THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL ALNWICK



THE EUCHARIST IN ORDINARY TIME

COMMON WORSHIP (ORDER ONE)

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The Holy Eucharist is Christ's own service, instituted by him on Maundy Thursday, the day before he suffered death on the cross, when he broke bread with his disciples and gave the command 'Do this in remembrance of me'.

In obedience to this command the Eucharist has become the central act of worship of the Church. Christians believe that the Eucharist is an encounter with the living God – a point at which heaven and earth come together as we join "...with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven..."

In obeying Jesus' command to "do this" believers through the ages have created the Christian community. It has been in this "doing" that Christians have discovered Christ himself, and in discovering him have also discovered one another as members of Christ.

The Christian community here as St. Michael's is a small link in that chain of ceaseless worship which the Church offers to God the Father, through Jesus the Son and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

As you prepare to take part in this offering of praise and thanksgiving try to empty your mind of all unnecessary thoughts. Pray that through the worship you may grow closer to Jesus and that, strengthened by his body and blood, you may witness to his saving love in the world.

> I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved and free, the life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed, the new community of love in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud division ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends.

(Brian A. Wren b 1936)

The Gathering

Hymn

The president may say In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

The Greeting

The president greets the people

The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

Words of welcome or introduction may be said.

Prayer of Preparation

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.

Prayers of Penitence

Invitation to confession

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.

(or)

The gospel calls us to turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ.As we offer ourselves to him in penitence and faith, we renew our confidence and trust in his mercy.

All Most merciful God,

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

(*or*)

God of mercy, we acknowledge that we are all sinners. We turn from the wrong that we have thought and said and done, and are mindful of all that we have failed to do. For the sake of Jesus, who died for us, forgive us for all that is past, and help us to live each day in the light of Christ our Lord. Amen

(or, with suitable sentences)

Kyrie Eleison

Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
All Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy

The president says

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.

All **Amen.**

(or)

The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon and forgiveness of all your sins, time for amendment of life, and the grace and strength of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis

All Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

> Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

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.

All **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

Readings

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn

Gospel Reading

Alleluia, alleluia.

A Gospel Acclamation is read.

All **Alleluia.**

When the Gospel is announced the reader says

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The president says

Let us declare our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The Creed

All 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.

(or)

All 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

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

These responses may be used

All	hear our prayer.	(or)	Lord, graciously hear us.
	Lord, in your mercy	(or)	Lord, hear us.

And at the end

Merciful Father,

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

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

The president may introduce the Peace with a suitable sentence, and then says

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Preparation of the Table

Taking of the Bread and Wine

Hymn

The gifts of the people may be gathered and presented. The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it. The president takes the bread and wine.

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours. **All things come from you, and of your own do we give you.**

(or)

All

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.**

(or)

Be present, be present, Lord Jesus Christ, our risen high priest; make yourself known in the breaking of bread.

All **Amen.**

All

The Eucharistic Prayer (E)

The Lord be with you	(or)	The Lord is here.	
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and also with you. (or) 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.

Father, you made the world and love your creation. You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour. His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death. And so we gladly thank you, with saints and angels praising you, and *saying*:

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.

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.

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.

Great is the mystery of faith: Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.

(or)

All

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Christ is the bread of life:

All When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory.

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 Michael, Paul 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.**

We turn to page 16 for The Lord's Prayer

The Eucharistic Prayer (G)

- The Lord be with you *(or)* The Lord is here.
- All and also with you. (or) 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.

Blessed are you, Lord God, our light and our salvation; to you be glory and praise for ever.

From the beginning you have created all things and all your works echo the silent music of your praise. In the fullness of time you made us in your image, the crown of all creation.

You give us breath and speech, that with angels and archangels and all the powers of heaven we may find a voice to sing your praise:

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.

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord. As a mother tenderly gathers her children, you embraced a people as your own. When they turned away and rebelled your love remained steadfast. From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary, to be the living bread, in whom all our hungers are satisfied. He offered his life for sinners, and with a love stronger than death he opened wide his arms on the cross. On the night before he died, he came to supper with his friends and, taking bread, he gave you thanks. He broke it and gave it to them, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me. At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, 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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

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

(or)

Christ is the bread of life:

All When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory.

> Father, we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross; we remember his dying and rising in glory, and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand. Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you these gifts of your creation; may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son. As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence, form us in the likeness of Christ, and build us into a living temple to your glory. Remember, Lord, your Church in every land. Reveal her unity, guard her faith, and preserve her in peace.

Bring us at the last with Michael, Paul all the saints to the vision of that eternal splendour for which you have created us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, by whom, with whom, and in whom, 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** Lord, remember us in your kingdom, as we pray in the words you gave us.

All 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 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.

Agnus Dei

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.

(or)

All 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

The president says the invitation to 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.

(or)

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

The president and people receive communion.

Authorized words of distribution are used and the communicant replies

Amen.

For those at home you might like to make an act of Spiritual Communion:

In union, heavenly Father, with your people throughout the world and across the centuries gathered to make communion, hearing your holy Word and receiving the Precious Body and Blood, I offer you praise and thanksgiving.

Even though I am not now able to taste the Bread of Heaven and drink the Cup of Life I pray that you will unite me with all the baptised and with your Son who gave his life for us.

Come Lord Jesus, dwell in me and send your Holy Spirit that I may be filled with your presence.

The body and blood of Christ keep me in eternal life. Amen.

During the distribution hymns and anthems may be sung.

Hymn

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.

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.

(or)

All **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

Hymn

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.**

A minister says

All

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

The ministers and people depart.



A Prayer before leaving church

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you for ever.

Amen.

'SALAZAR' GLORIA

Glory, glory, glory to God! Glory, glory, glory to God!

Glory to God in the heights of the heavens; peace to God's people, all people on earth.

Son of the Father, all glory and worship; praise and thanksgiving to you, Lamb of God.

You take away the sin of the world – have mercy on us – receive our prayer.

Seated in pow'r at the right of the Father; Jesus alone is the Lord, the most high.

And with the Spirit of love everlasting; reigning in glory for ever. Amen.

METRICAL GLORIA

Glory in the highest to the God of heaven! Peace to all your people through the earth be given: Mighty God and Father, thanks and praise we bring, Singing alleluias to our heavenly King, Singing alleluias to our heavenly King.

Jesus Christ is risen, God the Father's Son: With the Holy Spirit, you are Lord alone! Lamb once killed for sinners, all our guilt to bear, Show us now your mercy, now receive our prayer, Show us now your mercy, now receive our prayer.

Christ the world's true Saviour, high and holy one, Seated now and reigning from your Father's throne: Lord and God, we praise you; highest heaven adores: In the Father's glory, all the praise be yours, In the Father's glory, all the praise be yours.

METRICAL CREED

We believe in God the Father, God almighty, by whose plan earth and heaven sprang to being, all created things began. We believe in Christ the Saviour, Son of God in human frame, virgin-born, the child of Mary upon whom the Spirit came.

Christ, who on the cross, forsaken, like a lamb to slaughter led, suffered under Pontius Pilate, he descended to the dead. We believe in Jesus risen, heaven's king to rule and reign, to the Father's side ascended till as judge he comes to reign.

We believe in God the Spirit; in one Church, below, above: saints of God in one communion, one in holiness and love. So, by faith, our sins forgiven, Christ, our Saviour, Lord and friend, we shall rise with him in glory to the life that knows no end.



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