winds of your Spirit**

**Sweep into our lives this day**

**So that this act of worship**

**And the week to follow**

**May become a time of renewal**

**And rededication to your service**

Amen

**Song** - My lips shall praise you

#### **Confession**

Let us admit to God the sin which always confronts us.

**Lord God,**

**we have sinned against you;**

**we have done evil in your sight.**

**We are sorry and repent.**

**Have mercy on us according to your love.**

**Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.**

**Renew a right spirit within us**

**and restore us to the joy of your salvation,**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

*cf Psalm 51*

Amen.

#### **Words of Forgiveness**

May God who loved the world so much

that he sent his Son to be our Saviour

forgive *us* our sins

and make *us* holy to serve him in the world,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

**Readings:**

James 3:1-12

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

Mark 8:27-end

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you O Christ**

**Sermon**

**Affirmation of Faith**

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.

**Intercessions:**

**Song:** I will offer up my life (Children return from groups)

**Peace:**

**Collection:**

**Eucharistic Prayer D**

**Lord's prayer:**

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 breaking of the bread**

We break this bread  
To share in the body of Christ  
**Though we are many we are one body,**  
**Because we all share in the one bread**

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 body and blood of Christ, keep you in eternal life  
Amen

**Post Communion Prayer:**

**Notices/Presentations**

**Blessing**

**Final hymn outside - I the Lord of Sea and Sky**