

WELCOME

WELCOME to the Chapel Royal at Hampton Court Palace for this Eucharist.

For over 800 years in this chapel, and in the one on this site it replaced, people have been living out the final command of Jesus before he was crucified, to *do this in remembrance of me*. At the Eucharist (also known as Holy Communion or the Mass) the church takes Bread and Wine, as Jesus himself did, and invokes the Holy Spirit, so that they become His real spiritual presence amongst us here and now. Christ transcends time and space, and in this service we are uniquely united to Him; and, through Him, to every Christian; past, present, and future.

The form of the service is based on the last revision of the Book of Common Prayer, which took place after Charles II was restored to the throne, in 1662; it is the liturgy used in Her Majesty's Chapel Royal.

The congregation is invited to join in the parts printed in bold type. Some parts, such as the Gloria are only said on Sundays outside Lent and Advent.

There are also some prayers printed at the back of this booklet.

**Please kindly leave this book for the use of others.
Thank you.**

THE ORDER FOR HOLY COMMUNION

The Priest introduces the Eucharist.

✠ In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and the Holy Ghost.
Amen.

Let us pray.

Kneel

OUR Father, which art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive them that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
Amen.

ALMIGHTY God, unto whom all hearts be open,
all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love thee,
and worthily magnify thy holy Name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

*The Kyrie Eleison is said in English or Greek, the congregation repeating
after the priest.*

Lord, have mercy upon us. Kyrie, eleison.
Christ, have mercy upon us. Christe, eleison.,
Lord, have mercy upon us. Kyrie, eleison.

The Priest says the Collect for The Queen.

ALMIGHTY God, whose kingdom is everlasting
and power infinite: have mercy upon the whole Church;
and so rule the heart of thy chosen servant
Elizabeth our Queen and Governor,
that she (knowing whose minister she is)
may above all things seek thy honour and glory;
and that we and all her subjects
(duly considering whose authority she hath)
may faithfully serve, honour, and humbly obey her,
in thee, and for thee,
according to thy blessed Word and ordinance;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who with thee and the Holy Ghost
liveth and reigneth ever one God, world without end.
Amen.

*The Priest then says the Collect for the Day. At the end the congregation
answers Amen.*

THE EPISTLE

Sit

The priest will read the Epistle (or the portion of scripture set for it).

THE GOSPEL

Stand

When the Gospel is announced, all say:

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

At the end of the Gospel all say:

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

On major festivals, here follows the Creed.

**I BELIEVE in one God,
the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things, visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God;
begotten of his Father before all worlds;
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God; begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost
of the Virgin Mary, and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day he rose again
according to the Scriptures;
and ascended into heaven;
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father;
and he shall come again with glory
to judge both the quick and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the Lord and Giver of life,
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together
is worshipped and glorified,
who spake by the Prophets.
And I believe One Catholic and Apostolic Church.
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins.
And I look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Priest says an Offertory sentence. All sit while the Collection is taken and the Priest prepares the Altar.

Kneel

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church.

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, who by thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers and supplications and to give thanks for all men : we humbly beseech thee most mercifully to accept our alms and oblations and to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy Divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the universal Church with the Spirit of truth, unity, and concord ; and grant that all they that do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love. We beseech thee also to save and defend all Christian kings, princes and governors, and specially thy servant Elizabeth our Queen, that under her we may be godly and quietly governed; and grant unto her whole Council and to all that are put in authority under her, that they may truly and indifferently minister justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of thy true religion and virtue. Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and curates, that they may both by their life and doctrine set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments. And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and specially to this congregation here present that with meek heart and due reverence they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life. And we most humbly beseech thee of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all them who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to give us grace so to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom: grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate.

Amen.

The Priest turns to the congregation and says:

YE that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins,
and are in love and charity with your neighbours,
and intend to lead a new life,
following the Commandments of God,
and walking from henceforth in his holy ways:
draw near with faith,
and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort;
and make your humble confession to Almighty God,
meekly kneeling upon your knees.

Kneel

**ALMIGHTY God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
Maker of all things, Judge of all men;
we acknowledge and bewail
our manifold sins and wickedness,
which we from time to time
most grievously have committed,
by thought, word, and deed,
against thy Divine Majesty,
provoking most justly
thy wrath and indignation against us.
We do earnestly repent,
and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;
the remembrance of them is grievous unto us;
the burden of them is intolerable.
Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us,
most merciful Father:
for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may ever hereafter serve
and please thee in newness of life,
to the honour and glory of thy Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Priest pronounces the Absolution.

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father,
who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins
to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith
turn unto him: have mercy upon you,

✠ pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and bring you to everlasting life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Priest says some or all of the Comfortable Words.

HEAR what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all
that truly turn to him:

Come unto me, all that travail and are heavy laden, and I will
refresh you.

Matthew 11: 28

So God loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to
the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have
everlasting life.

John 3: 16

Hear also what Saint Paul saith:

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that
Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

I Timothy 1: 15

Hear also what Saint John saith:

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ
the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins.

I John 2: 1

Stand

Priest: The Lord be with you;

All: and with thy spirit.

Priest: Lift up your hearts;

All: we lift them up unto the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God;

All: It is meet and right so to do.

IT is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God.

A Proper Preface may follow here ending with the words:

THEREFORE with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee and saying:

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord most High. Amen.

**Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord:
Hosanna in the highest.**

Kneel

The Priest continues with the Prayer of Humble Access

WE do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the Flesh of thy 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.



From a Missale Sarum 1515

THE CANON

The Priest calls upon the Holy Spirit to make Christ present in the bread and wine.

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there (by his one oblation of himself once offered) a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death, until his coming again;

HEAR us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee ; and grant that we, receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, by the power of thy Holy and Life-giving Spirit and according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood;

WHO, in the same night that he was betrayed, took Bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,

Take, eat, this is my Body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

LIKEWISE after supper he took the Cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying,

Drink ye all of this;
for this is my Blood of the New Testament,
which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins:
do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

Amen.

WHEREFORE O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy humble servants entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and lively sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that all we who are partakers of this Holy Communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction.

And although we be unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits but pardoning our offences; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.
Amen.

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.**

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.**

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.**

The Priest turns to the congregation and says:

Behold the Lamb of God, that taketh away the sins of the world.

Lord I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof,
but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION

The Priest receives communion, after which the congregation come to the Altar to do so.

Kneel

As our Saviour Christ hath commanded and taught us,
we are bold to say:

**OUR Father which art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive them that 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 Priest says the Post Communion Prayer

ALMIGHTY and everliving God,
we most heartily thank thee,
for that thou dost vouchsafe to feed us,
who have duly received these holy mysteries,
with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood
of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ;
and dost assure us thereby
of thy favour and goodness towards us;
and that we are very members incorporate
in the mystical body of thy Son,

which is the blessed company of all faithful people;
and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom,
by the merits of the most precious death and passion
of thy dear Son.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father,
so to assist us with thy grace,
that we may continue in that holy fellowship,
and do all such good works
as thou hast prepared for us to walk in;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,
be all honour and glory, world without end.

Amen.

On Sundays outside Lent and Advent and festivals, the Gloria follows.

**Glory be to God on high,
and in earth peace, goodwill towards men.
We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee, we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesu Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.
For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

The Priest blesses the congregation.

THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
And the Blessing of God Almighty,
✠ the Father, the Son,
and the Holy Ghost,
be amongst you
and remain with you always. **Amen.**



SOME PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

Blessed Lord, who in a wonderful Sacrament hast given us a memorial of thy Passion: grant us so to venerate the sacred mysteries of thy Body and Blood, that we may evermore perceive within ourselves the fruit of thy redemption; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

A prayer from the Sarum Psalter

God be in my head, and in my understanding;
God be in my eye and in my looking;
God be in my mouth and in my speaking;
God be in my heart and in my thinking;
God be at mine end and at my departing.

Anima Christi

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 thy wounds hide me.
Suffer me not to be separated from, thee.
From the malicious enemy defend me.
In the hour of my death call me,
And be me come to thee,
That with thy saints I may praise thee,
For ever and ever. Amen.

May the Divine assistance remain with us always, and may the
souls of the faithful through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen.



