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An Order  
For  
Holy Communion

## Welcome to St Martin's!

The order of service is in this booklet. You will find the Readings and Gospel for the day on a separate paper. Hymns are from the orange book, and the numbers are posted on the board at the front.



This is a service of Holy Communion, and all who are baptised are welcomed to join us in receiving communion. If you do not wish to receive communion, do come forward at the same time as those receiving communion and ask for a blessing.



Children are welcomed to join the Sunday School which meets in the lounge. Children leave together for Sunday School after our first hymn.



## Prayer after Communion

*Silence is kept.*

*The Post Communion prayer is said. Then we pray:*

**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.**

## *The Blessing and Dismissal*

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.  
**All Amen.**

*Notices of events or services during the week are given*

*A minister says*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*A hymn is sung and the ministers and people depart.*

*Please join us in the lounge for a drink and fellowship.*



*We sing:*

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

### *Giving of Communion*

*The president invites us to communion*

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. Those who do not wish to receive communion may go forward for a blessing.*

*In receiving communion or a blessing we reply*  
**Amen.**

*During the distribution a hymn or chant is sung.*

## **The Gathering**

### *Opening Hymn*

*The president says*

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

**All Amen.**

*The president welcomes the people and the Sunday School leaves for their class*

The Lord be with you

**All and also with you.**

### *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.**



## Prayer of Confession

*The president invites us to confess our sins. We have a brief period of silence and pray this prayer:*

**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 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.**

## The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray.

*After a time of reflection during which a musical introduction is played, we sing,*

**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 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. Amen. Amen. Amen. 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.**



Great is the mystery of faith:

**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.**

### *Gloria in Excelsis*

**Glory to God in the highest.  
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. Amen. Amen. Amen.**

### *The Collect*

*The president introduces a period of silent prayer with the words 'Let us pray'.*

*The Collect is said, and all respond*

**All Amen.**



## The Liturgy of the Word

### Readings

*Readings from Scripture precede the Gospel reading.*

*At the end of each:*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

*. A hymn is sung to herald the Gospel reading.*

### Gospel Reading

*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.**

*At the end*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All Praise to you, O Christ.**

### Sermon

### The Creed

**All We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is,  
seen and unseen.**

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.



## *The Eucharistic Prayer*

*We sing:*

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.**

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 are the source of light and life;  
you made us in your image  
and called us to new life in 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:

**All Holy, 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.  
Hosanna in the highest. Holy Lord.**

**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 glori-  
fied,  
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 usually include these concerns and may follow this sequence:*

*The Church of Christ  
Creation, human society, the Sovereign and those in authority  
The local community  
Those who suffer  
The communion of saints*

*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 peace of the Lord be always with you  
**All and also with you.**  
*We offer one another a sign of peace.*

### *Offertory Hymn*

*We take a collection for God's work in the Church and the world. Bread and wine are presented at the altar*

### *Preparation of the Table*

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.

**All 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.

**All Blessed be God for ever.**

