



Midhurst Parish Church Holy Communion During Advent and Christmas 2020

A warm welcome to our service this morning. If you have any additional needs or require any help this morning, please speak to one of the welcomers.

This booklet contains all that is needed for the service. Please remain seated throughout the service other than to come forward, as directed, to receive Communion. Communion is offered in one kind only (the bread) in accordance with C of E and Government guidance. This booklet can be reused for each Sunday and Wednesday service throughout December.

The Greeting

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

All Amen.

The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

Words of welcome or introduction will be said, and notices given.

A candle on the Advent crown may be lit and a prayer said by the priest, otherwise, we pray together...

**All God of our days and years,
we set this time apart for you.
Form us in the likeness of Christ
so that our lives may glorify you.
Amen.**



Prayer of Penitence

The president offers a seasonal invitation to confession.

All Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in
thought and word and deed, through negligence, through
weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly
sorry 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 grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the
glory of your name.
Amen.

The priest assures us of God's forgiveness in words of absolution.

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy
upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and
strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

The Collect

The president says the prayer for the day, to which all respond 'Amen.'

The Reading(s)

*One or two passages of Scripture are read.
At the end...*

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

The Affirmation of Faith

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

All We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

All We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

All We believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

All This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Sermon

A Sermon may be preached.

Prayers of Intercession

One of the following responses may be used.

Maranatha:

All Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

or let us pray to the Lord:

All Lord, have mercy.

or Jesus, Saviour:

All hear our prayer.

or Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

And at the end...

Merciful Father,

All accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Prayer for Growth

All God of Mission, who alone brings growth to your Church, send your Holy Spirit to give vision to our planning, wisdom to our actions, and power to our witness. Help our church to grow in numbers, in spiritual commitment to you, and in service to our local community, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Peace

The priest offers words of introduction.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All and also with you.

We share the peace using sign language or a smile!

Preparation of the Table

Lord, your gifts of bread and wine remind us of your loving sacrifice,

All Amen.

Bless the gifts we offer; our money, our skill and our time and draw us together in love for you and for our neighbours.

All Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

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.

The priest prays a seasonal preface.

**All 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.**

Accept our praises, heavenly Father, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, and as we follow his example and obey his command, grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his 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.

All To you be glory and praise for ever.

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.

All To you be glory and praise for ever.

Therefore, heavenly Father, we remember his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross; we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; we look for the coming of your kingdom, and with this bread and this cup we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

All Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise, and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty, renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All To you be glory and praise for ever.

Through him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

**All Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

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.

The Agnus Dei may be said...

All 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.

The 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.

All Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the
word, and I shall be healed.

Members of all Christian churches are welcome to receive Communion. Those who would prefer to receive a blessing, should come forward and bow their head. Please wait to be invited to go forward. Please maintain a safe

distance as you queue, and keep your face covering on until you have received the bread into your hand and moved to one side of the priest.

The Prayer after Communion

A post communion prayer is said by the priest, to which all respond 'Amen.'

We then pray together...

**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.**

Blessing and Dismissal

The priest prays for God's blessing, to which all respond 'Amen.'

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

Services this festive season

Wednesday 9th Dec

10am Holy Communion

Sunday 13th Dec

9am Holy Communion

10:30am Online Service

Wednesday 16th Dec

10am Holy Communion

Sunday 20th Dec

10:30am Online Service

3:30pm and 6pm Services of Christmas Readings, Music and Poems
(ticketed)

Wednesday 23rd Dec

10am Holy Communion

Christmas Eve

4pm Christingle (online, book for a pack)

11pm Candlelit Midnight Mass (ticketed)

Christmas Day

9am All Age Christmas Celebration Service (ticketed)

10:30am All Age Christmas Celebration Service (ticketed) (also online)

Sunday 27th Dec

10:30am online service (no service in the church)

Wednesday 30th Dec

10am Holy Communion

Sunday 3rd January

10:30am Online Service

For tickets to services or to reserve a Christingle pack, please visit
www.midhurstparishchurch.net

For details of services at All Hallows Woolbeding, please visit
www.allhallowswoolbeding.com

All services are subject to changes in Covid guidelines.