

## The Dismissal

*The president gives the blessing using a seasonally appropriate text.*

✠ ... and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

*The deacon sings*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*or, from Easter Day to Pentecost*

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

*A HYMN is sung, and the ministers and people depart.*

*The organ music played after the service is offered as part of our worship.  
Please use it respectfully as a time of reflection after the Eucharist.*

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## Welcome to the Abbey Church of St Mary the Virgin, Tewkesbury

In this service, we remember the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ - and the giving of himself to us today under the forms of bread and wine, which become for us his body and blood.

Here in Tewkesbury Abbey we are proud of our inclusive, Anglo-Catholic heritage. Anglo-Catholics emphasize a deeply reverential style of worship. We use gesture and embodied prayer (genuflection, bowing, crossing oneself) with the engagement of the senses (incense, holy water, bells, vestments) to help us enter into worship.

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. However, if you wish to receive a blessing, you are most welcome to come to the altar rail at this time.

### Making the sign of the cross

Making the sign of a cross is a humble, silent prayer used to remind us of Christ's sacrifice and the cross we are called to bear. In this service there are many places where you may see people cross themselves. To help you, we have annotated the service with a ✠ where this usually happens.

Here's how many people cross themselves:

Touch the fingertips of your right hand to your forehead. Say "In the name of the Father..."

Touch your sternum. Say "and the Son..."

Touch the front side of your left shoulder. Say "And the Holy..."

Touch your right shoulder in roughly the same location. Say "Spirit."

Return your hand to your heart, and say "Amen."

### Genuflecting and Bowing

To genuflect is to 'bow the knee' (Phil.2.10); to go down on one knee. It is the most profound and solemn form of bowing. The next most solemn form of bow is a profound bow from the waist. Finally there is the simplest form in which the head alone is inclined slightly forward and down. If you wish to follow this tradition, take your lead from the sacred ministers and members of the congregation around you.

## The Gathering

*The people stand to sing a **HYMN** at the entry of the choir and ministers.*

✠ In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

## The Greeting

Grace, mercy and peace  
from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ  
be with you  
**and with thy spirit.**

*From Easter Day to Pentecost this acclamation follows*

Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

## Prayer of Preparation

**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.**

*During the distribution, the **Agnus Dei** may be sung*

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,**  
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,  
**have mercy upon us.**  
miserere nobis.

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Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,  
**have mercy upon us.**  
miserere nobis.

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,**  
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,  
**grant us thy peace.**  
dona nobis pacem.

*After receiving Communion, all remain kneeling or seated.*

*An **Anthem** may be sung by the choir.*

## Prayer after Communion

*Silence is kept.*

Let us pray.

*The people stand.*

*The president says a Post Communion prayer, and the people respond*

**Amen.**

*All remain standing and pray together*

**Almighty God,**  
we thank thee for feeding us  
with the body and blood of thy Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer thee our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.  
**Send us out**  
in the power of thy Spirit  
to live and work  
to thy praise and glory.  
**Amen.**

## Giving of Communion

Draw near with faith.  
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ  
which he gave for you,  
and his blood which he shed for you.  
Eat and drink  
in remembrance that he died for you,  
and feed on him in your hearts  
by faith with thanksgiving.

*or*

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

*or*

God's holy gifts  
for God's holy people.  
**Jesus Christ is holy,  
Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.**

*or, from Easter Day to Pentecost*

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

*All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. However, if you wish to receive only a blessing, please keep your hands by your side to indicate that you are not receiving the sacrament.*

*The bread and cup are delivered to each communicant with the words*

✠ The body of Christ.

✠ The blood of Christ.

*The communicant replies **Amen** each time and then receives.*

## Prayers of Penitence

*The people remain standing, as the president introduces a period of silence in which all call to mind their sins.*

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against thee  
and against our neighbour,  
in thought and word and deed,  
through negligence, through weakness  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We are heartily sorry  
and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,  
who died for us,  
forgive us all that is past,  
and grant that we may serve thee in newness of life  
to the glory of thy name.  
Amen.**

*The Kyrie eleison is sung*

<b>Kyrie eleison.</b>	<b>Lord, have mercy.</b>
<b>Christe eleison.</b>	<b>Christ, have mercy.</b>
<b>Kyrie eleison.</b>	<b>Lord, have mercy.</b>

*The president says*

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.  
**Amen.**

## Gloria in Excelsis

**Glory be to God on high,**

Gloria in excelsis Deo

**and in earth peace, good will towards men.**

et in terra pax hominibus bonæ voluntatis.

**We praise thee, we bless thee,**

Laudamus te, benedicimus te,

**we worship thee, we glorify thee,**

adoramus te, glorificamus te,

**we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,**

gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam,

**O Lord God, heavenly King,**

Domine Deus, Rex cælestis,

**God the Father almighty.**

Deus Pater omnipotens.

**O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ:**

Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe:

**O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,**

Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris,

**that takest away the sins of the world,**

qui tollis peccata mundi,

**have mercy upon us.**

miserere nobis.

**Thou that takest away the sins of the world,**

Qui tollis peccata mundi,

**receive our prayer.**

suscipe deprecationem nostram.

**Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,**

Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,

**have mercy upon us.**

miserere nobis.

**For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord;**

Quoniam tu solus Sanctus, tu solus Dominus;

**thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,**

**art the Most High,**

tu solus Altissimus, Jesu Christe, cum Sancto Spiritu,

**† in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

## The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**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 president 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.**

*The **Agnus Dei** may be sung here or during the giving of Communion.*

Wherefore, O Lord and 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 his kingdom  
and with this bread and this cup  
we make the memorial of Christ thy Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith:  
**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 thy divine majesty,  
renew us by thy Holy Spirit,  
inspire us with thy love,  
and unite us in the body of thy Son,  
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.  
**Amen.**

*At the elevation ✙.*

*Silence is kept.*

## The Collect

*The people remain standing as the president introduces a period of silent prayer with the words 'Let us pray'.*

*The Collect is sung, and all respond*

**Amen.**

## The Liturgy of the Word

*All sit and listen to readings from Scripture.*

### First Reading

*At the end the reader says*

This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*All remain seated during the singing of the **Psalm**.*

### Second Reading

*At the end the subdeacon says*

This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*All stand to sing a **HYMN** as the Book of the Gospels is carried by the deacon to a place in the midst of the congregation.*

*All turn as the deacon moves to the centre of the Nave.*

## Gospel Acclamation

*All repeat the Alleluia after the choir.*

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.  
**Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

*A sentence is sung, and all respond*

**Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

## Gospel Reading

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

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

**✠ Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

*When the gospel is announced, each person makes a small sign of the Cross on their forehead, lips and chest.*

*At the end*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

## Sermon

*All sit for the Sermon, after which a period of silence is kept.*

*All stand for the Nicene Creed.*

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,**  
Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth,  
**heaven and earth are full of thy glory.**

Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua.

**Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.**

Hosanna in excelsis.

**Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.**

Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Hosanna in excelsis.

*All sit or kneel.*

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,  
through thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
and as we follow his example and obey his command,

**✠** grant that by the power of thy Holy Spirit  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be unto us his body and his 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.

*At the elevation ✠.*

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.

*At the elevation ✠.*

## The Eucharistic Prayer

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

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

Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.  
**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.

*The following may be omitted if a Proper Preface is used.*

For he is thy living Word;  
through him thou hast created all things from the beginning,  
and fashioned us in thine own image.

Through him thou didst redeem us from the slavery of sin,  
giving him to be born of a woman,  
to die upon the cross,  
and to rise again for us.

Through him thou hast made us a people for thine own possession,  
exalting him to thy right hand on high,  
and sending forth through him thy holy and life-giving Spirit.

*A Proper Preface may be used.*

Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we laud and magnify thy glorious name,  
evermore praising thee and singing:

## The Creed

**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

*The president introduces the intercessions.  
The people sit or kneel as prayers are offered.*

*After each petition, all respond*

Lord, in thy mercy      *or*      Lord, hear us.  
**hear our prayer.**                      **Lord, graciously hear us.**

*After prayer for the departed*

✠ Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord.  
**And let light perpetual shine upon them.**

*After commemoration of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

**Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.  
Blessed art thou among women,  
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,  
now, and at the hour of our death.**

*or, from Easter Day to Pentecost, the **Regina Coeli** is sung*

**Joy to thee, O Queen of heaven, alleluia.  
He whom thou wast meet to bear, alleluia.  
As he promised hath arisen, alleluia.  
Pour for us to God thy prayer, alleluia.**

Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.  
**For the Lord is risen indeed, alleluia.**

*After the last petition, silence may be kept for personal prayer.*

*The president draws the intercessions together with a final prayer, and all respond*

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

## The Liturgy of the Sacrament

### The Peace

*All stand as the president introduces the Peace, and says*

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and with thy spirit.**

*The deacon invites the people to share a sign of peace with one another.*

### Preparation of the Table Taking of the Bread and Wine

*A **HYMN** is sung while the gifts of bread and wine are brought to the altar.  
A collection is taken and presented.*

*The gifts are censed by the president, as is the altar on which they are offered.  
Those who are taking part in the Eucharist are also censed - ministers, choir and  
congregation. All bow to the thurifer before and after the censing.*

*The following Prayer of Preparation or an alternative seasonal text is used.*

Be present, be present,  
Lord Jesus Christ,  
our risen high priest;  
make thyself known in the breaking of bread.  
**Amen.**