

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

All Age Eucharist and Christingle Service



*'You are the light of the world ...
let your light shine before others.'*

Matthew 5.14a, 16a

The Gathering

The president says.

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

Amen.

The Greeting

Words of welcome or introduction may be said.

Two candles are lit on the Advent Wreath and a prayer said.

**Lord Jesus, light of the world,
the prophets said you would bring peace
and save your people in trouble.
Give peace in our hearts at Christmas
and show all the world God's love.**

Amen.

A hymn is sung.

Prayers of Penitence

A voice cries out in the wilderness,
'Make straight the way of the Lord.'
So let us listen, and turn to the Lord in penitence and faith.

Heavenly Father,
you have created a universe of light:
forgive us when we return to darkness.

Kyrie Eleison

Lord Jesus,
you are the light of the world:
cleanse and heal our blinded sight.

Christe Eleison

Holy Spirit,
you give us light in our hearts:
renew us in faith and love.

Kyrie Eleison

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.

The Collect

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.
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 sermon the Christingle song, Hope of Heaven, will be sung.

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 minister introduces the prayers.

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ,
let us pray to the Father.

This response may be used:

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

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 minister introduces the Peace.

God will speak peace to his people,
to those who turn to him in their hearts.

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

The Offertory

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Preparation of the Table

A hymn is sung.

*The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed on it.
The following prayer is used.*

Look upon us in mercy,
not in judgement;
draw us from hatred to love;
make the frailty of our praise
a dwelling place for your glory.

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.

[Question: Why is it right to give thanks and praise?

Answer: 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 promised to send your Son,
as a Light for those in darkness
so that all people may shine
with the light of your love.

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

**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.

[Question: Why do we share this bread and wine?

Answer: 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.'

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.

[Question: How do we follow Jesus Christ?

Answer: Listen, and we will hear.]

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.**

The Agnus Dei may be used as the bread is broken:

**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.

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:

**We thank you, Lord,
that you have fed us in this sacrament,
united us with Christ,
and given us a foretaste
of the heavenly banquet
prepared for all peoples.
Amen.**

Notices may be given at this point.

A hymn is sung.

The Dismissal

The Blessing

We go in peace:

To share the peace of God with all we meet.

We go in love:

To share God's gift of love with the world.

We go in the light of Christ:

To shine as lights in the world.

To the glory of God the Father.

And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

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