



St Edmund the King Northwood Hills Parish Eucharist for the Feast of the Ascension

The Order of Eucharist

Please stand when the bell is rung

Introductory Rite

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

Amen

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

And also with you

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia

Penitential Rite

*The priest invites the people to confess their sins
After a brief silence all say:*

**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**

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

The priest tells us we are forgiven and all respond
Amen

The Gloria

**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 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 for ever.

Amen

Liturgy of the Word

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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 over the course of 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 towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards 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.'

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 47

A Reading from St Paul's letter to the Ephesians

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised

him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all. This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Alleluia Alleluia

A suitable sentence is read and all respond

Alleluia

Gospel Reading

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.

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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The 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.

(All bow)

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

Intercessions

One of the following responses is used

**Lord hear us Lord graciously hear us
or Lord in your mercy Hear our prayer**

At the end of the prayers the priest concludes

Merciful Father

**Accept these prayers for the sake of
your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.**

Amen

Liturgy of the Eucharist

The Peace

The priest introduces the peace

**The peace of the Lord be always with
you**

And also with you

Preparation of The Gifts

**Pray my brothers and sisters that this my
sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to
God the Almighty Father**

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your
hands for the praise and Glory of his name,
for our good and the good of all his Church**

*The priest says the Prayer over the gifts after
which all reply* **Amen**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you

and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

*The priest praises God for his mighty acts and all
respond*

**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**

The priest recalls the Last Supper

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again

The Prayer continues and leads into the doxology, to which all respond boldly **Amen.**

As our Saviour has taught us so we pray
**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.
We break this bread to share in the body
of Christ.
**Though we are many we are one body
because we all share in one bread**

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

This is 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 to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be
healed.**

Giving of Communion

Communion is given in one kind only
The Body of Christ **Amen**

Prayer after Communion

God our Father,
you have raised our humanity in Christ
and have fed us with the bread of heaven:
mercifully grant that, nourished with such
spiritual blessings, we may set our hearts
in the heavenly places;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

**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.**

Notices

Parish Prayer

**O eternal Father, help us to build up the
Church in this parish to the glory of your
name, in honour of St Edmund, and for
the hope and inspiration of all your
people, through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Amen**

Blessing

The Lord be with you
And also with you

The blessing may vary....
.....and the blessing of God Almighty,
the + Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia Alleluia
Thanks be to God Alleluia Alleluia

**Please take this booklet home
with you. Do not leave it in
church.
Thank you**