

We praise and bless you...
...until he comes in glory.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

**Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Lord of all life...
...for ever and ever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

The Breaking of Bread

Lord, we died with you on the cross.

Now we are raised to new life.

We were buried in your tomb.

Now we share in your resurrection.

Live in us, that we may live in you.

Giving of Communion

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us..

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

**We thank you, Lord,
that you have fed us in this sacrament,
united us with Christ,
and given us a foretaste
of the heavenly banquet
prepared for all peoples. Amen.**

Blessing and Dismissal

Christ our ascended King
pour upon you the abundance of his gifts
and bring you to reign with him in glory;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you now and for ever. **Amen.**

Waiting expectantly for the promised Holy Spirit,
go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Kingsbury and Baxterley Group of Churches

Holy Communion for Ascension Day

Greeting

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you
and also with you.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Introduction

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, for forty days
we have been celebrating with joyful hearts the
resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, his bursting
from the tomb and his defeat of the power of sin
and death. He appeared to his disciples many
times and told them about the kingdom of God.

Today we recall how he left this earth and
returned to his Father, ascending into heaven to
take his throne over all dominions and powers.
Trusting in his reign over all creation, and
submitting to his kingly yet loving rule, let us hear
the story of his parting.

The Ascension Reading Acts 1.1-11

The Gloria

Seeing we have a great high priest
who has passed through the heavens,
Jesus the Son of God,
let us offer him the praise worthy of his name:

**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.**

Collect for the Day

Risen Christ,
you have raised our human nature
to the throne of heaven:
help us to seek and serve you,
that we may join you at the father's side,
where you reign with the Spirit in glory,
now and for ever.
Amen.

Gospel Reading: Luke 24.44-end
after which is said:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Nicene Creed

**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 God,
eternally begotten 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,
was 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 the 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**

Prayers of intercession

The Peace

Jesus says, 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I
give to you. If you love me, rejoice because I am
going to the Father.' Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Eucharistic Prayer E

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.

It is indeed right..
....choirs of angels sing for ever to your praise:

**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.**