

# St Paul's Church: Holy Communion

**Welcome!** Please feel at home. You can join in with whatever you want to, but it's fine just to watch! There's a toilet at the back.

Everything you need will be on the screen, but this card might be helpful.  
Feel free to take it home!

There are groups for **children** most weeks during the service.

For **communion**, we welcome all who have been baptised and would normally receive in their own church. Anyone can come up for a prayer.

If you have any questions, please ask!

*The service takes us on a journey: (A) God gathers us all together, God meets us through (B) the Bible and (C) communion, and then (D) God sends us out again!*

## All Together

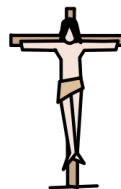
1. While we **sing**, the choir and ministers process to their places.



2. The minister **greet**s the people in the Lord's name ('The Lord be with you') and the people greet the minister ('and also with you').



3. We can meet with God because he sent his Son Jesus to die for our sins. In response we **confess our sins** to God. The minister assures us of God's forgiveness. We might **sing** again (perhaps using an ancient hymn, the **Gloria**: 'Glory to God in the highest').



4. This part of the service finishes with a **prayer**.



# **Bible**

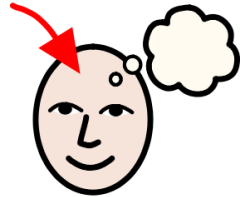
1. The Bible is God's word for us today. We listen to God speaking to us in the **readings**. (We might also **sing** again.)



2. The whole Bible points towards Jesus. This is why our final reading is taken from one of the four **Gospels**, which tell us about when Jesus was on earth. We stand to acknowledge his presence among us.



3. God continues to speak to us through the **sermon**, in which the Bible readings are opened up and applied to our hearts and lives.



4. After God has spoken to us, we respond by declaring our faith, normally using an ancient **creed**.



5. We then respond (after any **notices**) by **praying** for the church and the world.

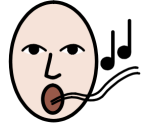


# Communion

1. We prepare to share this meal with Jesus by recognising the **peace** that we share, both with Jesus and with one another.



2. While we **sing**, the table is prepared.



3. In the **Eucharistic** (thanksgiving) **Prayer**, we praise and thank God for what he has done in Jesus (joining with the praises of the angels: 'Holy, holy, holy'), we recall the occasion when Jesus instituted this meal, and we pray that God would bless us through it. We pray the **Lord's Prayer**.



4. The **bread is broken**. We might use an ancient prayer, 'Lamb of God'.



5. The minister **invites** the people to receive the bread and wine. We might respond to this invitation with a **prayer**.



6. We **receive** the bread and the wine. We **sing** while this is happening.

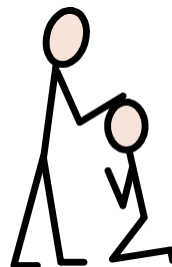


7. We **pray** together after all have received.



# Dismissal

1. The minister says a  **blessing**  over the people.



2. We are  **dismissed** : sent out into the world for God's praise and glory.



3. We  **sing**  as the service concludes (and then sit after the procession).

