

Sharing Communion

**ST JAMES
CHURCH**

GETTING READY

The Lord be with you
and also with you

*What's this about?
As we come together,
we recognise that God
is with us*

Opening Song

Opening Prayers & Confession

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.

Amen. Lord, have mercy

*What's this about?
These are the two
commandments
that direct all we
do at St James
Church*

God so loved the world
that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ
to save us from our sins,
to be our advocate in heaven,
and to bring us to eternal life.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,
firmly resolved to keep God's commandments
and to live in love and peace with all.

*What's this about?
We recognise the
love of God, our
need to say sorry,
and to ask for
forgiveness*

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name.
Amen**

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon us,
pardon and deliver us from all our sins,
confirm and strengthen us in all goodness,
and keep us in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

What's this about?

This is a specific prayer that is said across the world today

The Prayer for the day

Gospel Reading

Prayers

The Creed

What's this about?

A Creed is a statement that describes our Christian faith

SHARING BREAD & WINE AS GOD'S FAMILY

The Lord is here

His Spirit is with us

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

What's this about?

Before we share this meal together, we remember who God is and the amazing things God has done

Voice 1: *Why is it right to give thanks and praise?*

Voice 2: *Listen, and we will hear.*

Voice 3: 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.

What's this about?

We remind ourselves that God is the creator of all creation and each one of us

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,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
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.

Voice 1: *Why do we share this bread and wine?*

Voice 2: *Listen, and we will hear.*

Voice 3: 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.

Voice 1: *How do we follow Jesus Christ?*

Voice 2: *Listen, and we will hear.*

Voice 3: 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 St James all your saints we give you glory,
through Jesus Christ, in the strength of the Spirit, today and for ever.

Amen

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking the 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.**

What's this about?

This is the story of Jesus' last meal with his disciples which reminds us of his sacrifice on the cross done once for everyone

What's this about?

This is how we respond to God's love

What's this about?

We remind ourselves that we are united in loving God and being loved by God

Receive Communion

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.

What's this about?

We recognise that it is faith in Jesus, and what He did for us, that restores our relationship with God

Prayer after communion

**Father of all, we give you thanks and praise,
that when 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,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

What's this about?

We thank God that He came out to meet us, embrace us, and take us home. We ask God to help us to share with others what He has given to us

Closing Song

GOING WITH GOD INTO THE WEEK

Blessing

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

What's this about?

We remind ourselves that God goes with us as we leave the church building

What's this about?

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