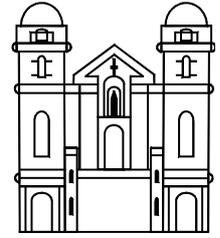


**St James the Greater  
Leicester**



**Sung Eucharist  
in  
the  
Kingdom Season**

No Christian is solitary. Through baptism we become members one of another in Christ, members of a company of saints whose mutual belonging transcends death:

One family, we dwell in him,  
one Church, above, beneath;  
though now divided by the stream,  
the narrow stream of death.

*(Charles Wesley)*

All Saints' Day and the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed on All Souls' Day both celebrate this mutual belonging. All Saints' Day celebrates men and women in whose lives the Church as a whole has seen the grace of God powerfully at work. It is an opportunity to give thanks for that grace, and for the wonderful ends to which it shapes a human life; it is a time to be encouraged by the example of the saints and to recall that sanctity may grow in the ordinary circumstances, as well as the extraordinary crises, of human living. The Commemoration of the Faithful Departed celebrates the saints in a more local and intimate key. It allows us to remember with thanksgiving before God those whom we have known more directly: those who gave us life, or who nurtured us in faith.

Redemption is a work of God's grace; it is God who redeems us in Christ and there is nothing to be done beyond what Christ has done. But we still wait for the final consummation of God's new creation in Christ; those who are Christ's, whether or not they have passed through death, are joined in prayer that God's kingdom will be revealed finally and in all its fullness. We also sense that it is a fearful thing to come before the unutterable goodness and holiness of God, even for those who are redeemed in Christ; that it is searing as well as life-giving to experience God's mercy; and this instinct also is expressed in the liturgy of All Souls' Day.

Remembrance Sunday goes on to explore the theme of memory, both corporate and individual, as we confront issues of war and peace, loss and self-gift, memory and forgetting.

The annual cycle of the Church's year now ends with the Feast of Christ the King. The year that begins with the hope of the coming Messiah ends with the proclamation of his universal sovereignty. The ascension of Christ has revealed him to be Lord of earth and heaven, and final judgement is one of his proper kingly purposes. The Feast of Christ the King returns us to the Advent theme of judgement, with which the cycle once more begins.

Please join in with the responses which are in bold on the Order of Service.

Please return this booklet to the back of the Church at the end of the service.

A large print version of this booklet is available, please ask a Churchwarden.

It can also be downloaded from [www.stjamesthegreater.org.uk](http://www.stjamesthegreater.org.uk)

# The Gathering

*Stand for the HYMN - see hymn board or leaflet for the number. During the hymn the choir move into the chancel.*

## The Greeting

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

**Amen.**

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ  
be with you  
**and also with you.**

## Prayer of Preparation

**Almighty God,**  
to whom all hearts are open  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your **Holy Spirit,**  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through **Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Prayers of Penitence

*A minister gives an invitation to confession with these or other suitable words:*

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'

So let us turn away from sin and turn to Christ,  
confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

*Please kneel or sit for the Confession.*

**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.**

**Amen.**

<i>Choir:</i>	Kyrie eleison	Lord have mercy
	Christe eleison	Christ have mercy
	Kyrie eleison	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.**

## **Gloria in Excelsis**

*Please stand – the following refrain may be sung by the congregation:*

**Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo.**

**Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo.**

*A different setting may be sung by choir and congregation from a separate card.*

## **The Collect**

*The Collect is said, and all respond:*

**Amen.**

## **The Liturgy of the Word**

*Please sit for the reading. At the end of the reading, the speaker says:*

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand for the Gradual Hymn – see hymn board or leaflet for the number.*

## **Gospel Reading**

*All stand and turn to face the Gospel reader.*

*Acclamation:*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia**

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*After the Gospel:*

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

*Sit for the Sermon.*

**The Creed**

*Please stand.*

*[Sung to an 87 87 or 87 87D tune]*

**We believe in God the Father,  
God almighty, by whose plan  
earth and heaven sprang to being,  
all created things began.**

**We believe in Christ the Saviour,  
Son of God in human frame,  
virgin-born, the child of Mary  
upon whom the Spirit came.**

**Christ, who on the cross forsaken,  
like a lamb to slaughter led,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
he descended to the dead.**

**We believe in Jesus risen,  
heaven's king to rule and reign,  
to the Father's side ascended  
till as judge he comes again.**

**We believe in God the Spirit;  
in one Church, below, above:  
saints of God in one communion,  
one in holiness and love.  
So by faith, our sins forgiven,  
Christ our Saviour, Lord and friend,  
we shall rise with him in glory  
to the life that knows no end.**

**Prayers of Intercession**

*Please kneel or sit for the prayers.*

*This response may be used:*

Lord, in your mercy                    **hear our prayer.**

OR

Lord, hear us                            **Lord, graciously hear us**

*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**

*Please stand.*

*The president introduces the Peace with these or other suitable sentences:*

To crown all things there must be love, to bind all together and complete the whole. Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

*and then says:*

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*All may exchange a sign of peace.*

### **Preparation of the Table Taking of the Bread and Wine**

*The Offertory Hymn is sung: see hymn board or leaflet for the number.*

*A collection is taken. If you are visiting and are a UK tax payer please use one of the gift aid envelopes (completing the details.)*

*The gifts of the people are gathered and presented.*

*The table is prepared – bread and wine are placed upon it.*

*The Priest takes the bread and wine:*

As the grain once scattered in the fields and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside are now reunited on this table in bread and wine, so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together from the corners of the earth into your kingdom. **Amen.**

## The Eucharistic Prayer [A]

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.**

*From the day after All Saints' Day until the day before the First Sunday of Advent:*  
It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should always sing of your glory, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

For you are the hope of the nations, the builder of the city that is to come. Your love made visible in Jesus Christ brings home the lost, restores the sinner and gives dignity to the despised.

In his face your light shines out, flooding lives with goodness and truth, gathering into one in your kingdom a divided and broken humanity. Therefore with all who can give voice in your creation we glorify your name, for ever praising you and singing:

*On the Feast of Christ the King only:*

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For with the oil of gladness you have anointed Christ the Lord, your only Son, to be our great high priest and king of all creation.

As priest, he offered himself once for all upon the altar of the cross and redeemed the human race by this perfect sacrifice of peace.

As king he claims dominion over all your creatures, that he may bring before your infinite majesty  
a kingdom of truth and life,  
a kingdom of holiness and grace,  
a kingdom of justice, love and peace.

And so with angels and archangels and all the heavenly host, we proclaim your glory and join in their unending hymn of praise:

*Choir:*        Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
                  Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
                  Hosanna in the highest.  
                  Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
                  Hosanna in the highest.

*Kneel or sit*

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,  
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
and as we follow his example and obey his command,  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us his body and his blood;  
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
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.  
In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:  
Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me.  
Therefore, 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 your kingdom,  
and with this bread and this cup  
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith:

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

Through him, and with him, and in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,  
we worship you, Father almighty,  
in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **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.**

## **Breaking of the Bread**

*The Priest breaks the consecrated bread.*

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

*Choir:*

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.**

**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 body and 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.**

*Communicant members of all Christian denominations are welcome to receive.  
Alternatively you are welcome to come forward for a blessing – bring this service  
booklet to indicate that a blessing is requested. The steps to the left and right of the  
altar have a hand rail. Follow the Churchwardens' directions to go forward.*

*An Anthem may be sung by the choir.  
See hymn board or leaflet for the Communion Hymn number.*

## **Prayer after Communion**

*The post Communion Prayer is said, then the following:*

**Father of all,  
we give you thanks and praise,  
that when we were still far off  
you met us in your Son and brought us home.  
Dying and living, he declared your love,  
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.  
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;  
we who drink his cup bring life to others;  
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.  
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,  
so we and all your children shall be free,**

**and the whole earth live to praise your name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **The Dismissal**

*The president may use this or another suitable blessing:*

Christ our King make you faithful and strong to do his will, that you may reign with him in glory; And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*Notices may follow here.*

*Please stand for the Recessional Hymn – see hymn board or leaflet for the number.  
As the Procession passes ALL TURN to face the door of the church in readiness to go out as witnesses*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*Organ voluntary. Please remain standing whilst the Choir depart and be aware of those remaining to listen.*

*Please return this Order of Service to the back of church before you leave.  
Everyone is invited to remain for refreshments in the hall downstairs (do ask for directions if needed!)*

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