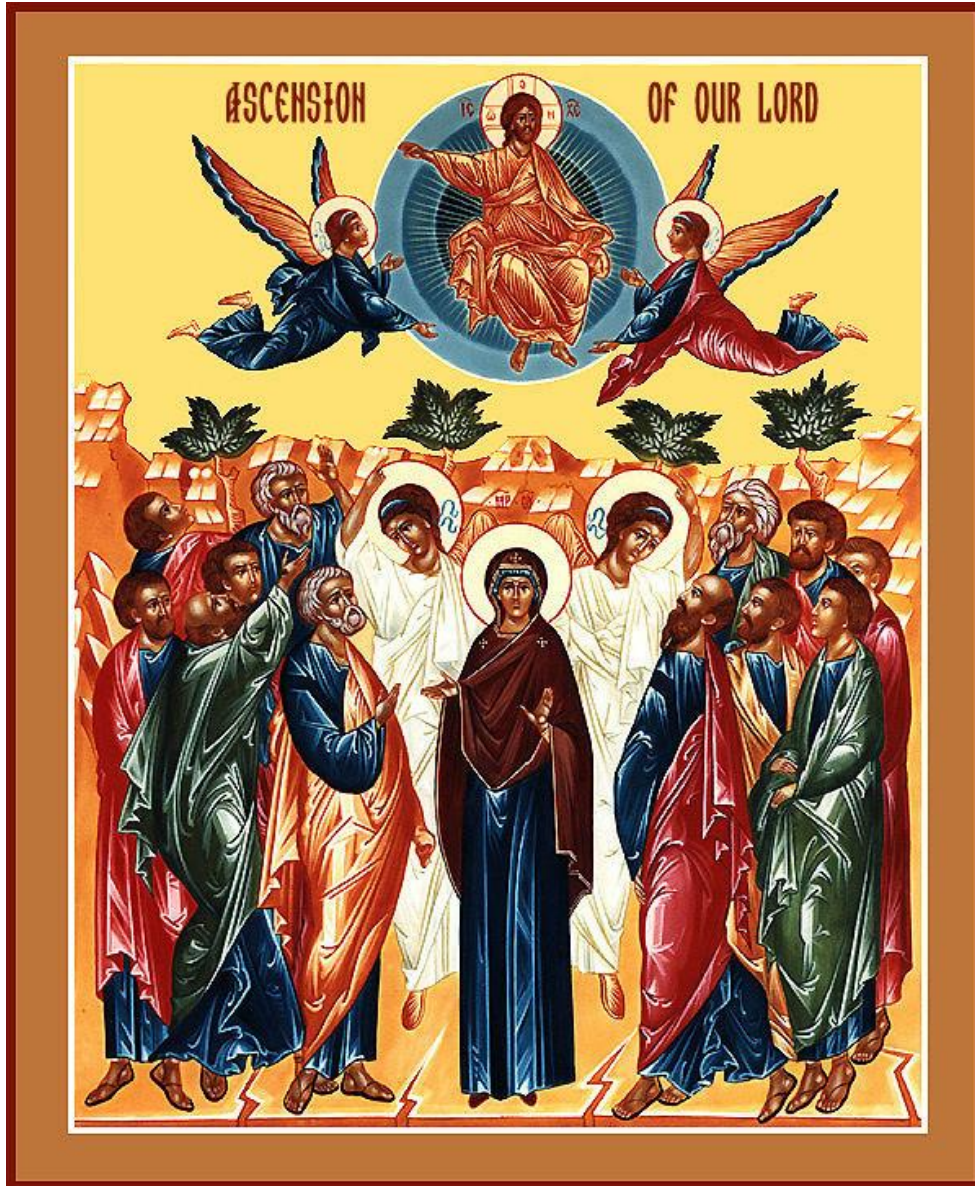


# The Eucharist

## Ascension Day



Selwyn College Chapel, Cambridge



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# THE GATHERING

*Please stand as the ministers enter the chapel.*

## GREETING

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

**All Amen.**

President Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**All He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

## PRAYER OF PREPARATION

**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

Seeing we have a great high priest who has passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us draw near with a true heart, in full assurance of faith, and make our confession to our heavenly Father.

*You may wish to sit or kneel.*

**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 Priest says the Absolution:*

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.**

*Please stand.*

## GLORIA

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, Jesu  
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

Gloria in excelsis Deo  
et in terra pax  
hominibus bonae voluntatis.  
Laudamus te, benedicimus te,  
adoramus te, glorificamus te,  
gratias agimus tibi  
propter magnam gloriam tuam,  
Domine Deus, Rex caelestis,  
Deus Pater omnipotens.  
Domine Fili Unigenite, Jesu Christe,  
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei,  
Filius Patris,  
qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis;  
qui tollis peccata mundi,  
suscipe deprecationem nostram.  
Qui sedes  
ad dexteram Patris,  
miserere nobis.  
Quoniam tu solus Sanctus,  
tu solus Dominus,  
tu solus Altissimus, Iesu Christe,  
cum Sancto Spiritu:  
in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

## COLLECT

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that as we believe your only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into the heavens, so we in heart and mind may also ascend and with him continually dwell; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**All            Amen.**

*Please sit.*

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## FIRST LESSON

*At the end of the Lesson:*

Reader This is the Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

## THE GOSPEL

1. CANTOR

2. FULL



CANTOR

FULL



Go and make disciples of all nations says the Lord. Remember I am with you always to the end of the age.

REPEAT ALLELUIA FULL

*Before the Gospel:*

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

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*After the Gospel:*

Reader This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please face East.*

## 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;  
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.

*Please sit or kneel.*

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*After each petition one of the following responses will be used:*

Lord, hear us.

*(or)*

Lord, in your mercy

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

**Hear our prayer.**

*At the end:*

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

# THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

*Please stand.*

## THE PEACE

President Jesus says: 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. If you love me, rejoice because I am going to the Father'. Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**All**        **And also with you.**

*A minister invites the congregation to share a sign of Christ's peace.*

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*The text of the anthem is printed in the Chapel Notices. During the singing of the anthem, the altar is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it. The President takes the bread and wine with these words:*

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation: through your goodness we have this bread to offer, 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 offer, 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 PREFACE *(music overleaf)*

President The Lord be with you:

**All**        **And also with you.**

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.**

PRIEST PEOPLE

The Lord be with you: and also with you.

PRIEST PEOPLE

Lift up your hearts: we lift them to the Lord.

PRIEST PEOPLE

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God: it is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and good,  
our duty and our joy,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,  
through Jesus Christ the King of glory.  
Born of a woman,  
he came to the rescue of our human race.  
Dying for us, he trampled death and conquered sin.  
By the glory of his resurrection  
he opened the way to life eternal  
and by his ascension,  
gave us the sure hope  
that where he is we may also be.  
Therefore the universe resounds with Easter joy  
and with choirs of angels we sing for ever to your praise:

## **SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS**

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.

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus  
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.  
Pleni sunt cæli et terra gloria tua:  
Hosanna in excelsis.

Benedictus,  
qui venit in nomine Domini:  
Hosanna in excelsis.



## PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

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.

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;  
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.

In joyful confidence we proclaim:

**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.

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.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

President    Rejoicing in God's new creation let us pray as our Redeemer has  
                  taught us.

**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.**

## **THE FRACTION**

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 one bread.**

## **THE GIVING OF COMMUNION**

President    Alleluia! Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

**All      Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

## PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

*One of the following prayers may be said:*

**We do not presume to come to this your table, O 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 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.**

*(or)*

**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.**

*The president and the people receive Holy Communion. To the words of distribution, the communicant replies **Amen.***

*All Christians who have been baptized in the name of the Trinity, and who normally receive Holy Communion in their own Church, may receive the Sacrament.*

*All are welcome to come to the front to receive a blessing. Please bring this service sheet with you to indicate your intention.*

*During Communion, the Choir sings the *Agnus Dei*:*

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

Agnus Dei,  
qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis.

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

Agnus Dei  
qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis.

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

Agnus Dei,  
qui tollis peccata mundi,  
dona nobis pacem.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*The president says the Post Communion prayer, after which one of the following prayers is said:*

**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.**

*(or)*

**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.**

*Please stand.*

## HYMN

## THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

*The president gives the blessing in these words:*

**Christ our ascended King pour upon you the abundance of his gifts and bring you to reign with him 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.**

*A minister dismisses the people:*

**Minister** Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

**All** Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

## ORGAN VOLUNTARY

*Those who leave the Chapel before the end of the Voluntary are asked to do so quietly.*