PARISH OF LINSLADE

EUCHARIST
(THANKSGIVING SERVICE)

1. WE COME TOGETHER TO WORSHIP GOD

First Hymn

We say hello to God
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

We say hello to each other
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

God says hello to us in the Bible
A sentence from the Bible is read out.

We tell God how we are: The Confession
We remember the things we have done wrong, then we say:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy**.

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

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

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

We say thank you to God: The Gloria
Sung from our hymn book; the number will be announced.

The Opening Prayer and theme for today.
The Priest says a prayer, at the end of which we say **Amen.**

2. GOD SPEAKS TO US

A Reading from the Bible
Afterwards the reader says: This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**.

The Gospel: Jesus speaks to us.
We stand and say hello to God: Alleluia, **alleluia.**
A phrase from the Bible is read out, then we say. **Alleluia**.

We say hello to each other: The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

The reader says: Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *N*. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At the end the reader says: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

The Sermon: God's Word is explained.

The Creed: what we believe about God
Let us declare our common faith in God.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, creator of all being and life, the one for whom we exist? **We believe and trust in Him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, Jesus Christ, who became human, died for us and came back to new life? **We believe and trust in Him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world? **We believe and trust in Him.**

This is the faith of the Church.
This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Having listened to God, we pray to Him
Priest: Brothers and sisters, let us pray to God our Father, in the power of His Spirit, and in union with Jesus His Son.

The following response may be used: Lord, in Your mercy **Hear our prayer**

At the end: Merciful Father, **Accept these prayers through Your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

3. GOD COMES TO US IN BREAD & WINE

We exchange a sign of God's Peace, as brothers and sisters in God's family.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace, by shaking hands with those around us.

Second Hymn

The collection is taken and the bread and wine are brought to the altar, and offered.

The Gifts we have been given by God to offer to Him are prepared

Let us pray that our sacrifice may delight God, our Almighty Father.
Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is Yours. All things come from You and of Your own do we give You.
The Priest prays a prayer, at the end of which we say **Amen.**

Our Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.**

A group of the congregation says: **Why is it right to give thanks and praise?**

Another group says: **May the Holy Spirit show us.**

The priest prays a seasonal prayer, which begins like this: It is always right to give thanks ..., .
That part of the prayer ends with the Priest asking us all to join with God's angels to sing His praise in the song from the hymn books that begins
Holy, most holy, ...

At the end of the song, a group of the congregation says: **Why do we share bread and wine?**

Another group says: **May the Holy Spirit show us.**

The Priest says: On the night before He died, when darkness had fallen, Jesus had supper with His friends. He took bread, He praised God, He broke the bread and gave it to His friends and said:
Take, eat; this is My Body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me.
All say: **Amen. Lord, we believe.**

After supper Jesus took a cup of wine. He gave thanks to God, gave the cup to His friends 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.
All say: **Amen. Lord, we believe.**

A group of the congregation says: **How do we follow Jesus?**

Another group says: **May the Holy Spirit show us.**

The Priest says: Holy Spirit, come upon these gifts we offer, and upon us, our Bishop, and all Your Church. Remember everyone for whom we pray, especially ... Help us to love one another, as we look forward to that day when suffering is ended and everything is gathered into Our Father's loving arms. And now, with Alban, Barnabas, Mary, and all the saints we give Him glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

today and for ever. **Amen.**

The Gifts of God for the people of God.
Jesus Christ is Holy, Jesus Christ is Lord, To the Glory of God the Father

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.

We keep a brief time of silence

The Bread which is Jesus' Body, is broken so that we may all share in Him

Father, even as this broken bread was scattered over the hills as grain and was gathered together and became one loaf, so let Your Church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into Your kingdom; for Yours is the glory and the power through Jesus Christ for ever. 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.

We sing this or a version from our hymn book
Jesus the Lamb of God, ever adored,
You take all our sins away; have mercy, Lord.
And as in Your love all anxieties cease,
So, Jesus the Lamb of God, give us Your peace.

The priest invites everyone to come and receive Jesus' Body and Blood:
Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those who are called to the wedding banquet of the Lamb.
Lord, I am not worthy to receive You, but only say the word and I shall be healed.

A **Bible Sentence** *may be read.*

Everyone who has been baptized in the name of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit is invited to receive Holy Communion: please come to the ministers to receive the bread and wine that become Jesus' Body for us. Or you may prefer a blessing: in this case, please hold a book and bow your head when you reach the front of the queue.

Hymns During and After Communion

The Prayer after Communion

At the end of which we say **Amen.**

4. GOING OUT IN GOD'S SPIRIT

The Notices

The Prayer before Leaving

Father in heaven, we pray that our worship today
may fill our hearts with a deeper sense of Your love for us and for the world,
and that we may reflect Your love in our own lives,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We remind ourselves that we are one Family

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

We receive God's Blessing

The Priest ends with these or similar words: And the blessing of God Almighty. the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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

You are warmly invited to the Church Hall after the Service, where there will be drinks and biscuits.