PARISH OF ESHER
Christ Church, Esher with St George's, West End

All Age Eucharist Service

'Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.'

Mark 3.35

The Gathering

The president greets the people.

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.

The Greeting

Words of welcome or introduction may be said.
A hymn is sung.

Prayers of Penitence

Jesus said, 'Before you offer your gift, go and be reconciled.'
As sisters and brothers in God's family,
we come together to ask our Father for forgiveness.

You made us to be one family,
yet we have divided humanity.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

You were born a Jew to reconcile all people,
yet we have brought disharmony amongst races.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

You rejoice in our differences,
yet we make them a cause of enmity.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

The minister says:

May the God of love
bring you back to himself,
forgive you your sins,
and assure you of his eternal love
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to the Father.
Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to the Father.
To God be glory for ever!
To God be glory for ever!
Alleluia, amen.
Alleluia, amen.
Alleluia, amen.
Alleluia, amen.

Glory to God, glory to God,
Son of the Father.
Glory to God, glory to God,
Son of the Father.
To God be glory for ever!
To God be glory for ever!
Alleluia, amen.
Alleluia, amen.
Alleluia, amen.
Alleluia, amen.

Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to the Spirit.
Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to the Spirit.
To God be glory for ever!
To God be glory for ever!
Alleluia, amen.
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The Collect

The president introduces a period of silent prayer with the words 'Let us pray' or a more specific bidding.

The Collect is said, and all respond:
Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

Readings

Either one or two readings from scripture precede the Gospel reading, and a psalm, canticle or hymn may follow the first reading.

At the end of each, the reader may say:

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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.

Address

After the Address an anthem may be sung, or a piece of music played.

Affirmation of Faith

Let us declare our faith in God.

We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.

We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

The president introduces the prayers.

One of these responses may be used:

Lord, in your mercy: or Lord, hear us:
hear our prayer. **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

The president introduces the Peace:

We are all one in Christ Jesus.
We belong to him through faith,
heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.

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

The Offertory

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Preparation of the Table

The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed on it,
while a hymn is sung or a piece of music is played.

The following prayer is used:

Wise and gracious God,
you spread a table before us;
nourish your people with the word of life
and the bread of heaven.
Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.
His Spirit is with us.

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.

Children's question:
Why is it right to give thanks and praise?
Listen, and we will hear.

Lord of all life, you created the universe,
where all living things reflect your glory.
You give us this great and beautiful earth,
to discover and to cherish.

You give us happy times
and things to celebrate.
In these we taste your kingdom,
a feast for all your children.

You made us all, each wonderfully different,
to join with the angels and proclaim your praise:

The choir sings:

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.

We thank you, loving Father,
because, when we turned away,
you sent Jesus, your Son.
He gave his life for us on the cross
and shows us the way to live.

Send your Holy Spirit
that these gifts of bread and wine
may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

Children's question:
Why do we share this bread and wine?
Listen, and we will hear.

On the night before he died,
when darkness had fallen,
Jesus took bread.
He gave thanks, broke it,
and shared it with his disciples, saying:
'This is my body, given for you.
Do this to remember me.'

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine,
gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying:
'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many,
for the forgiveness of sins.'

Children's question:
How do we follow Jesus Christ?
Listen, and we will hear.

So Father, with this bread and this cup
we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life.
As you feed us with these gifts,
send your Holy Spirit,
and change us more and more
to be like Jesus our Saviour.

Help us, Father, to love one another,
as we look forward to that day
when suffering is ended,
and all creation is gathered in your loving arms.

And now with all your saints
we give you glory, through Jesus Christ,
in the strength of the Spirit,
today and for ever.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory
are yours, now and for ever.
Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

The minister 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.

We say together, or the choir sings, the Agnus Dei.

Jesus, Lamb of God,
have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins,
have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer 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.

In line with Church of England guidance I invite those who wish to make an act of Spiritual Communion this morning to pray:

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
for all the benefits you have given me,
for all the pains and insults you have borne for me.
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
I ask you to come spiritually into my heart.
O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,
may I know you more clearly,
love you more dearly,
and follow you more nearly, day by day.
Amen. *after the Prayer of St Richard of Chichester*

During the distribution, music may be sung or played.

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.
The post communion prayer is said, then all say together:

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

Notices may be given.
A hymn is sung.

The Blessing

The Lord bless you and watch over you,
the Lord make his face shine upon you
and be gracious to you,
the Lord look kindly on you and give you peace;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

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

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