

An Order for Kingdom Season Communion

17 August 2025

Welcome & candle lighting

Hymn: In Christ there is no east nor west

Confession, from the Coventry liturgy of Reconciliation

Leader All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God

The hatred which divides nation from nation, race from race, class from class

All ***Father, forgive***

The covetous desires of people and nations to possess what is not their own

All ***Father, forgive***

The greed which exploits the work of human hands and lays waste the earth

All ***Father, forgive***

Our envy of the welfare and happiness of others

All ***Father, forgive***

Our indifference to the plight of the imprisoned, the homeless

And the refugee

All ***Father, forgive***

The lust which dishonours the bodies of men, women and children

All ***Father, forgive***

The pride which leads us to trust in ourselves and not in God

All ***Be kind to one another, tender hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.***

Reassurance of forgiveness

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies. Cleanse us from our sins and restore us in your image
To the praise and glory of your name. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's 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.

Reading: Isaiah 5. 1-7

Hymn: Be Thou my vision

Reading: Luke 12. 49-56

Talk

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.

Our prayers of Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray.

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 us 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.

The Peace, from the Letter of James.

A harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

Let us share a sign of Christ's Peace with one another.

EW Music

Hymn: May the mind of Christ my Saviour

Preachers - no text

Dedication of collection

Lord God, we bring you the ordinary things of life -food and drink and money -and with them we bring ourselves. Take us, and our gifts of money, to do your work in the world. Take this food and drink from our tables and feed us from your table with your love. Accept the praise we offer, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Celebration of Communion

As we gather at this table, we remember that Jesus was born of Mary; he lived our common life on earth; he suffered and died for us; on the third day God raised him from the dead; and he is always present with us through the Holy Spirit. In his presence, and in the company of all the people of God, past, present, and to come, we celebrate the Supper of the Lord.

We hear the narrative of the Institution of the Lord's Supper as it is recorded by St Paul in I Corinthians Chapter 11

For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, 'This is my

body which is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me'. In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me'. For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Our prayer of blessing, sharing and thanksgiving

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give thanks to you, O God, that from the earth you cause the grain to come for the making of bread. We praise you for Christ, the bread of life, whose body was given for us. By your Holy Spirit sanctify us and this loaf, that the bread which we break may be to us the communion of the body of Christ, and that we may be made one in him. As of old you fed your people in the wilderness, so feed us now that we may live to your praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The minister breaks the bread and blesses the wine saying:

When Jesus had given thanks, he broke the bread and said: 'Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' We give thanks to you, O God, that you cause the vine to yield fruit. We bless you for Christ, the true vine, whose blood was poured out for us. By your Holy Spirit sanctify us and this wine, that the cup which we bless may be to us the communion of the blood of Christ, and that through abiding in him we may bear fruit that shall last.

As we share the sufferings of Christ, so give us grace that we may know the power of his resurrection, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The distribution takes place

We share the bread and wine.

Hymn during Communion: There is a Redeemer

Thanksgiving Prayer

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things. May the ears that have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute. May the eyes that have seen your great love shine with the light of hope. May the tongues that have sung your praise also speak the truth. May the feet that have walked in your house ever walk in the light. May the bodies that have tasted your living body be restored to newness of life. Thanks be to God for his gift beyond words. Amen.

[Notices]

Hymn: The head that once was crowned with thorns

*May the peace of the Lord Christ to go with you,
wherever he may send you.
May he guide you through the wilderness,
protect you through the storm.
May he bring you home rejoicing
at the wonders he has shown you.
May he bring you home rejoicing
once again into our doors.*

Amen

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: In the name of Christ. Amen