

Communicant members of all Christian denominations are welcome to receive.
All others are invited to carry this paper to indicate that a blessing is requested.

Please GO FORWARD at the direction of the wardens.

During communion, an anthem may be sung by the choir,
and also the Lent Prose - to which the congregation respond with :

All sing **Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us :
for we have sinned against thee.**

COMMUNION HYMN - see hymn board for the number.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER for the day, then :

All **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.**

Dismissal

BLESSING:

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.

All **Amen.**

NOTICES

HYMN - see hymn board for the number

The procession led by the ministers forms in the centre aisle.

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.

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

AFTER THE SERVICE

Please return this order of service to the back of the church before you leave
Everyone is invited to remain for refreshments

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Welcome to the Church of
St James the Greater
Leicester



SUNG EUCHARIST IN THE SEASON OF LENT

If you wear a hearing aid please switch to 'T' to benefit from the inductive loop.
Children who are to attend the Sunday Club (in school term) gather in the church.

Members of the congregation are asked to settle into silence
before the service begins.

Gathering

WELCOME

Stand HYMN - see hymn board for the number.

During this hymn, the choir moves into the chancel

PREPARATION:

All The Lord be with you
and also with you.

We stand together in preparation for worship

SILENCE

All **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.**

THE LORD'S SUMMARY OF THE LAW :

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:

The first commandment is this:

'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord.
You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
with all your soul, with all your mind,
and with all your strength.'

The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'

There is no other commandment greater than these.

On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

All **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE :

Choir Kyrie eleison. Lord have mercy [upon us].
Christe eleison. Christ have mercy [upon us].
Kyrie eleison. Lord have mercy [upon us].

Let us admit to God the sin which always confronts us.

Kneel or sit

All **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 to us the joy of your salvation,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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.

All **Amen.**

COLLECT

Sit

LORD'S PRAYER :

Lord Jesus, remember us in your Kingdom
and teach us to pray :

All **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 :

Priest We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
All **Though we are many, we are one body
because we all share in one bread.**

Choir O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us ... grant us thy peace.

GIVING OF COMMUNION :

All **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.**

Draw near with faith ...

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.

All Jesus Christ is 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 St James 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.
All **Amen.**

SILENT THANKSGIVING

Liturgy of the Word

READING : from the Old or New Testament

At the end the reader may say
This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Stand HYMN - see hymn board for the number.

GOSPEL :

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

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sit SERMON

REFLECTION *in silence*

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.**

Kneel or sit

INTERCESSION:

This response may be used

Lord, of compassion
All in your mercy hear us.

And at the end

**All 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.**

Liturgy of the Sacrament

Stand THE PEACE:
Being justified by faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.
All And also with you.

HYMN - see hymn board for the number. A collection is taken.

OFFERTORY: Bread, wine and money are presented.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER (E) :

The Lord is here.

All His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All 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 hosts,
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.
[Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.]

Kneel or sit

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.