



# St. Cross Parish Church

Clayton, Manchester



# Worship for Everyone

- ❖ There will be opportunities for you to take part at various points in the service.
- ❖ Easy to read translations of the Bible readings are used.
- ❖ Hymns are chosen from the Children's Hymn Book.

## We all gather in God's presence

*Please stand for the **Opening Hymn** and the **Procession...***

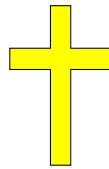
Can you see what colour the priest is wearing today? White for wonderful feasts like Christmas and Easter, purple for sorry times like Lent and funerals, red to remind us of the Holy Spirit or the Saints who died for Jesus, and green to remind us of the glorious world that God has created for us.



*Please remain standing...*

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

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



We may make the sign of the cross here to remind us that we love God, are friends of Jesus and are filled with the Holy Spirit.

## A seasonal welcome is given

### Confession

*Trusting in God's mercy, let us make our **confession...***

**Dear God,**

**You are a great and loving God.**

**Today we come to you in a prayer of confession.**

**We are sorry for the many things we have done that are wrong in your eyes.**

**We are also sorry for all the things we should have done but didn't do.**

**We are now asking for forgiveness for these things,**

**And for other things that we have done wrong and don't even know about.**

**Please forgive us.**

**In your name alone we pray,**

**Amen.**

To get ready to hear God's word to us, we ask for forgiveness for the times we have not done what God would want us to do.

May the God of love bring us back to himself,  
forgive us our sins,  
and assure us of his eternal love  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**



## Glory to God

*Please remain standing as we join with all the angels of heaven to sing our praise to the God who made us and loves us...*

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father!  
**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father!**  
To him be glory for ever!  
**To him be glory for ever!**  
Alleluia, amen,  
**Alleluia, amen. (x3)**



Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Son!  
**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Son!**  
To him be glory for ever!  
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Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit!  
**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit!**  
To him be glory for ever!  
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*The minister introduces a period of silent prayer with the words "let us pray" he then says the **Collect** (special prayer for the day) and all respond: **Amen***

*Please sit to listen to the readings...*

# Now we are ready to hear God's word

## Old Testament Reading *(read from the lectern)*

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

## New Testament Reading *(read from the lectern)*

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God



## *Please stand for the* **Gradual Hymn**

*This hymn prepares us to hear the Gospel.*



*We remain standing for the*  
**Gospel Reading**

*The gospel is something so special, we all stand and turn to face the gospel whilst its being proclaimed from the centre of the church, amongst the people.*

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to ...

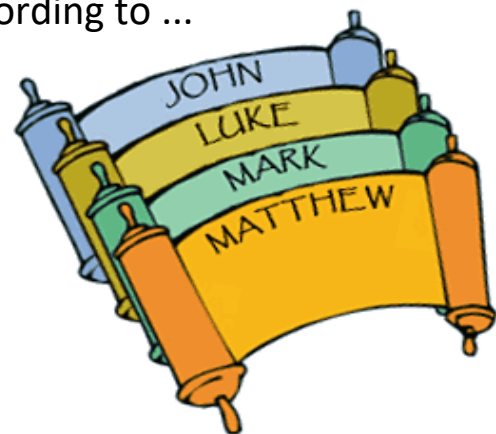
**Glory to you, O Lord**

*At the end of the gospel...*

This is the gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ**

*Please sit for the talk...*



## **A seasonal talk is given**

*Sometimes the readings can be hard to understand.*

*This will help us to understand them better.*

# The Creed - we affirm our faith

**Please stand** to say the **creed** – the prayer which tells everyone what we believe...

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?  
source of all being and life,  
the one for whom we exist?

**We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son?  
who took our human nature,  
died for us and rose again?

**We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit?  
who gives life to the people of God,  
and makes Christ known in all the world?

**We believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

*Please sit or kneel* for the prayers...

## We pray for others - Prayers of intercession

**We pray** for the church, the world, the community, those who are sick, those who have died and for ourselves.

*This response may be used...*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

*And at the end...*

Merciful Father

**Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.**

**Amen.**



## We share Christ's peace

**Please stand** whilst the minister invites us all to share the **peace** with these or other appropriate words...

The fruit of the Spirit is love, and joy and peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**



*All are invited to share a sign of peace by turning to the people near you and **shaking each other's hands**. We are gathered as the family of God and desire to live in peace with our brothers and sisters in Christ.*

**We sing our Offertory Hymn** during which bread and wine are brought forward and an offering of money is taken from the people and presented to God.

With this bread that we bring

**we shall remember Jesus**

With this wine that we bring

**we shall remember Jesus**

Bread for his body, wine for his blood.

gifts from God to his table we bring.

**We shall remember Jesus.**



## *Please sit* for the **Eucharistic Prayer**

The Lord be with you

**and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

*Child: Why is it right to give thanks and praise?*

**Listen, and we will hear.**

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...



**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory  
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.**

*John, who was a special friend of Jesus had a dream in which he saw all the angels and saints in heaven singing a great prayer. We join with them as we sing...*

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest, 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.

*The priest prays for the Holy Spirit to come down from heaven and fill the bread and wine with Christ's presence.*

Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

*Child: 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.'



*You may like to bow your head here or make the sign of the cross as a mark of respect to Jesus.*

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.'

*Again, you may like to bow your head here or make the sign of the cross as a mark of respect to Jesus.*

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: How do we follow Jesus Christ?*

**Listen, and we will hear.**

***Please remain seated...***

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 all your saints we give you glory,  
through Jesus Christ, in the strength of the Spirit,  
today and for ever.

**Amen.**



*In Jerusalem there is a church on the spot where Jesus is said to have taught his friends the 'Our Father'. Around the walls of that church the prayer is written in many different languages. We say that prayer now...*

*As children of God, let us **pray** as our Saviour taught us...*

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.  
Amen.**



*The priest **breaks** the **communion** 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.**



*We pray together the Agnus Dei...*

*Agnus Dei means Lamb of God and is a title for Jesus.*



**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

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have mercy on us.**

Here we are asking God to  
make us worthy to receive  
communion.

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
grant us peace.**

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.

## **We share in communion**

*All are welcome at the Lord's table. If you usually receive the bread and wine in any Christian church, you are welcome to receive here (even if you have not done so for a long time). If you prefer to receive a blessing, please come forward to the altar rail and simply keep your hands by your sides.*

After receiving communion, we have a time of quiet; you may find these prayers helpful as you sit and reflect...

Lord Jesus, you have blessed me today, and shown me your love,  
help me take your blessing and your love into the world.

Amen.

Eternal God, whose Son is the way, the truth and the life,  
grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth,  
and to share his risen life.

Amen.



## **Prayer after Communion**

After **communion** a short time of quiet is kept for personal prayer and reflection, then we pray together...

**Lord, we have broken your bread and received your life.  
By the power of the Holy Spirit keep us always in your love  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**



***We sit to hear the minister give the Notices***

## **We are sent out**

*The minister offers a prayer asking God to help us and be with us in all that lies ahead, ending with a prayer for God's blessing...*

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

**Amen.**

*All sing...*

**May God's blessing surround you each day,  
as you trust him and walk in his way.**

**May God's presence within guard and keep you from sin,  
Go in peace, go in joy, go in love.**

*To a troubled world*

**Peace from Christ**

*To a searching world*

**Love from Christ**

*To a waiting world*

**Hope from Christ**

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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



***Please stand to sing our Final Hymn***

***All are welcome here at St Cross, please join us for refreshments in the church centre following the service.***