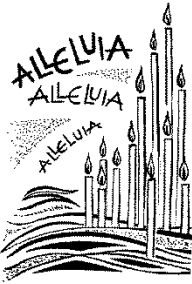
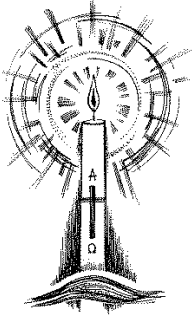




St Mary's Church, Thorpe



ASCENSION

(EASTER 7)

FAMILY MASS

**This service booklet, along with the weekly Newsletter,
contains everything you need for this service.**

**In Church, please keep 2 metres apart from other
individuals/household groups and place the coloured sticky
note on top of the chair where you sit.
And please don't sing out loud.**

If watching from home, please do join in within the singing!

**Online please use the DONATE button in place of the usual
financial collection / offering; thank you for your generosity.
In Church, please place your donation in a basket as you
leave. If you pay UK income tax, please gift-aid your
donation by completing the front of a yellow envelope with
your details and placing your donation inside.**

Opening Song

We Stand

**Come on and celebrate, His gift of love,
We will celebrate, the Son of God who loved us,
and gave us life!
We'll shout Your praise, O King, You give us joy nothing
else can bring,
We'll give to You our offering in celebration praise.**

***Come on and celebrate, celebrate, celebrate and sing;
Celebrate and sing to the King! (x2)***

**Lift up your voice to praise,
the name above ev'ry other name,
Jesus the Christ who Ascended, up into heaven.
Let's bend our knees to Him,
our tongue confess that He's Lord and King,
Let's give to Him our offering, in celebration praise.**

At the end of the song please sit.

Introduction and Welcome

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

All **Amen.**

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

All **He is risen indeed, Alleluia!**



The minister will introduce the service and then invite us to say sorry to God.

We say 'sorry' to God

This introduction or another sentence may be used:

Christ our Passover lamb has been sacrificed for us.
Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil
and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

Lord Jesus, you raise us to new life:

Lord, have mercy

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you forgive our sins:

Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy**

Lord Jesus, you feed us with the living bread:

Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy**

May God, who loved the world so much that he sent his
Son to be our Saviour, forgive us our sins and make us
holy to serve him in the world,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Prayer of the Day (Collect)

Risen, ascended Lord, as we rejoice at your triumph,
fill your Church on earth with power and compassion,
that all who are estranged by sin may find forgiveness and
know your peace, to the glory of God the Father.

All **Amen**

The Reading from the Gospel

Matthew 28: 18-20

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

Talk *God's word explained.*

Craft activity – *making clouds and our heavenly ascending Jesus!*

Family Creed

Together we profess 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. We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Ephesians.

Simple Prayers

We Sit

Brief prayers follow for the world & peace, Thorpe Community, our local church, schools and the needs of children everywhere. The prayers conclude with the Lord's Prayer:



The Welcome and Peace

We Stand

The minister introduces the Peace with a suitable sentence, and then says:

All **Alleluia! The peace of the Lord be always with you and also with you. Alleluia!**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

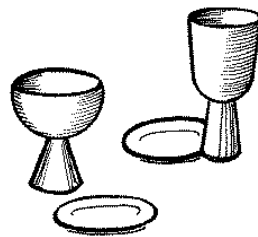
All may exchange a sign of peace with the words, 'Peace be with you'.

The Great prayer of Thanks – Prayer Two

All The Lord be with you
and also with you.

All Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

All Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.



Child's Question:

Why is it right to give thanks and praise?

Listen, and we will hear.

Lord of all life, you created the universe,
where all living things reflect your glory.
You give us this great and beautiful earth,
to discover and to cherish.
You give us friends and families
busy streets for young and old,
the life of an earthly city fulfilled in your city to come.
You give us happy times and things to celebrate.
In these we taste your kingdom,
a feast for all your children.
You made us all, each wonderfully different,
to join with the angels and sing your praise:

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.**

We thank you, loving Father, because,
when we turned away you sent Jesus, your Son.
He gave his life for us on the cross
and shows us the way to live.
Send your Holy Spirit + that these gifts of bread and
wine may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

Child's Question:

Why do we share this bread and wine?

Listen, and we will hear. On the night before he died, when darkness had fallen, Jesus took bread. He gave thanks, broke it, and shared it with his disciples, saying: *'This is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me.'*

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying: *'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins.'*

So, Father, with this bread and this cup we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life. As you feed us with these gifts, send your Holy Spirit, and change us more and more to be like Jesus our Saviour.

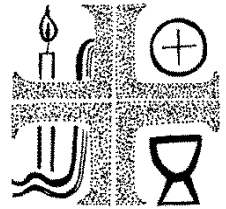
Child's Question:

How do we follow Jesus Christ?

Listen, and we will hear.

Help us, Father, to love one another, as we look forward to that day when suffering is ended, and all creation is gathered in your loving arms. And now with the Mary the Mother of Jesus, and all your saints we give you glory, through Jesus Christ, in the strength of the Spirit, today and for ever.

All Amen.



The Lord's Prayer

Being made one by the power of the Spirit, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

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.**

Giving of Communion

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

All **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

All are welcome to receive either communion or a blessing.

Please go to the communion station beside the Font being careful to maintain 2 meters between you and others and follow the one-way system. Hand gel is available before you receive. The consecrated bread will be placed into your hand.

Please follow instructions from the wardens. Thank you.

A prayer to use at home - Spiritual Communion

Lord Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to possess you within me. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart, as I embrace You as being already there and unite myself wholly to You; permit not that I should ever be separated from You. Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

We thank you, Lord, that you have fed us spiritually in this Holy Sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet prepared for all people. Amen.

Notices

You may be asked to SIT. Notice sheets may be handed out.

The Blessing

The Lord be with you. **And also with you**

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! **He is risen indeed, Alleluia!**



God the Father, who has given to his Son the name above every name, strengthen you to proclaim Christ Jesus as Lord. **Amen.**

God the Son, who is our great high priest passed into the heavens, plead for you at the right hand of the Father. **Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit, who pours out his abundant gifts upon the Church, make you faithful servants of Christ our King. **Amen.**

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

Sending Out (Dismissal)

We are raised to new life with Jesus!

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

All **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**



Concluding Song

We Stand

He is Lord, He is Lord!

He is risen from the dead and he is Lord!

Ev'ry knee shall bow, ev'ry tongue confess

That Jesus Christ is Lord.

He is King, He is king...

He is love, He is love...



Thank you for joining us at St Mary's Church today. We hope you will come back next time – first, third and fifth Sunday's monthly!

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