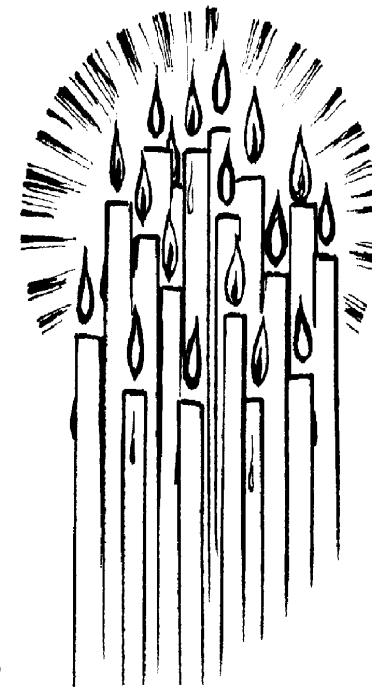


St Mary, with St Michael and all Angels,  
Reepham

## Holy Communion



**ADVENT**

**SEASON**

**Order of Service**

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## Opening Hymn

### The Greeting

Grace, mercy and peace  
from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ  
be with you

**All and also with you.**

*Informal welcome and introduction.*

### Lighting of the Advent Wreath

### Prayers of Penitence

When the Lord comes,  
he will bring to light things now hidden in darkness,  
and will disclose the purposes of the heart.  
Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

**Father eternal, giver of light and grace,  
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour,  
in what we have thought,  
in what we have said and done,  
through ignorance, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We have wounded your love,  
and marred your image in us.  
We are sorry and ashamed,  
and repent of all our sins.**

**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.**

### Hymn

### The Blessing

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you,  
scatter the darkness from before your path,  
and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory,  
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**

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.

**Most merciful Lord,  
your love compels us to come in.  
Our hands were unclean,  
our hearts were unprepared;  
we were not fit  
even to eat the crumbs from under your table.  
But you, Lord are the God of our salvation,  
and share your bread with sinners.  
So cleanse and feed us  
with the precious body and blood of your Son,  
that he may live in us and we in him;  
and that we, with the whole company of Christ,  
may sit and eat in your kingdom.  
Amen.**

*Everyone is welcome to come forward . If you would prefer to  
receive a blessing, please bring this booklet with you.*

### **Communion Hymn**

### **Prayer after Communion**

*followed by*

**Father of all we give thanks and praise**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
who died for us,  
forgive us all that is past;  
and lead us out from darkness  
to walk as children of light.  
Amen**

May the Father of all mercies  
cleanse you from your sins  
and restore you in his image  
to the praise and glory of his name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Amen**

Lord have mercy.  
**Lord have mercy.**  
Christ have mercy  
**Christ have mercy**  
Lord have mercy.  
**Lord have mercy.**

### **The Collect**

### **Bible Reading**

*At the end the reader says*  
This is the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

**Psalm** *on the reverse of the Pew Sheet*

### **Hymn**

### **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia.

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.  
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

**Alleluia.**

### **Gospel Reading**

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*at the end of the reading:*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **Sermon**

#### **The Nicene Creed**

**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;**

**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, now and for ever.**

**Amen.**

### **Breaking of the 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.**

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
grant us peace.**

### **Giving of Communion**

*The invitation is give in these or other words*

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.

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**will come again.**

**Christ**

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.

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:

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

**The Lord's Prayer** *please kneel or sit*

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,**

**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.**

**Prayers of Intercession**

*The prayers may end:*

Maranatha

**Amen. Come Lord Jesus**

*or*

Lord in your mercy

**Hear our prayer**

**The Peace**

In the tender mercy of our God,  
the dayspring from on high shall break upon us,  
to give light to those who dwell in darkness  
and in the shadow of death  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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

**Offertory Hymn**

*The gifts of the people are presented*

*The table is prepared and the bread and wine are placed upon it.*

**Preparation of the Table**

**Taking of the bread and wine**

As the grain once scattered in the fields

and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside  
are now reunited on this table in bread and wine,  
so Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together  
from the corners of the earth  
into your kingdom.  
**Amen.**

### **The Eucharistic Prayer**

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 thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right,  
it is our duty and our joy,  
at all times and in all places,  
to give you thanks and praise,  
holy Father, heavenly King,  
almighty and eternal God,  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

And now we give you thanks  
because you sent him to redeem us from sin and death  
and to make us inheritors of everlasting life;  
that when he shall come again in power and great triumph  
to judge the world, we may with joy behold his appearing,  
and in confidence may stand before him.  
Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,

for ever praising you and *singing*:

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

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, 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 blood;  
who in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

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.  
Therefore, heavenly Father,  
we remember his offering of himself  
made once for all upon the cross;