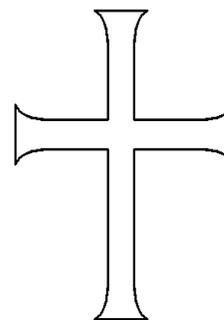


We are not worthy so much
 as to gather up the crumbs under your table.
 But you are the same Lord,
 whose nature is always to have mercy.
 Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,
 so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ,
 and to drink his blood,
 that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body,
 and our souls washed through his most precious blood,
 and that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us.
 Amen.



**The Church of St Thomas
 of Canterbury**
Wilbury, Letchworth Garden City.

**The Order for Holy Communion
 Easter**

30 *During the distribution a hymn will be sung or music played.
 This may be followed by a time of private reflection.*

31 **After Communion** *(kneel or sit)*
We say together the Post Communion Prayer.

32 **All** **Father of all, we give you thanks and praise,
 that while we were still far off
 you met us in your Son and brought us home.
 Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace,
 and opened the gate of glory.
 May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
 we who drink his cup bring life to others;
 we whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world.
 Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
 that we and all your children shall be free,
 and the whole earth live to praise your name;
 through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

33 **Hymn**

34 **Notices**

35 **The Dismissal**
 President *The Blessing*
Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.
All **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

36 **Processional Hymn**

*Refreshments are usually available after the service in the Wilbury Hall
 and we hope you will join us in this opportunity for fellowship.*

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- 1 **All** **Hymn**
- 2 President In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
 and of the Holy Spirit.
All **Amen.**
- 3 Minister Alleluia. Christ is risen!
All **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
- 4 *A sentence of scripture may be read*
- 5 **All** *(stand)* **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.**
- 6 **Prayers of Penitence**
The Summary of the Law *(sit)*
 Minister Our Lord Jesus Christ said:
 The first commandment is this:
 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord.
 You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
 with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your
 strength.'
- The second is this:
 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'
 There is no other commandment greater than these.
 On these two commandments hang
 all the law and the prophets.
- All** **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

7 *The Minister invites us to confess our sins to God.*
Minister 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.

8 **All** *(kneel or sit)*
**Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word, and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

9 **Kyrie Eleison**
Minister Lord, have mercy.
All Lord, have mercy.
Minister Christ, have mercy.
All Christ, have mercy.
Minister Lord, have mercy.
All Lord, have mercy.

10 **Absolution**

11 **All** *(stand)* **Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the most high, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

12 *The Minister introduces a period of silent prayer. (kneel or sit)*

13 Minister *The Collect.*
All Amen

All in Jesus Christ our Lord.
**By whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours,
Almighty Father, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Here follows a time for silent reflection

25 **The Communion**

President As our Saviour taught us, so we pray *(kneel or sit)*
**All 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.**

26 **The Breaking of Bread**

President 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.**

27 **All** **Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us your peace.**

28 President Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
All Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

29 *The President invites us to the Lord's Table*

**All We do not presume to come to this your table,
merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your manifold and great mercies.**

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.
Pause for Sanctus Bell

All **Amen. Lord, we believe.**

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
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.
Pause for Sanctus Bell.

All **Amen. Lord, we believe.**

President
All Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.

Therefore we proclaim the death
that he suffered on the cross,
we celebrate his resurrection, his bursting from the tomb,
we rejoice that he reigns at your right hand on high,
and we long for his coming in glory.

All **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

As we recall the one perfect sacrifice for our redemption.
Father, by your Holy Spirit, let these gifts of your creation
be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ,
form us into the likeness of Christ,
and make us a perfect offering in your sight.

All **Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

Look with favour on your people
and in your mercy hear the cry of our hearts.
Bless the earth, heal the sick, let the oppressed go free,
and fill your Church with power from on high.

All **Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

Gather your people from the ends of the earth
to feast with *(N and)* all your saints
at the table in your kingdom
where the new creation is brought to perfection

14 **The Ministry of the Word**

The Reading (sit)

Reader This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

15 *There may be a psalm or canticle after the first reading.*

16 **All** **Hymn**

17 *The Gospel is announced (stand)*

Reader Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one;
I was dead, and behold, I am alive for evermore.

All **Alleluia.**

At the end:

Reader This is the Gospel of Christ

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

18 **The Sermon**

19 **The Nicene Creed (stand)**

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 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,
he became 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.**

**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 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.**

20 Prayers of Intercession (*kneel or sit*)

President In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ,
let us pray to the Father.

Reader Let us pray for the Church and the world
and let us thank God for his goodness.

The following forms of response are used:

Reader Lord, in your mercy,

All hear our prayer.

At the end:

Reader Merciful Father,

**All accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

21 The Ministry of the Sacrament (*stand*)

President The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and
said, 'Peace be with you.' Then they were glad when they saw
the Lord. Alleluia. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All and also with you.

President Let us offer one another a sign of Christ's peace.

22 All Hymn

23 *The offerings are presented: The altar is prepared and
the bread and wine are placed upon it.*

The gifts of the people are presented.

President Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory,
the splendour, and the majesty;
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

**All All things come from you,
and of your own do we give you.**

24 The Eucharistic Prayer (*kneel or sit*)

President 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.

You are worthy of our thanks and praise, Lord God of truth,
for by the breath of your mouth you have spoken your word,
and all things have come into being.

You fashioned us in your image
and placed us in the garden of your delight.

Though we chose the path of rebellion
you would not abandon your own.

Again and again you drew us into your covenant of grace.

You gave your people the law and taught us by your prophets

to look for your reign of justice, mercy and peace.

As we watch for the signs of your kingdom on earth,
we echo the songs of the angels in heaven
evermore praising you and *saying:*

**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.**

Lord God, you are the most holy one,
enthroned in splendour and light, yet in the coming
of your Son Jesus Christ you revealed the power of your love
made perfect in our human weakness.

All Amen. Lord, we believe.

Embracing our humanity,
Jesus showed us the way of salvation;
loving us to the end, he gave himself to death for us;
dying for his own, he freed us from the bonds of sin,
that we might rise and reign with him in glory.

All Amen. Lord, we believe.

On the night he gave himself for us all
he took bread and gave you thanks;