



Parish of Oxtou  
Growing Together in Christ

The Order of the  
**HOLY COMMUNION**

according to the pattern of  
The Book of Common Prayer 1662

*The people kneeling, the Priest shall say the Lord's Prayer*

Our Father which art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
in earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive them that trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

*All* **Amen.**

*All shall then say together the Collect for Purity*

**Almighty God,  
unto whom all hearts be open  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hid:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love thee,  
and worthily magnify thy holy name,  
through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

*The Priest shall recite Our Lord's Summary of the Law; and the people, still kneeling, shall ask God's mercy for their transgressions in the past, and grace for the future.*

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: Hear O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord; and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. This is the first commandment.

And the second is like, namely this: thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandments greater than these. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

*All* **Lord, have mercy upon us,  
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

*The Priest shall say the Collect for the Sovereign*

Almighty God, whose kingdom is everlasting, and power infinite: have mercy upon the whole Church; and so rule the heart of thy chosen servant **ELIZABETH**, our Queen and Governor, that she (knowing whose minister she is) may above all things seek thy honour and glory: and that we and all her subjects (duly considering whose authority she hath) may faithfully serve, honour and humbly obey her, in thee, and for thee, according to thy blessed word and ordinance; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

*Immediately after shall be read the Collect for the Day*

*At the end, all shall reply*

**Amen.**

*Then shall be read the Epistle (the people seated)*

*At the end,*

*Reader*    This is the Word of the Lord

*All*        **Thanks be to God.**

*A Clerk shall read the Gospel (the people standing).*

*When the Gospel is announced, all shall reply*

**Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

*After the reading of the Gospel, the Clerk shall say*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*All*        **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

*The people shall remain standing for the Creed*

*All* I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
and of all things visible and invisible:  
and in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of his Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation  
came down from heaven,  
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of  
the Virgin Mary, and was made man,  
and was crucified also for us  
under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried,  
and the third day he rose again  
according to the Scriptures,  
and ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father.  
And he shall come again with glory  
to judge both the quick and the dead;  
whose kingdom shall have no end.

**And I believe in the Holy Ghost,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together  
is worshipped and glorified,  
who spake by the prophets.  
And I believe one holy catholick and apostolick  
Church.  
I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of  
sins.  
And I look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*Notices may be given.*

*On Sundays and Principal Holy Days, a sermon shall be preached.*

*Standing at the Holy Table, the Priest shall begin the Offertory,  
reciting one of the following or another Sentence of Scripture.*

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see  
your good works, and glorify your Father which is in  
heaven.

*Matthew 5.16*

All things come from thee, and of thine own do we  
give thee.

*I Chronicles 29.14*

*The offerings of the people are collected and presented.*

*The Priest shall place the Bread and Wine upon the Holy Table.  
Brief biddings may be given. The Priest shall then say*

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church militant here in earth.

Almighty and everliving God, who by thy holy apostle hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks, for all men; we humbly beseech thee most mercifully to accept our alms and oblations, and to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy divine majesty; beseeching thee to inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: And grant, that all they that do confess thy holy name may agree in the truth of thy holy word, and live in unity, and godly love.

We beseech thee also to save and defend all Christian kings, princes, and governors; and especially thy servant **ELIZABETH** our Queen; that under her we may be godly and quietly governed; and grant unto her whole council, and to all that are put in authority under her, that they may truly and indifferently minister justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of thy true religion, and virtue.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops, Priests and Deacons, that they may both by their life and doctrine set forth thy true and lively word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy sacraments: and to all thy people give thy heavenly grace; and specially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear, and receive thy holy word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

And we most humbly beseech thee of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all them, who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. And we also bless thy holy name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear; beseeching thee to give us grace so to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom: Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only mediator and advocate.

*All* **Amen.**

*The Priest shall invite all who intend to receive the Holy Communion to make a General Confession of their sins and to seek God's forgiveness*

Ye that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways; Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, meekly kneeling upon your knees.

*All say together the General Confession.*

**Almighty God,  
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
maker of all things,  
judge of all men;  
we acknowledge and bewail  
our manifold sins and wickedness,  
which we, from time to time,  
most grievously have committed,  
by thought, word and deed,  
against thy divine majesty,  
provoking most justly thy wrath  
and indignation against us.  
We do earnestly repent,  
and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;**

the remembrance of them is grievous unto us;  
the burden of them is intolerable.  
Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us,  
most merciful Father;  
for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,  
forgive us all that is past;  
and grant that we may ever hereafter  
serve and please thee in newness of life,  
to the honour and glory of thy Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The Priest shall pronounce the Absolution in the following words*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him: have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

*Then the Priest shall say the Comfortable Words*

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all that truly turn to him.

Come unto me all that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you.

*St. Matthew 11.28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

*St. John 3.16*

Hear also what Saint Paul saith.

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

*1 Timothy 1.15*

Hear also what Saint John saith.

If any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins.

*1 St John 2.1,2*

*After which the Priest and the people shall praise God for his goodness in the words of the Preface*

Lift up your hearts.

*All*    **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

*All*    **It is meet and right so to do.**

*Then shall the Priest say*

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

*[Except that on Trinity Sunday, the Priest shall instead say*

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, almighty, everlasting God.]

*Here shall follow the proper Preface, according to the time, if there be any specially appointed: or else immediately shall follow,*

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name; evermore praising thee, and saying:

*All*    **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,  
heaven and earth are full of thy glory:  
glory be to thee, O Lord most high. Amen.**

*Then shall be said the Prayer of Humble Access*

**We do not presume to come to this thy table,  
O merciful Lord,  
trusting in our own righteousness,  
but in thy manifold and great mercies.  
We are not worthy so much as to gather up the  
crumbs under thy table.  
But thou art the same Lord,  
whose property is always to have mercy:  
grant us therefore, gracious Lord,  
so to eat the flesh of thy 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 Priest, standing at the Holy Table, shall say the Prayer of  
Consecration*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy  
tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to  
suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who  
made there (by his one oblation of himself once  
offered) a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice,  
oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole

world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death, until his coming again; hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood: who, in the same night that he was betrayed, <sup>a</sup>took bread; and, when he had given thanks, <sup>b</sup>he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat, <sup>c</sup>this is my Body which is given for you: do this in remembrance of me. Likewise after supper <sup>d</sup>he took the Cup; and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of this; for <sup>e</sup>this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

*All* **Amen.**

a *Here the Priest is to take the Paten:*

b *And here to break the Bread:*

c *And here to lay a hand upon all the Bread.*

d *Here the Priest is to take the Cup:*

e *And here to lay a hand upon every vessel in which there is any Wine to be consecrated.*

*The Priest first receives the Communion, after which, with the assistance of other ministers, he delivers the Bread and Wine to the people.*

*Authorized words of administration are used.*

*After all the Communicants have received the Sacrament, all say together the Lord's Prayer.*

**Our Father, which art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done;  
in earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive them that 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 Priest says either the Prayer of Oblation, as follows,*

O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy humble servants entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through

faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion. And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and lively sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee, that all we, who are partakers of this holy Communion, may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction. And although we be unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service; not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

*or alternatively the Prayer of Thanksgiving, as follows*

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee, for that thou dost vouchsafe to feed us, who have duly received these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom, by the merits of the most precious death and passion of thy

dear Son. And we most humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. **Amen.**

*All say together the Gloria in Excelsis except in Advent and Lent*

**Glory be to God on high, and in earth, peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

*The Priest gives the Blessing.*

The peace of God, which passeth 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, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## PROPER PREFACES

### *Upon Christmas Day, and seven days after.*

Because thou didst give Jesus Christ thine only Son to be born as at this time for us; who, by the operation of the Holy Ghost, was made very man of the substance of the Virgin Mary his mother; and that without spot of sin, to make us clean from all sin. Therefore with Angels, &c.

### *Upon Easter Day, and seven days after.*

But chiefly are we bound to praise thee for the glorious Resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord: for he is the very Paschal Lamb, which was offered for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; who by his death hath destroyed death, and by his rising to life again hath restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Angels, &c.

### *Upon Ascension Day, and seven days after.*

Through thy most dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who after his most glorious Resurrection manifestly appeared to all his Apostles, and in their sight ascended up into heaven to prepare a place for us; that where he is, thither we might also ascend, and reign with him in glory. Therefore with Angels, &c.

### *Upon Whitsunday, and six days after.*

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; according to whose most true promise, the Holy Ghost came down as at this time from heaven with a sudden great sound, as it had been a mighty wind, in the likeness of fiery tongues, lighting upon the Apostles, to teach them, and to lead them to all truth; giving them both the gift of divers languages, and also

boldness with fervent zeal constantly to preach the Gospel unto all nations; whereby we have been brought out of darkness and error into the clear light and true knowledge of thee, and of thy Son Jesus Christ. Therefore with Angels, &c.

*Upon the Feast of Trinity only.*

Who art one God, one Lord; not one only Person, but three Persons in one Substance. For that which we believe of the glory of the Father, the same we believe of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, without any difference or inequality. Therefore with Angels, &c.