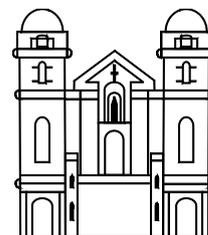


St James the Greater
Leicester



Sung Eucharist **in the time** **before Lent**



The time between the end of Epiphany and the beginning of Lent is not really a Church "season", and indeed in some years when Easter is very early, it is no time at all, as we move straight from Epiphany to Lent. However, when we do have these few Sundays we are given the chance to mentally and spiritually adjust from the themes of celebration and revelation in Christmas and Epiphany, to the more sombre reflection and preparation of Lent, when celebration seems distant and divinity seems hidden.

This pause, whether a few days or a few weeks, can be a deep breath, a chance to readjust our focus before we enter the discipline of Lent.

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

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.

The Lord 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:

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.

Please kneel or sit for the Confession.

**Father eternal, giver of light and grace,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour,
in what we have thought,
in what we have said and done,
through ignorance, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.**

**We have wounded your love,
and marred your image in us.**

**We are sorry and ashamed,
and repent of all our sins.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,**

**forgive us all that is past;
and lead us out from darkness
to walk as children of light.**

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 Apostles' Creed

Please stand.

**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

*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:

We are the body of Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body. Let us then pursue all that makes for peace and builds up our common life.

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.

The Preparation of the Table

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:*

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation: through your goodness we have this bread to set before you, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation: through your goodness we have this wine to set before you, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become for us the cup of salvation.

Blessed be God for ever.

The Eucharistic Prayer [C]

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,
it is our duty and our joy,
at all times and in all places
to give you thanks and praise,
holy Father, heavenly King,
almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For he is our great high priest,
who has loosed us from our sins
and has made us to be a royal priesthood to you,
our God and Father.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
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.

Kneel or sit

All glory be to you, our heavenly Father,
who, in your tender mercy,
gave your only Son our Saviour 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;
he instituted, and in his holy gospel commanded us to continue,
a perpetual memory of his precious death until he comes again.

Hear us, merciful Father, we humbly pray,
and grant that, by the power of your Holy Spirit,
we receiving these gifts of your creation, this bread and this wine,
according to your 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 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.

Jesus Christ is Lord:

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

Therefore, Lord and heavenly Father,
in remembrance of the precious death and passion,
the mighty resurrection and glorious ascension
of your dear Son Jesus Christ,
we offer you through him this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.

Grant that by his merits and death,
and through faith in his blood,
we and all your Church may receive forgiveness of our sins
and all other benefits of his passion.
Although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins,
to offer you any sacrifice,
yet we pray that you will accept this

the duty and service that we owe.

Do not weigh our merits, but pardon our offences,
and fill us all who share in this holy communion
with your grace and heavenly blessing;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty 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

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 to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

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

Kneel or sit.

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

The President may use this or another suitable blessing:

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.**

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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