

So come, you have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time, you who have tried to follow Jesus and you who have failed. Come, not because it is I who invite you: it is the Lord. It is his will that those who want to should meet him here.

Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of this world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

Lord we are not worthy to receive you but only say the word and we shall be healed.

Prayer after Communion

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 Departure

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. Amen.

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we can ask or conceive, by the power which is at work among us, to him be glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus throughout all ages and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be upon you now and forever more. **Amen.**



St Paul's

Holy Communion

Invitation to Worship

In the beginning, before time began and before people existed,
God was

Here and now
Enlisting the people of earth for
the purposes of heaven,
God is

In the future when we have turned to dust
And all we know has found its fulfillment
God is to come

Not denying the world, but delighting in it
Not condemning the world, but redeeming it
Through Jesus Christ, by the power of
the Holy Spirit
**God was, and is, and is to come,
Holy is his name.**

**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 Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen.**

Confession and Assurance of Forgiveness

When we have willfully misused your
gifts of creation
Lord be merciful and forgive us our sin.

When we have seen the ill-treatment of others and
have not gone to their aid
Lord be merciful and forgive us our sin.

When we have condoned evil and dishonesty and
failed to strive for justice;
Lord be merciful and forgive us our sin.

May the God of love bring us back to himself
Forgive us our sins and assure us of his eternal love
In Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Affirmation and Celebration of Faith

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.

Reading

Sermon

Prayers of Intercession

The Peace

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

Communion

The Lord be with you
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Almighty God, good Father to us all, your face is turned towards your world. In love you gave us Jesus your Son to rescue us from sin and death. Your Word goes out to call us home, to the city where angels sing your praise. We join with them in heaven's song:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Father of all, we give you thanks for every gift that comes from heaven. To the darkness Jesus came as your light. With signs of faith and words of hope he touched untouchables with love and washed the guilty clean.

This is his story
This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.

The crowds came to see your Son, yet at the end they turned on him. On the night he was betrayed he came to table with his friends to celebrate the freedom of all people:

This is his story
This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food; he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said: This is my body, given for you. Jesus then gave thanks for the wine; he took the cup, gave it to them and said: This is my blood, shed for you, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me.

This is our story
This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup we celebrate the cross on which he died to set us free. Defying death he rose again and is alive with you to plead for us and all the world.

This is our story
This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.

Send your Spirit on us now that by these gifts we may feed on Christ with opened eyes and hearts on fire. May we and all who share this food offer ourselves to live for you and be welcomed at your feast in heaven where all creation worships you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, holy 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 forever.

This is the table, not of the Church, but of the Lord. It is to be made ready for those who love him and who want to love him more.

We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord, whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us. Amen.