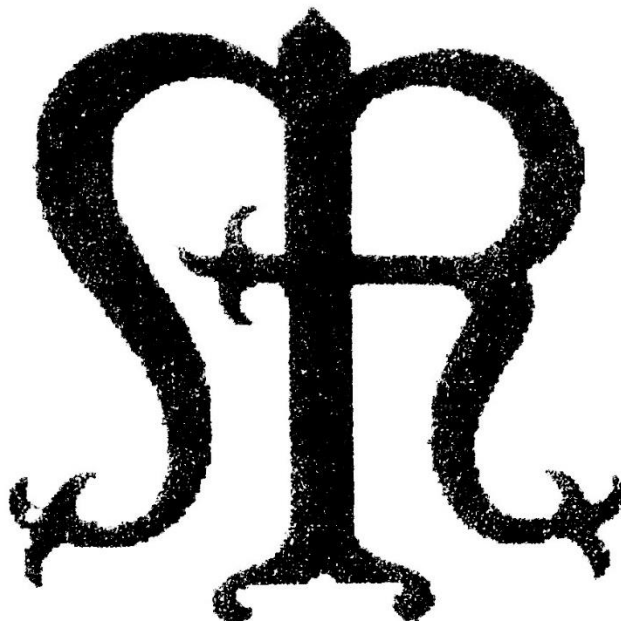


**The PARISH  
of  
ECCLESTON and PULFORD**



**PARISH COMMUNION**

**Common Worship – Order One**

**(Traditional Language)**

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**Welcome to worship today.** In this service of Holy Communion, the Bible is read and proclaimed, we make our prayers for the church and for the world, and we give thanks over and receive the gifts of bread and wine in accordance with Jesus' command. For Christians of every age and in every place the sharing of Holy Communion has been a true and life-giving meeting with God's power and healing and forgiveness – all that is offered to us in Jesus Christ is present to us here in this Sacrament.

- \* We welcome to the Lord's table communicant members of every part of Christ's Church.
- \* If you do not wish to receive communion please do come forward to the Altar Rail at Communion time to receive a blessing.
- \* If you are a visitor or a newcomer please do make yourself known to one of the Ministers, a Churchwarden or Sidesperson.

### **A PRAYER of PREPARATION for COMMUNION**

(for use before the Service begins)

Most merciful Lord,  
your love compels us to come in.  
Our hands were unclean,  
our hearts were unprepared;  
we were not fit even to eat the crumbs from under your table,  
But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation,  
and share your bread with sinners.  
So cleanse and feed us with the precious blood of your Son,  
that he may live in us and we in him;  
and that we with the whole company of Christ,  
may sit and eat in your Kingdom.  
Amen.

# **The GATHERING**

*(Notices and Banns of Marriage)*

**Hymn** *(please stand)*

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

The Lord be with you!  
**And with thy spirit!**

**Almighty God,  
Unto whom all hearts are 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.**

## Prayers of Penitence

*A minister invites us to confession using these or similar words (we kneel or sit)*

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ to save us from our sins, to be our advocate in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life. Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments, and to live in love and peace with all:

*One of these prayers of Confession is used:*

**Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
we confess that we have sinned  
in thought, word and deed.  
We have not loved thee with our whole heart.  
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.  
In thy mercy, forgive what we have been,  
help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be;  
that we may do justly, love mercy,  
and walk humbly with thee, our God. Amen.**

or:

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against thee  
and against our neighbour,  
in thought and word and deed.  
Through negligence, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We are heartily sorry and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,  
forgive all that is past,  
and grant that we may serve thee in newness of life  
to the glory of thy name. Amen**

The Absolution

The Gloria (*normally sung - please stand*)

**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.**

The Collect - the Prayer for the day or week (*we remain standing*)

# **The LITURGY of the WORD**

*(Please be seated)*

*Readings – one or two readings from the Bible precede the Gospel Reading. At the end of each reading these words are used:*

**This is the Word of the Lord! / Thanks be to God!**

## **Hymn**

### Gospel Reading.

When it is announced :

**Glory be to thee, O Lord**

At the end :

**Praise be to thee, O Christ**

### The Sermon

*(please sit)*

### The Nicene Creed –

the common statement of the faith of the Church (please stand)

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
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 from 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, the 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 in one holy, 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.**

### Prayers of Intercession

*(Please sit or kneel)*

*One of these responses may be used:*

- \* Lord, in your mercy/ **Hear our prayer**
- \* Lord, hear us/ **Lord, graciously hear us**
- \* Lord, have mercy/ **Lord, have mercy**

*The intercessions may end:*

Merciful Father,  
**Accept these prayers,  
for the sake of thy Son,  
our Saviour, Jesus Christ,  
Amen.**

# The LITURGY of the SACRAMENT

*(please stand)*

## The Peace

*The President introduces the Peace with a suitable sentence, and then says:*

The Peace of the Lord be always with you!

**And with thy spirit!**

## The Preparation of the Lord's Table

### **Hymn**

*The collection may be taken*

*The Lord's Table is prepared and Bread and Wine brought to it.*

*These words may be used:*

All things come from thee O Lord,

**And of thine own do we give thee.**

## The Eucharistic Prayer

*The President takes the Bread and Wine*

The Lord be with you!

**And with thy spirit!**

Lift up your hearts!

**We lift them up unto the Lord!**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**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,  
through Jesus Christ thine only Son our Lord:

*(The following may be omitted if a seasonal Preface is used)*

For he is thy living Word;  
through him thou hast created all things from the beginning,  
and fashioned us in thine own image.  
Through him thou hast redeemed us from the slavery of sin,  
giving him to be born of a woman,  
to die upon the cross, and to rise again for us.  
Through him thou hast made us a people for thine own possession,  
exalting him to thy right hand on high,  
and sending forth through him thy holy and life-giving Spirit.

*(A seasonal Preface is said, when appropriate)*

Therefore, with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we laud and magnify thy glorious name,  
evermore praising thee and *singing*:

(Sung):

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
Hosanna in the highest!  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest!**

*(We sit or kneel)*

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

Who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread;  
and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke 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 to thee, he gave it to them, saying:

*“Drink ye all of this; for this is my blood of the new covenant, 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.”*

Wherefore, O Lord and 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 his kingdom  
and with this bread and this cup  
we make the memorial of Christ thy Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith!

*(Sung)*

**Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.**

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

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty,  
world without end!

**Amen. (sung)**

### The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so with confidence we pray:

**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 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 one bread.**

*(Sung):*

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
grant us peace.**

### The Administration of Communion

*One of the following, or other words of invitation, may be used:*

*If you would like to receive a blessing, please come to the Communion rail  
and bow your head when the minister comes to you.*

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.

*Or*

Jesus is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world  
Blessed are those who are called to his Supper.

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

*Or*

God's holy gifts for God's holy people:  
**Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord  
To the glory of God, the Father.**

This prayer maybe said before the distribution of Communion

**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 nature 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 maybe 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.**

*The President and people receive Holy Communion.  
At the words of distribution, the Communicant replies **Amen***

*Please follow the directions of the Churchwardens for receiving  
Communion.*

*If you would like to receive a Blessing, please come to the communion Rail and bow your head when the minister comes to you.*

*During the Distribution of Communion, a Hymn may be sung.*

### Prayer after Communion

*Silence may be kept.*

*A prayer suitable for the season or Sunday may be said*

*All say:*

**Almighty God,  
we thank thee for feeding us  
with the body and blood of thy Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer thee our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out in the power of thy Spirit,  
to live and work to thy praise and glory. Amen**

### The Dismissal

*This or a seasonal Blessing is said:*

The peace of God, which passes 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 Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

### **Hymn**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

**In the name of Christ. Amen!**

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