

# **St Mary, Wistaston with St Luke, Willaston**



## **An Order for Holy Communion at Eastertide**

*For use from Easter Day  
until the Sunday before Pentecost Sunday*

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## Structure

- The people and the priest
- ¶ greet each other in the Lord's name
- ¶ confess their sins and are assured of God's forgiveness
- ¶ keep silence and pray a Collect
- ¶ proclaim and respond to the word of God
- ¶ pray for the Church and the world
- ¶ the Peace
- ¶ prepare the table
- ¶ pray the Eucharistic Prayer
- ¶ break the bread
- ¶ receive communion
- ¶ depart with God's blessing

## *Post Communion Prayer (printed on the Notice Sheet)*

### *Prayer after Communion*

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

### **The Sending Out**

#### ***The Blessing***

God the Father, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead, strengthen you by his life-giving Spirit to walk with him in the paths of righteousness and peace; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

#### ***A hymn may be sung***

#### ***The Dismissal***

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

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## ***Breaking of the Bread***

Every time we eat this bread  
and drink this cup,  
**we proclaim the Lord's death  
until he comes.**

## ***The Agnus Dei***

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
grant us peace.**

## ***Giving of Communion***

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

***The president and people receive communion***  
*On Easter Day we offer each non-confirmed child or young adult a  
small chocolate Easter Egg with the words ``Receive this egg as a  
sign of the new life the risen Jesus brings''.*

***At every Communion service*** we welcome Communicant  
members of other Christian Churches to receive Communion with  
us. If you are not receiving Communion you are still warmly invited  
to come up and receive God's blessing (if you could hold something  
in your hand to signify if you are not receiving communion that  
would be helpful).

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### **The Gathering**

Alleluia, Christ is risen.  
**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

The angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know  
that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not  
here; for he has been raised, as he said.'

### **The Greeting**

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

### **A hymn may be sung**

### **Prayer of Preparation**

Risen Lord Jesus,  
as Mary Magdalene met you  
in the garden on the morning of your resurrection,  
so may we meet you here  
today and every day:  
speak to us as you spoke to her;  
reveal yourself as the living Lord;  
renew our hope and kindle our joy;  
and send us to share  
the good news with others. **Amen.**

## Prayers of Penitence

Christ our Passover lamb  
has been sacrificed for us.  
Let us therefore rejoice  
by putting away all malice and evil  
and confessing our sins  
with a sincere and true heart.

Like Mary at the empty tomb,  
we fail to grasp the wonder of your presence.  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

Like the disciples behind locked doors,  
we are afraid to be seen as your followers.  
Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

Like Thomas in the upper room,  
we are slow to believe.  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

Almighty God,  
who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon *you*,  
pardon and deliver *you* from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen *you* in all goodness,  
and keep *you* in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

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

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

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

### ***The Lord's Prayer***

*Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us*  
**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.**

## ***Preparation of the Table***

Risen Lord Jesus Christ,  
we believe you, and all we have heard is true.  
When you break bread  
may we recognise you as the fire that burns within us,  
that we may bring light to your world.

**Amen.**

## ***The Eucharistic Prayer H***

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

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.**

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;  
in your love you made us for yourself.  
When we turned away you did not reject us,  
but came to meet us in your Son.  
**You embraced us as your children  
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life  
that we might live in him and he in us.  
**He opened his arms of love upon the cross  
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

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

## ***Gloria in Excelsis***

**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 president introduces a period of silent prayer with the words 'Let us pray'.*

*The Collect is said, (printed on the Notice Sheet)  
and all respond*

**Amen.**

## **The Liturgy of the Word**

### ***New Testament Reading***

*After the reading, the reader says:*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### ***A hymn may be sung***

### ***Gospel Reading***

*When the Gospel is announced the reader says*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *N.*

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the end*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### ***Sermon***

### ***The Creed***

**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.**

### ***Prayers of Intercession***

*Which may include these responses*

Lord, in your mercy

**hear our prayer.**

And at the end

Merciful Father,

**accept these prayers**

**for the sake of your Son,**

**our Saviour Jesus Christ.**

**Amen.**

## **The Liturgy of the Sacrament**

### ***The Peace***

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples  
and said, 'Peace be with you.'

Then were they glad when they saw the Lord.

Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

**and also with you.**

### ***A hymn may be sung***