

Welcome to Holy Communion



St Marylebone
Parish Church



A Prayer to use before Holy Communion

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.

1. Coming Together as God's people

Priest

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

All

Amen.

Priest

The Lord be with you.

All

And also with you.

Words of Welcome

2. Putting things right with God

*The priest introduces a time for reflection in which we call to mind our sins.
After each petition:*

Priest Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Priest Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

Priest Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

*The priest pronounces the assurance of God's forgiveness, to which all
respond **Amen.***

3. The Prayer for the Week

This week's prayer, the Collect, is said,

At the end of the prayer, we all say,

All Amen

When Young Church is meeting in the Crypt, children and Parent Helpers are invited to gather in front of the Choir Steps for their gathering prayer.

4. Listening to God's Word in Scripture

A reading from the Old or New Testament

At the end of the first reading

Priest This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Before the reading of the Gospel we stand,

Priest The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

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

After the Gospel is read

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

***The Homily**, during which Young Church members are invited to gather in front of the Choir Steps if there is no Young Church gathering in the Crypt.*

5. Saying what we believe

Priest Let us declare the faith of the Church,

All **We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.**
We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.
We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high. Amen.

7. Sharing Christ's Peace

After reading a sentence from Scripture, the priest says

Priest The peace of the Lord be with you:
All **and also with you.**

Let us share with one another a sign of Christ's peace.

*We greet each other with words “**Peace be with you!**”*

8. Giving to God

A collection for the work of the parish church and bread and wine are brought to the altar.

9. The Church's Great 'Thank You' Prayer

Priest The Lord be with you:

All and also with you.

Priest Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

The priest praises God for his mighty acts and all say,

**All 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, and this Acclamation is used

Priest Great is the mystery of faith:

All Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!

The priest brings the prayer to an end, and everyone says really loudly,

All Amen.

10. The Lord's Prayer

Priest Let us pray as Jesus taught his disciples to 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.

11. God giving to us

Priest 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.**

All **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.

If you have been baptised and usually receive communion you are welcome to take the bread and wine, otherwise come for a blessing.

After receiving holy communion or a blessing we all say

**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.**

12. Going out into God's World

Notices

Blessing

*At the end of the blessing, we all say, **Amen.***

Go in the peace of Christ to love and serve the Lord.

All **+ In the name of Christ. Amen.**

God Bless you through the week ahead



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