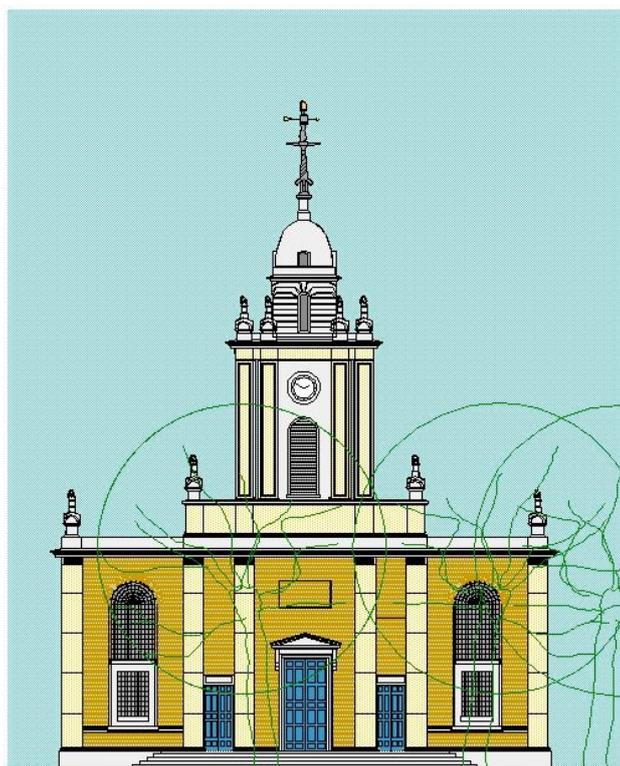


# ST JOHN ON BETHNAL GREEN



PARISH MASS

## ***THE GATHERING***

*We stand when the bell rings for the entry of the ministers.  
After a sentence from scripture is read we sing the opening hymn.*

President: In the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

### ***The Greeting***

President: The Lord be with you

**All: And also with you.**

*From Easter Day to Pentecost this acclamation follows:*

President: Alleluia, Christ is risen.

**All: He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

*The president will introduce the Mass of the day.*

### ***Prayers of Penitence***

*To prepare ourselves to worship God, we are invited to call to mind our sins and to repent. A seasonal invitation to confession or these words are used:*

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.

*Pause for silent reflection*

**All: Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you  
through our own fault,  
in thought, and word, and deed,  
and in what we have left undone.  
For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,  
forgive us all that is past;  
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life  
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

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

*The president may invite the members of the Sunday School to leave at this point for their own Liturgy of the Word.*

### ***Gloria in Excelsis***

*God has forgiven us and so we are ready to join in the angels' song of joy.  
(It is not used in Advent or Lent, when we sing the Kyrie Eleison, which follows).*

**All:            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.**

### ***Kyrie Eleison***

*During Lent and Advent we sing together the Kyrie Eleison , a great cry of our need of God:*

Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**  
Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

### ***The Collect (on weekly sheet)***

*The president introduces a period of silent prayer with the words:*

Let us pray.

*The Collect of the day is said, and all respond*

**All:            Amen.**

## ***THE LITURGY OF THE WORD***

### ***Readings (on weekly sheet)***

*We sit to listen to two readings from Scripture.*

*At the end of each the reader says:*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*A hymn is sung*

### ***Gospel Reading (on weekly sheet)***

*We stand as a mark of respect to listen to the words of Jesus himself from one of the Gospels. First an acclamation is said, to which we respond:*

**All: Alleluia.**

*Or, in Lent:*

**All: Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

*When the Gospel is announced the reader says:*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to ...

**All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the end:*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

### ***Sermon***

#### ***The Creed***

*On Sundays and Principal Holy Days we stand to say together the Nicene Creed – a profession of our faith in God which Christians have used since 325AD.*

**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 prayers usually include these concerns and may follow this sequence:*

- *The Church of Christ*
- *Creation, human society, and those in authority*
- *The local community*
- *Those who suffer*
- *The departed*
- *The communion of saints*

*(If you wish someone, living or departed, to be prayed for please either see one of the clergy, or place the name on the Prayer Board at the back of church.)*

*These, or other, responses may be used*

Lord, in your mercy  
**All:: hear our prayer.**

*(or)*

Lord, hear us.  
**All: Lord, graciously hear us.**

*At the end:*

Merciful Father,  
**All: accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## ***THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT***

### ***The Peace***

*The president may introduce the Peace with a suitable sentence, and then says:*

**All:** The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

*These words may be added*

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*We shake hands with those around us.*

### ***Preparation of the Table and Taking of the Bread and Wine***

*A hymn is sung.*

*The gifts of the people may be gathered and presented.*

*The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.*

*The president takes the bread and wine:*

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:  
through your goodness  
we have this bread to offer,  
which earth has given  
and human hands have made.  
It will become for us the bread of life.

**All:** **Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:  
through your goodness  
we have this wine to offer,  
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.  
It will become our spiritual drink.

**All:** **Blessed be God for ever.**

### ***The Eucharistic Prayer***

*The president begins the Eucharistic Prayer. This is the most important point of the Mass. The president offers our thanks to God and says the words that Jesus used at the Last Supper. In the power of the Spirit our gifts of bread and wine become the body and blood of Jesus.*

President: The Lord be with you (or) The Lord is here.

**All:** **and also with you. God's Spirit is with us.**

President: Lift up your hearts.

**All:** **We lift them to the Lord.**

President: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All:** **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*The president praises God for his mighty acts and we join with the angels and saints in heaven in singing God's praises:*

**All: 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.**

*The president recalls the Last Supper, and this acclamation is used:*

President: Great is the mystery of faith

**All: Christ has died:  
Christ is risen:  
Christ will come again.**

*The Prayer continues and leads into the doxology, to which we respond boldly*

**All: Amen.**

### ***The Lord's Prayer***

*Christ has come among us and so we pray the same words that he taught his disciples to say.*

President: Let us pray with confidence  
as our Saviour has taught us,

**All: 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,  
The power and the glory  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

### ***Breaking of the Bread***

*The president breaks the consecrated bread.*

President: We break this bread  
to share in the body of Christ.

**All: Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

*The Agnus Dei is sung. As the bread is broken that we might share in it, so we remember that Christ's body was broken on the cross that we might share in his life:*

**All: Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
grant us peace.**

### ***Giving of Communion***

President: The gifts of God for the people of God.  
This is the Lamb of God  
Who takes away the sin of the world.  
Happy are those who are called to his supper.

**All: Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*Or, from Easter Day to Pentecost:*

President: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**All: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*The president and people then receive communion. Please come forward to receive the Blessed Sacrament when asked to do so. Communicant members of other churches are very welcome to receive. If you are not Confirmed, or if you prefer not to receive the Sacrament, please feel free to come forward for a blessing. These words will be used at the distribution:*

The Body of Christ.  
**Amen.**

The Blood of Christ  
**Amen**

### ***Prayer after Communion (on weekly sheet)***

*A sentence from Scripture may be read out, followed by a period of silence. The president says the Post Communion prayer, and then invites us to say this prayer together:*

President: Let us pray.

**All: Almighty God,  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood  
of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work to your praise and glory.  
Amen.**

*The Notices*

***THE DISMISSAL***

President: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

*The president blesses us and sends us out into the world to live in the faith which we have celebrated at Mass, using a seasonal blessing, or:*

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, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**All: Amen.**

*A hymn is sung as the ministers leave the Sanctuary.*

Minister: Go in the peace of Christ.

**All: Thanks be to God.**