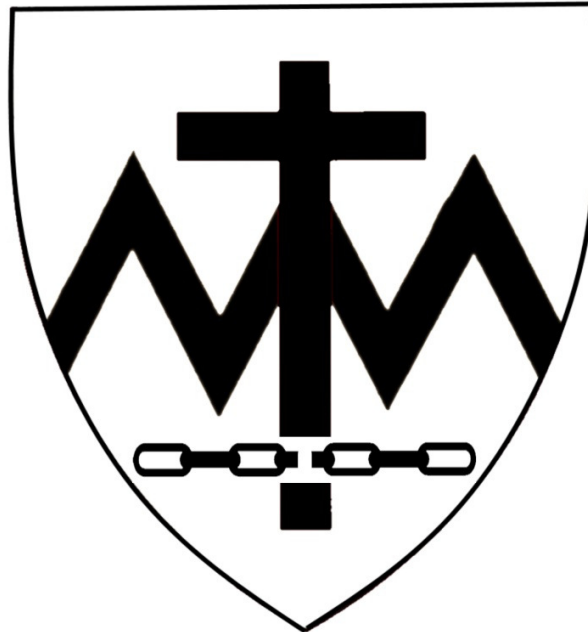


Protestant Form of Holy Communion



St Leonard's Chapel, Hazlewood



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Words of welcome and encouragement

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life. John 3:16

Jesus said, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst."

John 6:35

Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood:

Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

The Creed

This is our faith

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Ministry of the Word

The readings of the day are read here, and should include a reading from the Epistle of St James.

The Gloria

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.

Confession

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent of our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

The Absolution

**Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our
Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of
the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of God be with you. **And also with you.**

A sign of peace is exchanged.

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray. Using the words our Lord Jesus Christ taught us, we say

**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, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

*(other prayers may be added as is appropriate concluding with
'Lord in your mercy, Hear our prayer')*

The Preparation

(the elements shall be consecrated/blessed according to local tradition)

Scripture records that Jesus took the cup of wine and gave thanks, instructing that it should be divided up amongst all the disciples.

He took the bread and gave thanks and broke it, saying "This is my body which is given for you - do this in remembrance of me."

He took the cup after supper, saying "This is my blood which is given for you and many others for the remission of sins. It is the new testament."

The Invitation

We are one body with Christ as its Head. No person of good faith with reverent intention shall be turned away. I welcome you all in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit to share in these gifts.

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

During Communion

The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, keep you in everlasting life. Amen.

The Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, keep you in everlasting life. Amen.

(other appropriate words may be used)

After Communion

Gracious Father, we give you praise and thanks
for being able to share together in these gifts of bread and wine.

We have shared in this act of love and remembrance in true fellowship.

We honour God the Father.

We honour God, the Son.

We honour God, the Holy Spirit.

We honour God, three in one. Amen.

Magnificat

My soul doth magnify the Lord.

And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my saviour.

For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden:

for behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath magnified me: and holy is his name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations.

He hath showed strength with his arm:

he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat,

and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things:

and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He remembering his mercy has helped his servant Israel.

As he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.

Nunc dimittis

**Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace,
according to thy word.**

**For mine eyes have seen thy salvation
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people.
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles;
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.**

Closing Blessing

**The peace of God which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God,
and of His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
be amongst you and remain with you always. Amen.**

Our celebration is ended. Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

