

**CHRIST CHURCH WITH ST MARY'S
SWINDON OLD TOWN PARTNERSHIP OF CHURCHES**

Living Ordinary Time III

*You are all that we have,
You give us what we need.
Our lives are in your hands,
O God.*

Ordinary Time III

15th after Trinity ⇒ “Christ the King”

[Sep - Nov]

WELCOME & GREETING

**Words of welcome are said,
and any other preparations for the service**

Please join in with the words in bold

NOTICES

THE GREETING

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

**We then stand to sing our first hymn, during which
the giving plate is presented...**

Opening Hymn

**An offering prayer is said at the end
of the last verse of the hymn**

Children's Talk

After which children may leave for Sunday Club

in the community centre

Opening Prayers

Almighty God,

**to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the
inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we
may perfectly love you, and worthily
magnify your holy name; through Christ
our Lord. Amen**

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OUR APOLOGY TO GOD, ASKING FOR HIS HELP AS WE JOURNEY ON

The Spirit of the Lord fills the world
and knows our every word and deed.
Let us then open ourselves to the Lord
and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

God of mercy,
we acknowledge that we are all sinners.
**We turn from the wrong that we have
thought and said and done,
and are mindful of all that we have failed to
do.**

**For the sake of Jesus, who died for us,
forgive us for all that is past,
and help us to live each day
in the light of Christ our Lord. Amen**

The leader says...

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**

Gloria

We stand to sing The Gloria

**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 God 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**

The Collect

**A leader then says the special prayer (The Collect) for the
day ... see the Appendix at back of booklet for Collects set
for the Sunday/Day in question ... then all respond:**

Amen

Readings

**Reading[s] from Scripture precedes the Gospel reading. ...
and at the end the reader may say ...**

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn/Psalm

This may be a Hymn, Psalm or responsorial Psalm setting

Remain standing

GOSPEL READING

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the light of the world, says the Lord.
Whoever follows me will never walk in
darkness,
but will have the light of life.

Alleluia.

When the Gospel is announced the reader says

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew, Mark, Luke or John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

After the Gospel has been read ...

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

**WHAT IS GOD SAYING TO US FROM THE BIBLE –
HIS LIVING WORD FOR TODAY?**

**We all stand and are invited, if we feel able,
to proclaim the Christian Faith by saying...**

The Creed

Let us declare our faith
in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Christ died for our sins
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he was buried;
he was raised to life on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures;
afterwards he appeared to his followers,
and to all the apostles:
this we have received,
and this we believe. Amen**

The Prayers

Prayers are offered for the world, the Church, our country, our town and those who have asked us to pray for them. There may be short periods of silence for your own prayers.

This response may be used ...

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

And at the end ...

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

The Peace

Please stand

We are all one in Christ Jesus.
We belong to him through faith,
heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

**Everybody can greet one another saying, “Peace be with
you”.**

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

Hymn

Remain standing

Wise and gracious God, you spread a table before us; nourish your people with the word of life and the bread of heaven. **Amen**

The Eucharistic Prayer

SURSUM CORDA

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.

The following is then normally said

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise, holy Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

And now we give you thanks because you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image and called us to new life in him.

Therefore, with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and *singing*:

Sanctus & Benedictus

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

**Blessèd is he who comes in the name of
the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and as we follow his example and obey his
command, grant that by the power of your Holy
Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us
his body and his blood; who, in the same night
that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you
thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples,
saying:

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

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying:

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.

Therefore, heavenly Father, we remember his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross; we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; we look for the coming of your kingdom, and with this bread and this cup we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise, and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty, renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love and unite us in the body of your Son,

Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, 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

As our Saviour 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. 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 for ever. Amen

Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated 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.

Communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

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

Most merciful Lord, your love compels us to come in. Our hands were unclean, our hearts were unprepared; we were not fit even to eat the crumbs from under your table. But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation, and share your bread with

sinners. So cleanse and feed us with the precious body and blood of your Son, that he may live in us and we in him; and that we, with the whole company of Christ, may sit and eat in your kingdom. Amen

Agnus Dei

During the invitation to come to the Lord's Table we sing together the Agnus Dei as indicated below ...

this is not announced

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.**

The congregation receives Holy Communion (as directed by a sidesperson) – bread and wine or a simple prayer of Blessing, either way the response is Amen.

**The choir sings an Anthem
during Holy Communion.**

**If you would like people to pray with you personally, and confidentially, someone is available
at the back of church.**

Prayers after Communion

Silence is kept ... then a prayer is said ... this is normally the Post Communion Prayer set for the day ...

Then we say together ...

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

Closing Hymn

**THE BLESSING AND THE DISMISSAL
WE ARE SENT OUT INTO THE WORLD
TO LIVE AND WORK GUIDED BY GOD**

The love of the Lord Jesus draw you to himself, the power of the Lord Jesus strengthen you in his service, the joy of the Lord Jesus fill your hearts; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen

Organ Voluntary

**The congregation remains standing
as the choir leaves the church. Please sit and listen to
the organ voluntary before leaving.**



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