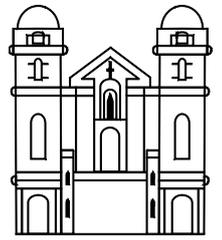


St James the Greater  
Leicester



# Sung Eucharist for Lent



*Like Advent, Lent is a season of preparation – in early Church history a time when candidates would be prepared for Baptism. Then, as now, study and repentance, acts of service and fasting have characterized this season. The forty days of Lent, recalling Christ’s forty days temptation in the wilderness, begin on Ash Wednesday with a reflection on our own deaths and build to the anticipation of Christ’s suffering and death.*

*The English word “Lent” derives from a word meaning “Spring Season”, and reminds us that amidst the austerity and penitence (if not because of it), this is a time for growth. Traditional Lenten practices of self-denial, prayer, fasting, and study, as well as the special services of the season are all aids to this renewal and growth, preparing us for the fullness of Easter life.*

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 Opening Hymn - see board or leaflet for the number. During the hymn the choir moves into the chancel.*

## The Greeting

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**  
The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

## Prayers of Penitence

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit;  
a broken and contrite heart God will not despise.  
Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion,  
and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith.

*Please sit or kneel 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. Amen.**

Choir:	Kyrie eleison	Lord have mercy
	Christe eleison	Christ have mercy
	Kyrie eleison	Lord have mercy

May the Father of all mercies cleanse you from your sins, and restore you in his image to the praise and glory of his name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen**

## The Collect

Let us pray for grace to wait and watch for the coming of Christ.  
*The Collect is said and we 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 or Psalm— see hymn board or leaflet*

## **Gospel Reading**

*All stand and face the Gospel reader*

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.**

*Sit for the Sermon.*

## **Sermon**

## **The Creed**

*Please stand*

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is,  
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,**

**true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come.  
Amen.**

## **Prayers of Intercession**

*Please sit or kneel for the prayers*

*This response may be used:*

Lord of compassion,  
**in your mercy hear us.**

*And at the end*

**God our Father, in your love and goodness you have taught us to come close to you in penitence, with prayer, fasting and generosity; accept our Lenten discipline, and when we fall by our weakness, raise us up by your unfailing mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **The Liturgy of the Sacrament**

### **The Peace**

*Please stand*

Since we are justified by faith,  
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who has given us access to his grace.

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*

## **The Preparation of the Table**

*The Offertory Hymn is sung: see hymn board or leaflet for 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 Eucharistic Prayer

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 indeed right and good  
to give you thanks and praise,  
almighty God and everlasting Father,  
through Jesus Christ your Son.  
For in these forty days  
you lead us into the desert of repentance  
that through a pilgrimage of prayer and discipline  
we may grow in grace  
and learn to be your people once again.  
Through fasting, prayer and acts of service  
you bring us back to your generous heart.  
Through study of your holy word  
you open our eyes to your presence in the world  
and free our hands to welcome others  
into the radiant splendour of your love.  
As we prepare to celebrate the Easter feast  
with joyful hearts and minds  
we bless you for your mercy  
and join with saints and angels  
for ever praising you and singing:

*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.

*Sit or kneel*

We praise and bless you, loving Father,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
and as we obey his command,  
send your Holy Spirit,  
that broken bread and wine outpoured  
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.  
On the night before he died he had supper with his friends  
and, taking bread, he praised you.  
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.  
When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.  
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:  
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.  
So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,  
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice  
made once for all upon the cross.  
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,  
we proclaim his death and resurrection  
until he comes in glory.

Jesus Christ it Lord:

**Lord, by your cross and resurrection you have set us free.  
You are the saviour of the world.**

Lord of all life,  
help us to work together for that day  
when your kingdom comes  
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.  
Look with favour on your people,  
gather us in your loving arms  
and bring us with [N and] all the saints  
to feast at your table in heaven.  
Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,  
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*

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.**

## **The Agnus Dei**

*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

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.

*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 Wardens' directions to go forward.*

*An Anthem may be sung by the choir.*

*See hymn board or leaflet for Communion Hymn number.*

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

**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 Blessing and Dismissal

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,  
to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him;  
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 number*

*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 departs.***

***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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