

Sunday Morning Service



*Sunday worship is at the heart of our church life.
Recognizing the many different needs of both individuals and communities,
we try to provide a variety of styles of worship
ranging from traditional Prayer Book services to the totally informal.*

*This service tries to be both informal and devotional,
with traditional elements, combined with opportunities for real spontaneity.*

We say together the words printed in bold.

*Throughout the service, please feel free to sit, stand or kneel
as you are able.*

Welcome and Notices

Introduction

In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit

Amen.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us

The presiding minister introduces the service

Jesus Christ, whom we worship, is our crucified, risen and ascended Lord and we have walked with Him through His journey of love. We have faced the agony of His suffering and death on across. We have rejoiced at His bursting free from the bonds of death. We have enjoyed His risen presence with us and His revelation of Himself through the breaking of bread. We have seen His return to the throne before which every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that this Jesus is Lord. And now, with the followers of His own time, we await the coming of the promised Holy Spirit, His gift to his people, through whom we make Christ known to the world.

As we wait in silence,
fill us with Your Spirit.

As we listen to Your word,
fill us with Your Spirit.

As we worship You in majesty,
fill us with Your Spirit.

As we long for Your refreshing,
fill us with Your Spirit.

As we long for Your renewing,
fill us with Your Spirit.

As we long for Your equipping,
fill us with Your Spirit.

As we long for Your empowering,
fill us with Your Spirit.

Silence is kept

Praise

**Glory in all my seeing
Glory in all my being
Glory in all my speaking
Glory in all my seeking**

**Glory in all my hearing
Glory in every appearing
Glory in all my feeling
Glory in God's revealing
Glory of the Mighty Three
Glory entwining round me
Glory in the opening day
Glory in the rocky way
Glory in the morning light
Glory in the darkest night
Glory there for beholding
Glory ever me enfolding,
Glory of God, hand above
Glory of Christ, heart of love
Glory of the Holy Spirit, covering dove.**

Confession

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'

Silence is kept

**Lord, you know us better than we know ourselves.
As we come before you now,
believers and doubters alike, we all share a deep need,
for we are all lost without your grace.**

**Search us O God, and know our hearts,
test us and know our troubled thoughts.
Give us true repentance.**

**Forgive us all our wrongs.
Transform us by your Spirit to live for you each day,
to learn to serve each other
and, through the grace of Jesus Christ our Lord,
to come at last to heaven. Amen**

Absolution

May the God of love and power bring you back to himself,
forgive you and free you from your sins,
and restore you to newness of life by his Spirit.

The Prayer for the day

Hymn

Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heav'n to earth come down:
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown:
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit
into ev'ry troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit,
let us find the promised rest:
take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its Beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.

Finish, then, thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be:
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee;
changed from glory into glory,
'til in heav'n we take our place,
'til we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

The Liturgy of the Word

Lord, your word is a lantern to our feet
and a light upon our path.

Reading

At the end of each reading, the reader may say:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Gospel acclamation

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to you, O Lord

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

Affirmation of Faith

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

**We believe in God, the Father
who made the world.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

**We believe in Jesus Christ, his Son
who redeemed humankind.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God.**

The Address

Prayers of Intercession

These responses may be used:

Spirit of God,

Breathe on us, breath of God

Our prayers may end with:

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

Hymn – (Tune Tell out my Soul)

Thy Kingdom Come – Lord teach us how to pray

For all to know your joy, your peace and love

And know your friendship each and every day

The breath of Christ, the Father's gentle dove.

Thy Kingdom Come – Christ’s prayer to make us one
That all may know the Father sent the Son
To celebrate the victory He has won
In love and grace we pray: ‘thy will be done’

Thy Kingdom Come – we pray for those we know
To turn and follow you for all their days
and in your love find peace and service grow
Our one desire and hope your highest praise.

Thy Kingdom Come – transform our human ways
our lives laid down in mercy, truth and care
nations renewed, in giving thanks and praise
To see God’s Kingdom come: this is our prayer.

Thy Kingdom Come – we praise your Holy name
your sacrifice and rising sets us free
that by our words and lives we may proclaim
by Jesus’ risen life, God’s victory!

The Peace

Jesus said to them ‘Peace be with you. As the Father sends me so I send you.’
When he had said this he breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the
Holy Spirit.’

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

An Act of Spiritual Communion

If you would like to say the prayers to join in with a spiritual communion, then this is the time. The prayers below offer us an opportunity to give thanks for our communion with Christ, at a time when would ordinarily be present at the Eucharist.

He took the 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.

**Come to me, and I will refresh you,
I will renew you, I will restore you.
Come to me, I am the bread of life,
Remember me.
Remember me, I am known in the breaking,
In the breaking of the day and in the breaking of the bread.**

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.

**Remember me.
Be filled with my Spirit,
Let my life fill yours,
Give you courage,
Fill you with joy.**

Responding to Communion

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us,
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen

Hymn

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory, thou o'er death hast won;
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay.

*Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son,
Endless is the vict'ry, thou o'er death hast won.*

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let the Church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing;
for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting.

*Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son,
Endless is the vict'ry, thou o'er death hast won.*

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;
life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love:
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.

*Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son,
Endless is the vict'ry, thou o'er death hast won.*

The Commission

For fifty days we have celebrated the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ over the powers of sin and death. We have proclaimed God's mighty acts and we have prayed that the power that was at work when God raised Jesus from the dead might be at work in us. As part of God's Churches here in the Parishes in Elstead, Thursley, Shackleford and Peper Harow, I call upon you to live out what you proclaim. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, will you dare to walk into God's future, trusting Him to be your guide?

By the Spirit's power, we will.

Will you dare to embrace each other and grow together in love?

We will.

Will you dare to share your riches in common and minister to each other in need?

We will.

Will you dare to pray for each other until your hearts beat with the longings of God?

We will.

Will you dare to carry the light of Christ into the world's dark places?

We will.

The Blessing

The fire of God change you, and you shall be changed.

The wind of God change you, and you shall be changed.

The breath of God change you, you shall be changed.

The Spirit of God change you, you shall be changed.

and the blessing ...

The Dismissal

Go in peace in the power of the Spirit, to live and work to his glory.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.