

glory are yours, O loving Father,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

### The Lord's Prayer

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.  
Forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power and the glory  
are yours, now and forever.  
Amen.

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.

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.

### 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 the Spirit to live  
and work to your praise and glory.  
Amen.

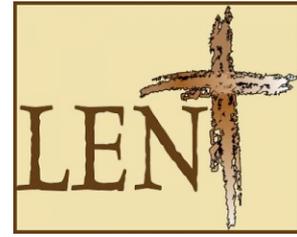
### Blessing

The Lord bless us and watch over us  
The Lord make his face shine upon us  
And be gracious to us,  
The Lord look kindly on us  
And give us peace  
And the blessing of God Almighty,  
the Father, Son and Holy Spirit  
be upon us and remain with us,  
and those we love today and everyday.  
Amen.

### The Dismissal

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

# St Matthew's Church Holy Communion



### Opening Prayer

Lord, direct our thoughts, and teach us to  
pray. Lift up our hearts to worship you in spirit  
and in truth, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen

The night has passed, and the day lies open  
before us;  
let us pray with one heart and mind.

*Silence is kept*

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day, so  
may the light of your presence, O God, set our  
hearts on fire with love for you; now and  
forever. Amen.

### Confession

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from  
the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the  
wilderness, where for forty days he was  
tempted by the devil.

Let us confess our sins remembering before  
God the times when we have fallen from  
temptation into sin.

*(Silence)*

We confess to you our selfishness and lack of  
love; fill us with your Spirit.  
Lord, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.

We confess to you our fear and failure in  
sharing our faith: fill us with your Spirit.  
Christ, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy.

We confess to you our stubbornness and lack  
of trust: fill us with your Spirit.  
Lord, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.

### Absolution

May the God of love  
bring us back to himself

forgive us our sins  
and assure us of his eternal love  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen**

**Reading from the Bible and time for reflection.**

### **Affirmation of Faith**

Let us declare our faith in God.

**We believe in God the Father,  
From whom every family  
In heaven and on earth is named.**

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

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
who strengthens us  
With power from on high.**

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

### **Time for prayer**

In faith, let us pray to God the Father.  
His Son Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit.

*At the end of our prayers*

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for  
whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through  
your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **The Peace**

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace  
with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

*Romans 5:1,2*

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

### **Holy Communion**

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.**  
Father, you made the world and love your  
creation.

You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our  
Saviour.  
His dying and rising have set us free from sin  
and death.  
And so we gladly thank you,  
with saints and angels praising you, and  
*saying:*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
and as we obey his command,  
send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and  
wine outpoured may be for us the body and  
blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper  
with his friends  
and, taking bread, he praised you.  
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for  
you; do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of  
wine. Again he praised you, gave it to them  
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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,  
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice  
made once for all upon the cross.  
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup  
of salvation, we proclaim his death and  
resurrection 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, help us to work together for  
that day when your kingdom comes  
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the  
earth.

Look with favour on your people,  
gather us in your loving arms and bring us with  
all the saints to feast at your table in heaven.  
Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and