



HOLY TRINITY *with S^t MARY*
BERWICK UPON TWEED



WELCOME

Welcome to Berwick Parish Church. We are here today to participate fully in the Eucharist.

In this service, we remember with thanksgiving the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and the giving of himself to us today under the forms of bread and wine, which are for us his body and blood, the most holy sacrament of the altar.

In this central act of Christian worship, as the bread and wine are brought before God, so we offer ourselves to him, bringing to him our joys and sorrows, our thanksgivings and our concerns. When we receive Holy Communion, we receive Christ himself, and, thus nourished, we go out from worship to service, to live our Christian lives for others.

Christian worship is offered in the beauty of holiness. We are given a small foretaste of the inexpressible worship of heaven as through beautiful vestments, mystery, music and the traditional ceremonies of the Church we bring before God all the very best we have to offer.

We hope this booklet will guide you through the service and help you to enter into the movement of Christ's self-offering at the heart of our Eucharist.

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AND FOLLOWS THE RIGHT HAND PAGES.**

¶ The Dismissal

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The president uses this or another seasonal blessing

The God of peace
Who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
That great shepherd of the sheep;
Through the blood of the eternal covenant,
Make you perfect in every good work to do his will,
Working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight;
And the blessing of God almighty,
The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
Be among you and remain with you always,

All Amen.

Please STAND for the final hymn.

The deacon says

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

The ministers and people depart.

**Everyone is welcome to join us for refreshments in
the parish centre after the service.**

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SOME REFLECTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Complete and perfected, so far as in us lies, O Christ our God,
is the mystery of thy redeeming purpose.
We have made the memorial of thy death,
we have seen the symbol of thy resurrection,
we have been filled with thine unending life,
we have tasted thine inexhaustible bounty,
of which may we all be found worthy in the ages to come,
through the grace of God the Father who has no beginning,
and of your holy, good and life-giving Spirit,
now and always, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Liturgy of St. Basil

Easter is the feast of feasts, the holiday of holidays,
which surpasses not only human feasts, but even feasts of Christ,
as the light of the sun is brighter than that of the stars.
It is the day of resurrection and the beginning of new life.

St Gregory of Nazianzus, Pascal Sermon

Christ is risen from the dead,
Trampling down death by death,
And bestowing life upon those in the tombs.

St John of Damascus, Paschal Troparion

BERWICK PARISH CHURCH THE EUCHARIST AT EASTER

INTRODUCTION

“We are the Easter people and Alleluia is our song!” These well known words of St. Augustine of Hippo witness to the age-old conviction that Easter is fundamental to how we understand ourselves as Christians. *Alleluia* is the song of all the baptised. We have passed through the deep waters of death with Christ and are raised to new life in him - the Easter victory.

We celebrate Christ’s Passover from death to life as the Christian Passover, drawing powerfully on the rich imagery of salvation: the sacrificial lamb, the Passover meal, the passage through the Red Sea, and the entry into the ‘promised land’. Water - cleansing, refreshing and reviving - is a key image. Finally, towering over all stands the Paschal Candle: both ‘pillar of fire’ leading the people of the old covenant through the wilderness, and the light of the risen Christ shining in our lives.

Lit at the Easter Vigil, the candle burns continually until Pentecost (Whitsunday) - for the whole fifty days of Eastertide. The colour for Easter is gold, the church is full of spring flowers, and the music joyful and festive. Christ’s presence is in our midst, just as he appeared to the apostles: in the upper room, on the road to Emmaus, on the shore of the lake of Tiberias, sharing a meal with his friends.

Forty days later we celebrate the Ascension of our Lord, giving thanks to the Father that Jesus has taken his place at his right hand. There, within the Trinity, Christ prepares a place for us. This is the climax of the incarnation: the body of Christ, both divine and human, enters the heavenly kingdom and enables us to follow in his footsteps.

At Pentecost, with the celebration of the coming of the Holy Spirit, we complete our Easter thanksgiving.

A PRIVATE PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

WHY WE ARE HERE

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us:
so let us celebrate the feast,
not with the old leaven of corruption and wickedness:
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.
1 Corinthians 5: 7b, 8

‘Tis the spring of souls today;
Christ hath burst his prison,
And from three days’ sleep in death
As the sun has risen;
All the winter of our sins,
Long and dark, is flying
From his light, to whom we give
Laud and praise undying

*St John Damascene c750
tr. J M Neale 1816—1866*

*Baptised communicants of all churches are invited to receive communion.
Please follow the directions of the sidespeople.*

*Authorised words of distribution are used and the communicant replies
Amen.*

*If you do not wish to receive communion you are warmly invited to come
forward for a blessing. Please hold this service book in your hands as an
indication to the ministers.*

During the distribution anthems and hymns may be sung.

*Any consecrated bread and wine which is not required for purposes of
communion is consumed at the end of the distribution or reserved for the
communion of the sick.*

Prayer after Communion

A sentence of scripture is said, and silence is kept.

The president says a Post Communion prayer, and following this, we all pray:

**All 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.**

Most glorious Lord of life, that on this day,
Didst make Thy triumph over death and sin:
And having harrow'd hell, didst bring away
Captivity thence captive, us to win;
This joyous day, dear Lord, with joy begin,
And grant that we for whom Thou didst die
Being with Thy dear blood clean wash'd from sin,
May live for ever in felicity,
And that Thy love we weighing worthily,
May likewise love Thee for the same again:
And for thy sake that all like dear didst buy,
With love may one another entertain,
So let us love, dear Love, like as we ought,
Love is the lesson which the Lord us taught.

Edmund Spenser 1552—1599

PRAYERS AFTER RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

Death and darkness get you packing,
Nothing now to man is lacking
All your triumphs now are ended,
And what Adam marred is mended
Graves are beds now for the weary,
Death a nap, to wake more merry;
Youth now, full of pious duty,
Seeks in thee for perfect beauty,
The weak and aged tired, with length
Of day, from thee look for new strength,
And infants with thy pangs contest
As pleasant, as if with the breast;
Then, unto him, who thus hath thrown
Even to contempt thy kingdom down,
And by his blood did us advance
Unto his own inheritance,
To him be glory, power, praise
From this, unto the last of days.

Henry Vaughan 1622—1695

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

¶ The Gathering

At the entry of the ministers, we stand and a HYMN is sung.

The president may say

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

The Greeting

The president greets the people, who remain standing.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Thanksgiving for Holy Baptism

The deacon invites us to call to mind our baptism in these or other appropriate words.

Brothers and sisters, let us thank God for his gift of water, that it may be for us a sign of the washing away of sins and of the new life in Christ which in baptism we have all received.

Silence is kept.

A SONG OF EZEKIEL

I will take you from the nations,
And gather you from all the countries,
I will sprinkle clean water upon you,
And you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses.
A new heart I will give you, and put a new spirit within you,
And I will remove from your body the heart of stone
And give you a heart of flesh,
You shall be my people, and I will be your God.

Ezekiel 36: 24—26, 28b

We all sing Agnus Dei as the bread is broken.

David Thorne

mp Lamb of God, you
mf take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us.
mf Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world: have mer-cy on us.
mp Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
p world: Grant us peace.

Giving of Communion

The president say these or other suitable words of invitation

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

All Alleluia! Let us keep the feast.

The president and people receive communion.

*Agnus Dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi:
miserere nobis.*

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qui tollis peccata mundi:
miserere nobis.*

*Agnus Dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi:
dona nobis pacem.*

PRAYERS BEFORE RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

May the sacred feast of thy table, O Lord,
always strengthen and renew us;
guide and protect our weakness amid the storms of this world,
and bring us to the haven of eternal salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

I saw water flowing from the threshold of the temple.

All **Wherever the river flows
Everything will spring to life. Alleluia.**

With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

All **Lord, give us this water and we shall thirst no more.**

The president says

Blessed are you, sovereign God of all,
To you be glory and praise for ever.
From the deep waters of death
You have raised your Son to life in triumph
Grant that we who have been born anew
By water and the Spirit,
May daily be renewed in your image,
Walk in the light of faith,
And serve you in newness of life;
Through Jesus Christ your Son,
To whom with you and the Holy Spirit
We lift our voices in praise.
Blessed be God for ever.

The president may sprinkle the people with water from the font and say

May God, who in Christ gives us a spring of water
welling up to eternal life,
Forgive you your sins and perfect in you the image of his glory;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen**

Gloria in Excelsis

Gloria in Excelsis is sung as the ministers move to the sanctuary.

David Thorne

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of nine lines of music with lyrics underneath. Dynamics include *ff* (fortissimo), *f* (forte), and *mf* (mezzo-forte). There are two triplet markings over the notes 'on-ly' and 'son' in the final line.

Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God,
Glo - ry to God in the High - est. Glo - ry to God in the
High - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.
Lord, God Heav'n-ly King, Al-migh-ty God and Fa - ther, we
wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we_ praise you for your
glo - ry. Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God,
Glo-ry to God in the High - est. Lord, Je - sus Christ,
on - ly Son of the Fa-ther. Lord God, Lamb of God, you

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
In the unity of the Holy Spirit,
All honour and glory be yours, O loving Father,
For ever and ever.

All Amen.

A time of silence is kept.

The Lord's Prayer

The president introduces the Lord's Prayer

Through baptism into Christ Jesus we have become the children of God
and so in confidence we pray:

**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 president breaks the consecrated bread.

Lord, we died with you on the cross.
All Now we are raised to new life.
We were buried with you in your tomb.
All Now we share in your resurrection.
Live in us, that we may live in you.

Blessed are you, Lord God of our salvation
to you be glory and praise for ever!
As once you led your people through the water
from slavery in Egypt to freedom in the promised land,
now you have delivered us from the dominion of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your beloved Son.
Rising from death, he has destroyed death
and opened to us the gate of everlasting life.
May we, the first fruits of your new creation,
rejoice in this the first of day
and praise you for your mighty acts.
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Rise heart; thy Lord is risen. Sing his praise
Without delays,
Who takes thee by the hand, that thou likewise
With him mayst rise:
That, as his death calcined thee to dust,
His life may make thee gold, and much more just.
George Herbert 1593—1633

take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us;
You are sea-ted at the right hand of the Fa-ther:
re-ceive our prayer. *f* Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God,
Glo-ry to God in the High-est. For you a-lone are the
Ho-ly one, You a-lone are the Lord, You a-lone
are the most high, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly
Spi-rit, in the Glo-ry of God the Fa-ther.
ff Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God in the High-est.

We all come to the Eucharist with our own particular needs and with prayers for ourselves and for others. We bring them to the Lord in the time of silence, then the president sums up or “collects” the prayers of all our hearts in the words of the Collect of the day.

O Lord,
You have given us your Word for a light to shine upon our path:
grant us so to meditate upon that Word and follow its teaching,
that we may find in it the light that shines more and more
unto the perfect day;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

St Jerome c. 345—420

We are the Easter people,
And Alleluia is our song!

St. Augustine of Hippo 354—430

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take eat, this is my body which is given for you:
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine;
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:
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.

So Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all
upon the cross.
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
We proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus.

All **Dying you destroyed our death,**
Rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Lord of all life,
Help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.
Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with [N and] all the saints
To feast at your table in heaven.

Alleluia, Bread of Angels,
Thou on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluia, here the sinful
Flee to thee from day to day;
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,
Earth's Redeemer plead for me,
Where the songs of all the sinless
Sweep across the crystal sea,

W Chatterton Dix 1837—1898

Alleluia, King eternal,
Thee the Lord of lords we own;
Alleluia, Born of Mary,
Earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne;
Thou within the veil has entered,
Robed in flesh, our great High Priest;
Thou on earth both Priest and Victim
In the Eucharistic feast.

W Chatterton Dix 1837—1898

The Collect

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

The Collect of the day follows and all respond

All **Amen.**

¶ *The Liturgy of the Word*

Readings

We SIT for the first two readings. At the end of each the reader says

All For the word of the Lord
thanks be to God.

The responsorial psalm follows the first reading.

We STAND for the gradual HYMN after the second reading.

The Alleluia heralds and follows the Gospel reading, to which all respond.

Gospel Reading

When the Gospel is announced the deacon says

All The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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

At the end

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

Alleluia is repeated as the procession returns to the sanctuary.

THE NICENE CREED

The Nicene Creed we say is a text from early in the Church's history. Taking its name from the Council of Nicaea, it sums up our belief and marks a consensus in our understanding of the nature of Christ as both fully divine and fully human. We use the 'We believe' form of the original Greek document, as opposed to the 'I believe' Latin form still found in the Book of Common Prayer. This acknowledges that this is the faith of the Church - our faith - a faith which we share.

A REFLECTION

A creed is something to live by, not simply to learn by rote. A creed is also a summary of faith. Each clause is a highly concentrated and highly charged 'nucleus' of Christian thought and belief and experience. At one moment it means little or nothing, and at another moment it can mean everything.. Each of us needs the rest of the Church to back up our individual saying of the Creed. When we are weak, others may be strong and vice versa.

Eric Symes Abbott 1906—1983

We respond, singing

David Thorne



The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The first staff starts with a mezzo-forte (mf) dynamic and contains the lyrics 'Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho-ly Lord, God of po-wer and'. The second staff continues with 'might, Hea-ven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na,' and includes a forte (f) dynamic. The third staff continues with 'Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na in the high - est.' The fourth staff continues with 'Bles-sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-' and includes a mezzo-forte (mf) dynamic. The fifth and final staff concludes with 'san-na, Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na in the high - est.' and includes a fortissimo (ff) dynamic. The score features various musical notations including triplets, slurs, and dynamic markings.

People may wish to KNEEL or SIT at this point.

We praise and bless you, loving Father,
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
And as we obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

*Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.
Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.
Hosanna in excelsis.*

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light,
look favourably on thy whole Church,
that wonderful and sacred mystery;
and by the tranquil operation of thy perpetual providence
carry out the work of our salvation,
and let the whole world feel and see that things
which were cast down are being raised up,
and things which had grown old are being made new,
and all things are returning to perfection,
through him from whom they took their origin,
even Jesus Christ our Lord . AMEN.

Gelasian Sacramentary - 8th century

We sit for the sermon.

Sermon

After the sermon silence is kept for reflection.

We STAND to proclaim our faith, the faith of the Church.

THE CREED

**All 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.
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.**

Lord, thou hast given me this space for prayer;
fill it with thy gifts of grace;
fill it with the shewings of thy truth,
with holy counsels and inspirations,
with the communion of peace;

Occupy it with the work of love, -
to beg thy mercies upon them I love,
upon all mine acquaintance,
upon all in need,
upon all whom thou lovest.

Overshadow me with thy Spirit,
with the light that is THOU;
Banish distraction, inattention, coldness;
Make mine eyes to see, mine ears to hear,
my tongue to speak, my soul to be still;
And then be merciful to my prayer,
and to me, a sinner;
for Christ's sake.

Eric Milner-White 1884—1963

We remain STANDING —some may wish to KNEEL at the Sanctus.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The president says or sings

The Lord be with you
All and also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
All We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
almighty God and everlasting Father,
and in these days of Easter
to celebrate with joyful hearts
the memory of your wonderful works.
For by the mystery of his passion
Jesus Christ, your risen Son,
has conquered the powers of death and hell
and restored in men and women the image of your glory.
He has placed them once more in paradise
and opened to them the gate of life eternal.
And so, in the joy of this Passover,
earth and heaven resound with gladness,
while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation
sing for ever the hymn of your glory.

Ascensiontide Preface (from the day after Ascension Day until the Day of Pentecost)

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
For he is our great high priest
who has entered once for all
into the heavenly sanctuary,
evermore to pour upon your Church
the grace and comfort of your Holy Spirit,
He is the one who has gone before us,
who calls us to be united in prayer
as were his disciples in the upper room
where they awaited his promised gift,
The life-giving Spirit of Pentecost.
Therefore all creation yearns with eager longing
as angels and archangels sing the endless hymn of praise:

**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.**

Prayers of Intercession

We KNEEL or SIT for the intercessions.

The prayers usually include these concerns and may follow this sequence:

*The Church of Christ
Creation, human society, the Sovereign
and those in authority
The local community
Those who suffer
The faithful departed
The communion of saints*

Lord, in your mercy

All **hear our prayer.**

Lord, hear us.

All **Lord, graciously hear us.**

And at the end the President concludes with a Collect to which all respond

All **Amen.**

A PRAYER FOR PEACE AND UNITY

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles,
I leave you peace, my peace I give to you.
Look not on our sins but on the faith of your Church,
And grant us the peace and unity of your kingdom
Where you live for ever and ever. Amen.

¶ The Liturgy of the Sacrament

We STAND for the Peace which is introduced with a suitable sentence

The Peace

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said,
“Peace be with you.”

Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

Or Jesus says: “Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you.
If you love me, rejoice because I am going to the Father.” Alleluia.

Or God has made us one in Christ. He has set his seal upon us and as
a pledge of what is to come, he has given the Spirit to dwell in
our hearts. Alleluia.

The peace of the risen Lord be always with you. Alleluia!

All **and also with you.**

The deacon says

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace, after which a HYMN is sung.

Preparation of the Table

The people's gifts are gathered, and the president takes the bread and wine

Prayers at the preparation of the table

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
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.

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this wine to set before you,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become for us the cup of salvation.

Blessed be God for ever.