

Bournemouth
Town Centre Parish



**Order of Service for
the Eucharist
on Ascension Day**

Welcome

The priest will welcome everyone.

The first hymn is sung.

Greeting

The priest and people greet each other.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Christ has ascended on high.

All He reigns for ever. Alleluia!

Prayer of Preparation

Faithful one, whose word is life:
come with
saving power to
lift our voices,
inspire our
prayer, and
shape our lives
for the kingdom
of your Son,

Jesus Christ our
Lord.

All 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:

All O King enthroned on
high,
filling the earth with
your glory:
holy is your name, Lord God
almighty.
In our sinfulness we cry to you to take our
guilt away,
and to cleanse our lips to speak
your word, through Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen.

The choir sings

Kyrie, eleison.

(or)

Lord, have mercy.

**Christe, eleison.
Kyrie, eleison.**

**Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.**

Words of 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.

Gloria in excelsis

The congregation sings

All Glory to God in the highest,

**and 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.**

**The priest introduces a period of silent prayer
with the words 'Let us pray' or a more specific
bidding.**

The Collect

**The Collect is a prayer which collects together
our thoughts and prayers around the focus of
the day.**

**O God the King of glory, you have exalted your
only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to**

your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

Readings

Two readings from Scripture precede the Gospel reading. At the end of each the reader says

This is the word of the Lord.

All. Thanks be to God.

The Gospel hymn is sung.

Gospel Reading

An Ascension-tide acclamation heralds the Gospel reading.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Go and make disciples of all nations, says the Lord.

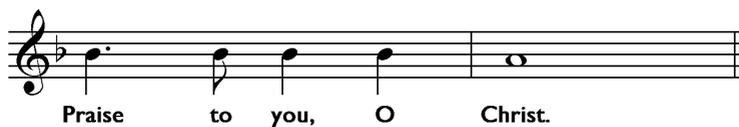
Remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according
to *N.*
All Glory to you, O Lord.



At the end of the Gospel the reader says

This is the Gospel of
the Lord. **All** Praise to
you, O Christ.



The Sermon

The Creed

**Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess the
faith of the Church.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

All I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

All I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius
Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into
heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he
will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

All I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy
catholic Church, the communion of
saints, the forgiveness of sins, the
resurrection of the body, and the life
everlasting.
Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

These responses may be used

Lord, in
your mercy
All Hear our
prayer.
(or)

Lord, hear us.
All Lord, graciously hear us.

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

The Peace

The risen Lord now reigns at
God's right hand. He is the Prince
of Peace.

The peace of the risen Lord be always
with you.

All And also with you.
Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

The offertory hymn is sung.

Please give generously to help us serve our local community.

Prayers at the Preparation of the Table

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, King of the universe. 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, King of the universe. Through your goodness we have this wine to set before you, fruit of the vine, and the 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 also with you.



The_ Lord be_ with_ you. And_ al- so with you.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.



Lift_ up your hearts. We lift them to_ the Lord_

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.



Let us give thanks to the Lord_ our God.



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. He died for

us on the cross, and His Resurrection gives hope and healing to the whole cosmos.

And now he rules in heaven, mighty risen Lord, his hair as white as snow, his eyes like fire, his feet like polished brass, his hands full of stars, his face bright as the noonday sun, his voice like a roaring waterfall:

‘I am the living one!

I was dead but now I am alive for ever and ever’.

So, with all the angels and archangels, and in all the company of heaven, we praise you for ever, singing:

The choir sings

**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

who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness; grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

All Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption. As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of St Peter, St Stephen, St Augustin and all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever, 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 yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

All Amen

The Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing that Jesus, our crucified and risen Lord, reigns now, in the meekness of his majesty, as Christ the King, let us pray with confidence as He 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.

Breaking of the Bread

**The priest breaks the consecrated bread,
and says**

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 choir sings the Agnus Dei

O Lamb of God (or)
that takes away the sin of the
world,
have mercy on us.

Agnus Dei
qui tollis peccata
mundi,
miserere nobis.

O Lamb of God
that takes away the sin of the
world,
have mercy on us.

Agnus Dei
qui tollis peccata
mundi,
miserere nobis.

O Lamb of God
that takes away the sin of the
world,
grant us peace.

Agnus Dei
qui tollis peccata
mundi,
dona nobis pacem.

The priest invites everyone to communion

Alleluia! God is gone up with a merry noise!
Alleluia!

All And the Lord with the sound of the trumpet.
Alleluia!

Giving of Communion

If you usually receive communion in your own Church you are welcome to do so here.

If you do not, or do not wish to, please, feel welcome to come to the altar rail for a blessing, holding a service book. All are welcome at God's table. Feel free to make a spiritual communion if you are with us worshipping online.

The choir sings an anthem or motet. The communion hymn is sung.

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept

**God of Life,
who for our redemption gave your
only-begotten Son to the death of
the cross, and by his glorious
resurrection have delivered us from
the power of our enemy:
grant us so to die daily
to sin, that we may
evermore live with him**

in the joy of his risen
and ascended life;
through Jesus Christ our
Lord.

All Amen.

The Blessing

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, the Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be upon you, and remain with you, this Ascension-tide, and always

All Amen.

The final hymn is sung.

Banns of marriage are published and notices are given out.

The Dismissal

The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Go in peace, to love and serve the
Lord. Alleluia!

All In the name of Christ, Amen.

Alleluia!

The service concludes with the organ voluntary.

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The Gospel Reading for Ascension Day

Luke 24: 44-53

Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you - that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.”

Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

The New Testament Reading for Ascension Day

Acts 1: 1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. “This,” he said, “is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

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