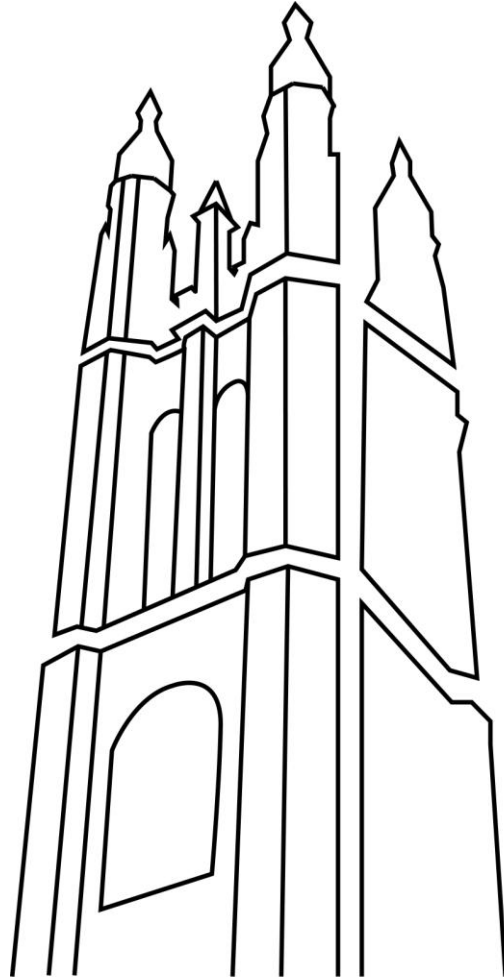


St Michael's Cornhill



The Holy Eucharist
11am Sunday morning

Welcome to St Michael's Cornhill

St. Michael's occupies one of the most sacred sites in the City of London going back at least to Roman times. During the Roman occupation, one of two foras of the city of Londinium had its site on the high ground of Cornhill. Indeed on this site was the Basilica which had a crucial role within the Roman republic which from the beginning had religious resonances. There appears to have been a temple here later during the Roman occupation. St. Michael's, then, is one of, if not the oldest religious focus in what is now the business capital of the world. There was a Christian church here from earliest times.

Even in the Pax Romana, worship of the Emperor had a religious connotation - the state was never entirely secular in its self-understanding. When London was destroyed in the Great Fire in 1665, St. Michael's was rebuilt largely in the shape we now see it. It was a product of the Restoration under Charles II when once again the Church and State were working out a new relationship. Only three years earlier, the Book of Common Prayer, still perhaps the key document in the tradition developed by the Church of England, had been published very much as we still know it now. Its roots lay in the mediaeval church of Western Europe revised in the light of the Reformation - so here was another development of the Tradition - a Church which was Catholic but Reformed. So, by the mid seventeenth century a 'tradition' already was well established.

The Book of Common Prayer alongside other formularies has been the living tradition of the Church of England ever since, and indeed of the Anglican Communion worldwide as it grew. For Anglicanism has no separate core of belief, no code of dogma, no confession up to which one has to sign. Instead our belief is shaped by our prayer and worship. The rule of prayer is also the rule of belief, to translate an old Latin phrase. So, the Book of Common Prayer is cherished here and one can worship using its words and even the music developed for use with it. We celebrate here the incarnation of God within our world in Jesus Christ. We do so with the richest tradition of music and a programme of organ recitals which is the longest of its sort anywhere in our world. London is a world city and the worship of God in Christ is a world faith vital for the prospering of our humanity and civilisation.

Within this booklet we hope you have all you need to find your way through today's service. Hymn numbers are on the board at the front of the church. The congregation is invited to join in with those sections which are in bold type. On the right hand page is the order of service itself and on the left we have included both devotional material to assist you in the worship and also some reflections and commentary.

The Liturgy of the Word

The Gathering

At the entry of the choir and ministers, we stand, and a hymn is sung

The president says

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

All **Amen.**

The Greeting

The president greets the people saying

The Lord be with you

All **and with thy spirit.**

From Easter Day to Pentecost this acclamation follows

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The president introduces the service

Prayer of Preparation

This prayer may be said

All **Almighty God,
unto whom all hearts be open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hid:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love thee,
and worthily magnify thy holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Prayers of Penitence

President Ye that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, meekly kneeling upon your knees.

All **Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: we acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed, by thought, word and deed, against thy divine majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us; the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honour and glory of thy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The priest pronounces absolution

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him: have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Kyrie Eleison may be sung

Kyrie Eleison
Christe Eleison
Kyrie Eleison

Lord, have mercy upon us
Christ, have mercy upon us
Lord, Have mercy upon us

Gloria in Excelsis

Gloria in excelsis may be sung

**Glory be to God on high,
and in earth peace, good will towards men.**

**We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee, we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King,
God the Father almighty.**

**O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ:
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.**

**Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.**

**Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.**

**For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ,
with the Holy Ghost,
art the Most High,
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, and all respond

All **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

Readings

Two readings from Scripture precede the Gospel reading.

At the end of each the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

The psalm, canticle or hymn may follow the first reading;

Gospel Reading

An alleluia or acclamation may herald the Gospel reading.

When the Gospel is announced, the reader says

The Lord be with you

All **and with thy spirit.**

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

All **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

Sermon

The Creed

On Sundays and Principal Holy Days the Nicene Creed is used

All I believe in one God the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things
visible and invisible:

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;

who for us men and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man,
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried,
and the third day he rose again
according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father.
And he shall come again with glory
to judge both the quick and the dead:
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together
is worshipped and glorified, who spake by the prophets.
And I believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins.
And I look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Prayers of Intercession are made and these responses may be used

Lord, in thy mercy
hear our prayer.

(or)

Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.

And at the end

Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers for the sake of thy Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Here may be said the Prayer for the Queen

Almighty God, whose kingdom is everlasting, and power infinite:
Have mercy upon the whole Church; and so rule the heart of thy chosen
servant ELIZABETH, our Queen and Governor, that she (knowing
whose minister she is) may above all things seek thy honour and glory:
and that we and all her subjects (duly considering whose authority she
hath) may faithfully serve, honour and humbly obey her, in thee, and for
thee, according to thy blessed Word and ordinance; through Jesus Christ
our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth,
ever one God, world without end. 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 with thy spirit.**

Preparation of the Table Taking of the Bread and Wine

*A hymn is sung as the gifts of the people are gathered and presented.
The altar is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.*

Prayers at the preparation of the table may be said.

Blessed art thou Lord God of all creation:
Through thy goodness we have this bread to set before thee,
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 art thou Lord God of all creation:
Through thy goodness we have this wine to set before thee,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.

It will become for us the Cup of Salvation.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you
All **and with thy spirit.**

Lift up your hearts.
All **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.
All **It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right and our bounden duty,
that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto thee,
O Lord, holy Father,
almighty, everlasting God,
through Jesus Christ thine only Son our Lord.

Short or Longer Proper Preface, when appropriate

[or, when there is no Proper Preface

For he is the great high priest,
who has loosed us from our sins
and has made us to be a royal priesthood unto thee,
our God and Father.]

Therefore with our Blessed Lady, St Michael (...) and all the saints, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name, evermore praising thee and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

All glory be to thee,
almighty God, our heavenly Father,
who, of thy tender mercy,
didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ
to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption;
who made there,
by his one oblation of himself once offered,
a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction
for the sins of the whole world;
and did institute,
and in his holy gospel command us to continue,
a perpetual memory of that his precious death,
until his coming again.

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee,
and grant that, by the power of thy Holy Spirit,
we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine,
according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution,
in remembrance of his death and passion,
may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood;
who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread;
and when he had given thanks to thee,
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.

The Eucharistic Prayer

Likewise after supper he took the cup;
and when he had given thanks to thee, he gave it to them, saying:
Drink ye all of this;
for this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father,
we thy humble servants,
having in remembrance
the precious death and passion of thy dear Son,
his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
entirely desire thy fatherly goodness
mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving;
most humbly beseeching thee to grant that
by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ,
and through faith in his blood,
we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins,
and all other benefits of his passion.
And although we be unworthy, through our manifold sins,
to offer unto thee any sacrifice,
yet we beseech thee
to accept this our bounden duty and service,
not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences;
and to grant that all we, who are partakers of this holy
communion,
may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be unto thee,
O Father almighty,
world without end.

All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

All **Our Father, which 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 them that 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

Agnus Dei may be sung as the bread is broken

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.

Giving of Communion

The president says one of these invitations to communion

Behold the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.
**Lord, I am not worthy
that thou shouldest come under my roof,
but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.**

or, from Easter Day to Pentecost

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

This prayer may be said before the distribution

**We do not presume
to come to this thy table, O merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in thy manifold and great mercies.
We are not worthy
so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy table.
But thou art the same Lord
whose nature is always to have mercy.
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ
and to drink his blood,
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body
and our souls washed through his most precious blood,
and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us.
Amen.**

The president and people receive communion.

During the distribution hymns and anthems may be sung.

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.

The Seasonal Post Communion, or another suitable prayer is said.

The Dismissal

A hymn is sung.

The president may use this or another suitable blessing

The peace of God,
which passeth 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 Ghost,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

The priest shall say or sing and the choir will respond

The Lord be with you
And with thy spirit.

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

An organ voluntary is played and the ministers and people depart. Some members of the congregation may wish to sit in silence to listen to the entire organ voluntary and we would ask all members of the congregation to be sensitive to this. However if they wish to come for refreshments before the end of the voluntary they are also welcome to do so

**At the end of the service on Sundays,
please stay for wine or soft drinks
at the back of the church
all are welcome.**



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