

ST MARY THE VIRGIN & ST MARY MAGDALEN, TETBURY

The Order for the Celebration of
Holy Communion in Lent



THE GATHERING

HYMN

We begin our time of worship by singing our first hymn. The hymn numbers are given on the display boards around the church. Please stand as the organ introduces the hymn.

The Greeting

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

All Amen.

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

All And also with you.

Welcome and introduction to the service.

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

President The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit; a broken and
contrite heart God will not despise. Let us come to the
Lord, who is full of compassion, and acknowledge our
brokenness in penitence and faith.

For our incapacity to feel the sufferings of others,
and our tendency to live comfortably with injustice,

All **God forgive us.**

For the self-righteousness which denies guilt,
and the self-interest which strangles compassion,

All **God forgive us.**

For our failings in community,
and our lack of understanding,

All **God forgive us.**

For the times we were too eager to be
better than others,
when we are too rushed to care,
when we are too tired to bother,

when we don't really listen,
when we are too quick to act
from motives other than love,

All **God forgive us.**

Pietermaritzburg Agency for Christian Social Awareness,
South Africa (Jeremiah 6:13-15; 8:11)

President The Lord enrich us with his grace,
 and nourish us with his blessing;
 the Lord defend us in trouble and keep us from all evil;
 the Lord accept our prayers,
 and absolve us from our offences,
 for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Saviour.

All **Amen.**

The Collect

The President invites us to pray in silence with the words, "Let us pray", and then says the prayer for the day (The Collect). We all respond "Amen"

The children leave for Little Fishes Sunday School.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Bible Reading

At the end of each reading we respond:

Reader This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN

Please stand to sing our hymn.

Gospel Reading

We remain standing for the Gospel reading,, introduced with this greeting:

President *The Lord be with you*

All and also with you.

President *Here the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N.*

All Glory to you, O Lord.

And at the end of the Gospel:

President *This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon and reflection

The Creed

Please stand.

President *Let us declare our faith in God.*

**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

Please sit or kneel for our time of prayer. In words and silence, our Intercessor Lord of compassion,

All **in your mercy hear us.**

We share prayers requested by people this morning, and the time of prayer ends with these words:

Int Merciful Father,

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

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

The Peace

We welcome the children back from Little Fishes Sunday School.

Please stand as we share together in Christ's peace.

President Blessed are the peacemakers:
 they shall be called children of God.
 We meet in the name of Christ and share his peace.

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

President Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Everyone is invited to exchange a sign of peace, with the words:

“Peace be with you.”

HYMN

During our hymn, the gifts of the people are presented, the table is prepared as bread and wine are placed upon it.

The Eucharistic Prayer

We remain standing for the Eucharistic Prayer.

President The Lord is here.

All His Spirit is with us.

President Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

President Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

President It is indeed right and good
to give you thanks and praise,
almighty God and everlasting Father,
through Jesus Christ your Son.
For in these forty days
you lead us into the desert of repentance
that through a pilgrimage of prayer and discipline
we may grow in grace
and learn to be your people once again.
Through fasting, prayer and acts of service
you bring us back to your generous heart.
Through study of your holy word
you open our eyes to your presence in the world
and free our hands to welcome others
into the radiant splendour of your love.
As we prepare to celebrate the Easter feast
with joyful hearts and minds
we bless you for your mercy
and join with saints and angels
for ever praising you and *singing [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.**

President We thank you, loving Father, because, when we turned away, you sent Jesus, your Son. He gave his life for us on the cross and shows us the way to live.

Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

On the night before he died, when darkness had fallen, Jesus took bread. He gave thanks, broke it, and shared it with his disciples, saying: 'This is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me.'

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying: 'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins.'

So Father, with this bread and this cup we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life. As you feed us with these gifts, send your Holy Spirit, and change us more and more to be like Jesus our Saviour.

Help us, Father, to love one another, as we look forward to that day when suffering is ended, and all creation is gathered in your loving arms. And now with The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mary Magdalen and all your saints we give you glory, through Jesus Christ, in the strength of the Spirit, today and for ever.

All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Please sit or kneel.

President Trusting in God's compassion, as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**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.**

Breaking of the Bread

President 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 the one bread.**

Agnus Dei

**All sing Jesus, Lamb of God,
have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins,
have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world,
grant us your peace.**

Giving of Communion

President 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.

We extend an open invitation to share in receiving the bread and wine at Holy Communion, if this is your usual practice; or please come forward to receive a blessing. During the sharing of communion you are invited to join in with the Communion hymn.

Prayers after Communion

We remain sitting or kneeling. The President invites us to pray in silence with the words, "Let us pray", and then says the prayer after communion given for this day. We all respond "Amen".

**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 President reads Banns and gives out the notices for the week.

Please stand.

THE CONCLUSION

We remain standing for the conclusion of our time of worship.

President The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

President Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,
to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him;
and † the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always

All Amen.

President Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

The ministers depart.

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