

# **St Andrew's Church, Shrivenham**

## **ASK Midweek Service of Holy Communion**



**Acting in Simple Kindness (ASK)**

**An initiative of the Shrivenham & Ashbury Benefice**

**Ask and you shall receive (Luke 11:9)**

ASK is a voluntary local team whose members are happy to contact and/or visit anyone who might welcome someone to talk to or a lift to church. We also organize a short service of Holy Communion on the first Wednesday of the month at 11am, followed by tea or coffee (and very nice cake!). If you or someone you know might welcome a visit, or would like to come to one of the Wednesday services, please contact:

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Prayers are led by a member of the team; do let us know if there is anything special you would like us to include either during the service or in our private prayers.

Please support us by praying our team prayer, written by the Rev'd Anne Bell

Almighty God, we ask for your blessing on our mission to serve our neighbours

Where there is loneliness, let us bring friendship

Where there is suffering, help us to bring comfort,

and where there is confusion, assist our understanding

Let us be sensitive to the needs of all those we visit

Knowing it is only through your strength and the knowledge of your love,

That we do your will

Make us worthy of serving this community

Following the example, and in the name, of your Son,

Our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

**During the service, please join in the words in bold print,  
and feel free to sit throughout the service if that is more comfortable for you.**

**There is normally an optional retiring collection in aid of local good causes or to support ASK funds; this will be announced during the service**

## **The Gathering**

The Greeting

Welcome in the name of Christ  
God's grace, mercy and peace be with you  
**And also with you**

Opening Prayer

God of our days and years  
we set this time apart for you  
form us in the likeness of Christ  
so that our lives may glorify you. **Amen**

## **HYMN**

Invitation to confession

My brothers and sisters, as we prepare to celebrate, let us  
call to mind and confess our sins

**Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
we confess that we have sinned in thought, word  
and deed.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart.**

**We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.**

**In your mercy forgive what we have been,**

**help us to amend what we are, and direct what we  
shall be;**

**that we may do justly, love mercy,**

**and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

## Absolution

May God who loved the world so much that he sent his Son to be our Saviour, forgive us our sins and make us holy to serve him in the world through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## The Collect of the Day

*The prayer for the day is said*

## Gospel Reading

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *N*  
**Glory to you, O Lord**

*At the end*

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

## Homily if given

## Prayers of Intercession

The response to "Lord, in your mercy," is  
**Hear our prayer**

*The prayers end with*  
Merciful Father

**Accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**

## The Peace

Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called children of God. We meet in the name of Christ and share his peace. The peace of the Lord be always with you

**and also with you**

*We normally exchange the peace with one another, for example by shaking hands*

*There is a short time for silent prayer as the altar is prepared for Communion*

## The Eucharistic Prayer (G)

The Lord be with you

**and also with you**

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**

Blessed are you, Lord God  
our light and our salvation  
to you be glory and praise for ever

From the beginning you have created all things  
and all your works echo the silent music of your praise  
In the fullness of time you made us in your image  
the crown of all creation

You give us breath and speech, that with angels and archangels  
and all the powers of heaven  
we may find a voice to sing 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**

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord  
As a mother tenderly gathers her children  
you embraced a people as your own  
When they turned away and rebelled  
your love remained steadfast

From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour,  
born of Mary  
to be the living bread  
in whom all our hungers are satisfied  
He offered his life for sinners  
and with a love stronger than death  
he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died  
he came to supper with his friends  
and, taking bread, he gave you thanks  
He broke it and gave it to them, saying

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you  
do this in remembrance of me

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine  
he gave you thanks, and said  
Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of  
sins  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me

Great is the mystery of faith

**Christ has died**  
**Christ is risen**  
**Christ will come again**

Father, we plead with confidence  
his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross  
we remember his dying and rising in glory  
and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand  
Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you  
these gifts of your creation  
may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son

As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence  
form us in the likeness of Christ  
and build us into a living temple to your glory

Remember, Lord, your church in every land.  
reveal her unity, guard her faith and preserve her in peace

Bring us at the last with Andrew (and ... ) and all the saints  
to the vision of that eternal splendour  
for which you have created us  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord  
by whom, with whom, and in whom  
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven  
we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting  
praise

**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours for ever and ever. Amen**

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**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

We break this bread  
to share in the body of Christ  
**Though we are many we are one body  
because we all share in one bread**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy upon us  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy upon us  
Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world,  
grant us peace**

## Giving of Communion

*If you normally receive Communion, please join us at the altar rail; it can be brought to your seat if that is easier – just let us know. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, again, please let us know.*

Draw near with faith;  
receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he gave for you and his blood which he shed for you.  
Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

## Prayers after Communion

*This or another prayer is said*

Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**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.**

## **HYMN**

Blessing and Dismissal

*This or another blessing is said:*

Life is short and we do not have too much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us. So be swift to love and make haste to be kind, and may the blessing of the God who made us and loves us and travels with us be with you, and those you love and pray for, today and always. Amen

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord  
**In the name of Christ, Amen**

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