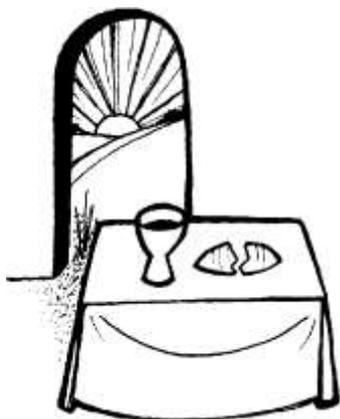


## THE BLESSING

Priest May the God of Hope  
fill you with all joy and peace  
as you trust in him,  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son  
and the Holy Spirit  
be amongst us,  
and remain with us always.

**All Amen**

*We stand to sing our final hymn.*



## NOTICES & DISMISSAL

Priest Now let us go in peace,  
To love and serve the Lord.

**All In the name of Christ.  
Amen.**

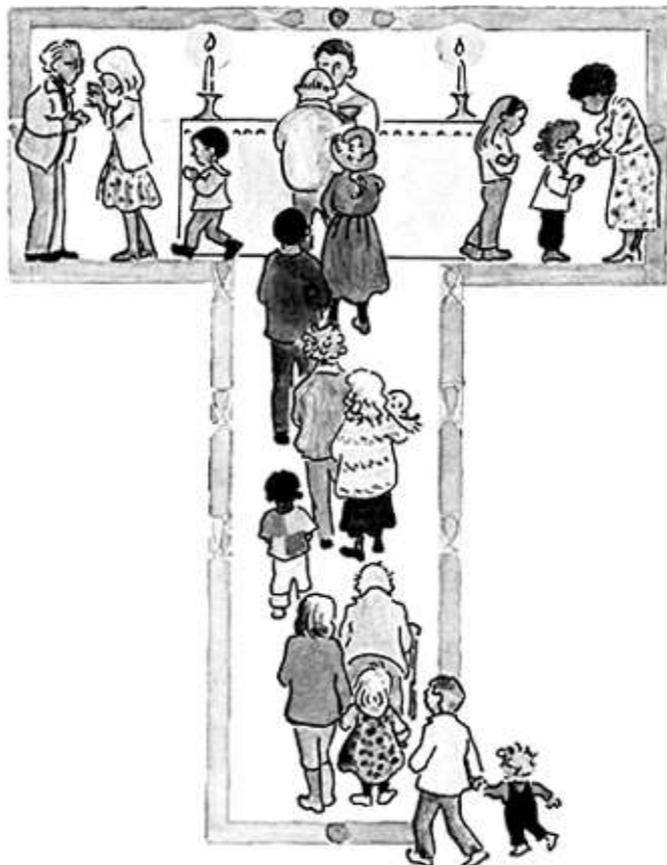
*We sit quietly while the organ plays, and  
the choir and ministers leave the church.*

*If you want to stay in church to think and  
pray some more, please do!*

*If you'd like to stay for coffee or juice  
and a chat, please come out to the café  
area and join the others there.*

# St Martin's Church

## All-Age Service



## Of Holy Communion

## Welcome to St Martin's Church !

We are a small and friendly Church of England church, where everyone is welcome - whether you go to church often, or whether this is your first time!

If you are new, or a visitor, we hope you will feel at home with us today - and that this service booklet will help you to worship God with us, as we learn more about Jesus, and what it means to be a Christian - old and young together.

The numbers of the hymns we'll be singing today are on the white weekly notice sheet - as are the words of the bible readings, and any extra prayers we might use.

### A note from the Vicar about this service:

An "All-Age" service is not the same as a "children's service" - though I hope that the children here today will enjoy it!

An "all-age" service is designed to have "the best of everything" in it :- some wonderful traditional hymns and prayers; some great new music; activities as well as words; stillness as well as lively bits - and, above all - variety! It's an opportunity for adults and children to worship God and learn and pray together - as a church family.

This form of service is being trialled during the month of August while Junior Church is not meeting.

Do please let the clergy or wardens know what you make of it. Constructive criticism will be very welcome... Though be warned! If you have too many ideas for improvement - you will be roped in to plan services in the future!! ☺

Priest 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.

Priest God's holy gifts, for God's holy people.

**All** Jesus Christ is Holy,  
Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the  
Father

*All who usually receive the bread and wine  
are invited to do so now.*

*If you would prefer to receive a blessing,  
please bring this service sheet with you  
to the altar rail.*

*During Holy Communion, we sing hymns.*

*The hymn numbers are on this  
week's service sheet.*

*Please join in with the singing,  
or just sit quietly to pray.*

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**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.**

Priest Send your Spirit on us now  
that by these gifts we may feed on  
Christ  
with opened eyes and hearts on  
fire.  
May we and all who share this food  
offer ourselves to live for you  
and be welcomed at your feast in  
heaven  
where all creation worships you,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

**All Blessing and honour,  
Glory and power be yours  
This day and evermore.  
Raise your voices,  
sing his glory  
Heaven and earth declare  
him Lord !**

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Priest As our Saviour has taught us, so we  
pray:  
**Our Father in Heaven,  
Hallowed be your name.  
Your kingdom come,  
Your will be done  
on Earth as in Heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread,  
And forgive us our sins  
As we forgive those who sin  
against us.  
And lead us not into temptation  
But deliver us from evil  
For the kingdom, the power  
And the glory are yours  
Now and for ever,  
Amen**

*The priest breaks the bread, ready for  
Holy Communion.*

### GATHERING

*The priest welcomes everyone  
and we sing our first hymn.*

Priest The Lord be with you  
**All and also with you**

*To help us get ready to worship God,  
we say this prayer together:*

**Loving Father God,  
you know us  
through and through -  
our hopes and fears  
our faults and failings  
and all that gives us joy.**

**We come as we are  
to worship you.  
Accept us, we pray -  
and in your love, transform us,  
so that we may please you  
in all we think, and say and do.  
Amen.**

### PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

*A minister may lead us in "thank you"  
prayers, and together we respond:*

**All We thank you, Loving God**

### PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

*A minister leads us in "sorry" prayers,  
using this response:*

Leader Lord, have mercy  
**All Lord, have mercy**

Leader Christ, have mercy  
**All Christ, have mercy**

Leader Lord, have mercy

**All Lord, have mercy**

*The priest says words of forgiveness -  
"the absolution", and we respond with joy,  
because our sins have been forgiven,  
as we sing together:*

## THE GLORIA

**Glory to God!  
We give you thanks and praise  
Of heavenly joy  
and earthly peace we sing  
We worship you -  
to you our hearts we raise  
Lord God, almighty Father,  
heavenly King!**

**Lord Jesus Christ -  
the Father's only Son  
You bore for us the load  
of this world's sin  
O Lamb of God -  
your glorious vict'ry won  
Receive our prayer -  
grant us your peace within!**

**Alone O Christ,  
you only are the Lord  
At God's right hand  
in majesty most high  
Who with the Spirit,  
worshipped and adored  
With all the heav'nly host  
we glorify!**



yet at the end they turned on him.  
On the night he was betrayed  
he came to table with his friends  
to celebrate the freedom of your  
people.

**C** This is his story.

**All This is our song:  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Priest** Jesus blessed you, Father, for the  
food;  
he took bread, gave thanks, broke it  
and said:  
This is my body, given for you all.



Jesus then gave thanks for the  
wine;  
he took the cup, gave it and said:  
This is my blood, shed for you all  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this in remembrance of me.

**C** This is our story.

**All This is our song:  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Priest** Therefore, Father, with this bread  
and this cup  
we celebrate the cross  
on which he died to set us free.  
Defying death he rose again  
and is alive with you to plead for us  
and all the world.

**C** This is our story.

**All This is our song:  
Hosanna in the highest.**

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Priest The Lord be with you

**All and also with you**

Priest Lift up your hearts.

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

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Priest Almighty God, good Father to us all, your face is turned towards your world.

In love you gave us Jesus your Son to rescue us from sin and death. Your Word goes out to call us home to the city where angels sing your praise.

We join with them in heaven's song:

**All Holy, holy, holy, holy  
Lord of power, Lord of might  
Heaven and earth are full of  
your glory.  
Sing Hosanna evermore !**

Priest Father of all, we give you thanks for every gift that comes from heaven.

To the darkness Jesus came as your light.

With signs of faith and words of hope

he touched untouchables with love and washed the guilty clean.

C This is his story.

**All This is our song:  
Hosanna in the highest.**

The crowds came out to see your Son,

## THE COLLECT

*The priest leads us in the special prayer for this week in the church year.*

*The words are on the white service sheet.*



## BIBLE READING

*At the end of the reading, we use this response:*

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

**All Thanks be to God**

*Now we sing a quiet hymn, followed by some silence, so we can think and pray about the words we have heard.*

## GOSPEL READING

*We stand for the Gospel reading and sing:*

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

(x2)

*...and say:*

**Speak Lord,  
for your people are listening.**

*...and sing:*

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

(x2)

*At the beginning of the reading, we say:*

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

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

... and at the end:

Reader This is the Gospel of the Lord

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

## THE ADDRESS

*The preacher will speak,  
or lead us in an activity to help us learn  
more about Jesus,  
and what it means to be a Christian.*

## THE CREED

*We stand to declare the Christian faith  
that we share:*

Priest Let us declare our faith in God:

**All We believe in God,  
the Father of every person  
in heaven and on earth.**

**We believe in God,  
the Son who lives in our  
hearts  
And fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God,  
the Holy Spirit, who  
strengthens us with God's  
power every day.**

**We believe in one God:  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
Amen.**



## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*We pray for our world, and everyone in it  
who needs God's help and guidance.*

*Sometimes we use the response:*

Leader Lord, in your mercy

**All: Hear our prayer**

## THE PEACE

*We share a sign of  
peace with one another.*

Priest The peace of the Lord be always  
with you.

**All And also with you**

*We sing a hymn while a collection is  
taken for the work of the church in this  
community.*

*The money, and bread and wine, are  
brought to the altar table  
as offerings to God - and to use in our  
Holy Communion.*

*The priest may invite someone from the  
congregation (C) to help to lead the  
prayers.*

## PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

C With this bread that we bring  
**All We shall remember Jesus.**

C With this wine that we bring  
**All We shall remember Jesus.**

C Bread for his body,  
wine for his blood,  
gifts from God  
to his table we bring.

**All We shall remember Jesus.**

