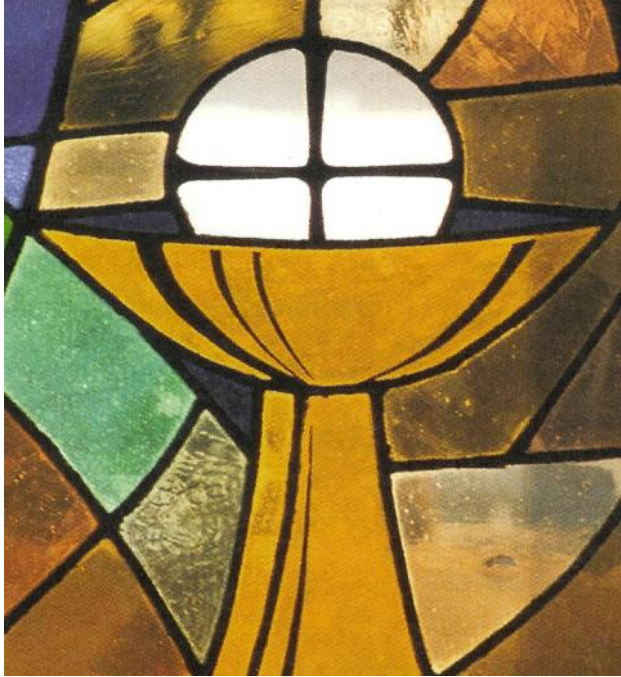


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# Blessed Robert Grissold Catholic Church



## First Holy Communion Order of Service

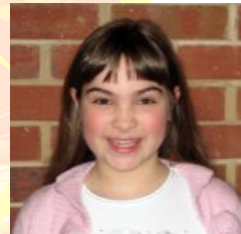
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Sunday 8th June 2008

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# Our Communicants



Father  
Sebastian Arikat

**On behalf of the whole parish, may I  
welcome our communicants  
their families and friends, other visitors and  
all members of our parish to this celebra-  
tion of the sacrament of Holy Communion.**

# The Order of the Mass

## Introductory Rites

### Opening Hymn: Lord of the Dance

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,  
And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,  
And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth,  
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

**Chorus:** *Dance, then, wherever you may be;  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.  
And I'll lead you all wherever you may be,  
And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.*

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,  
But they would not dance and they would not follow me;  
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;  
They came with me and the dance went on.

### Chorus

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame,  
The holy people they said it was a shame;  
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high;  
And they left me there on a cross to die.

### Chorus

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black;  
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back;  
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone,  
But I am the dance and I still go on.

### Chorus

They cut me down and I leapt up high,  
I am the life that'll never, never die;  
I'll live in you if you'll live in me;  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

### Chorus

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**  
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

**Greeting: Father Sebastian**

## Penitential Rite

**All:** I confess to Almighty God,  
And to you, my brothers and sisters,  
That I have sinned through my own fault,  
In my thoughts and in my words,  
In what I have done,  
And in what I have failed to do;  
And I ask Blessed Mary, ever virgin,  
All the angels and saints,  
And you, my brothers and sisters,  
To pray for me to the Lord our God.



## Kyrie - Sung (Soli Mass)

Show mercy to us, loving Father.  
We have sinned against you.  
Please make us anew.  
In your love and your grace you forgive us  
Lord, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.

Look not on our failings, Lord Jesus.  
We have sinned against you.  
Please make us anew.  
By your life and your death, you redeem us.  
Christ, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy.

Come, fill our hearts, Holy Spirit,  
We have sinned against you.  
Please make us anew.  
Forgive us and heal us and save us.  
Lord, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.

## Gloria (Burntwood)

**Refrain:** Glory, Glory, Glory to God on high  
Glory, Glory, peace to all his people.

Lord God our heavenly King, Glory to God on high,  
Almighty God and Father, Glory to God on high.  
We worship you, we give you thanks, Glory to God on high,  
We praise you for your glory, Glory to God on high.

### Refrain

Jesus Christ, God's only Son, Glory to God on high,  
Have mercy on us, Lamb of God, Glory to God on high.  
Lord, you take away our sin, Glory to God on high,  
At the Father's right hand, hear our prayer, Glory to God on high.

### Refrain

For you alone are the holy one, Glory to God on high,  
You alone are the Lord, most high, Glory to God on high.  
With the Holy Spirit, Glory to God on high,  
In the glory of the Father, Glory to God on high.

### Refrain

## Opening Prayer

**Father Sebastian:** Father, your Son, Lord Jesus, gave us the Eucharist as a memorial of his suffering and death. May we, who share in the one bread and drink of the one cup, be filled with thankfulness. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

## First Reading

A reading from the book of Proverbs

My child, do not forget my teaching but keep my commands in your heart, for they will prolong your life many years and bring you prosperity. Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

## Responsorial Psalm - Sung

The response to the Psalm is: **The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ.**

How can I repay the Lord  
For his goodness to me?  
The cup of salvation I will raise;  
I will call on the Lord's name. **Response**

O precious in the eyes of the Lord  
Is the death of his faithful.  
Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;  
You have loosened my bonds. **Response**

A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:  
I will call on the Lord's name.  
My vows to the Lord I will fulfil  
Before all his people. **Response**

## Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.

This is what I received from the Lord, and in turn passed on to you; that on the same night that he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread, and thanked God for it and broke it, and he said "This is my body, which is for you; do this as a memorial of me. In the same way he took the cup after supper, and said "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Whenever you drink it, do this as a memorial of me." Until the Lord comes, therefore, every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming his death.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation - Sung

Please stand for the Gospel

**Gospel Acclamation: Celtic Alleluia**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia  
I am the Bread of Life; all who come to me will never be turned away  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

## Gospel

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to You, Lord.**

Jesus said to the Jews: "I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world."

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

## Homily

### The Creed

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.



For us men and our salvation he came down from heaven: <All bow>  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## Prayers of the Faithful

**The response to the Bidding Prayers is: Lord, graciously hear us**

Parent: We pray for Hannah, Kathryn, Rebecca, Liam and Natalie  
as they prepare to receive their First Holy Communion. May  
they grow in faith as they follow your ways and come to un-  
derstand more fully your love for them.

Lord, hear us ... **Response**

Rebecca: We pray for our families and our friends.  
Help us to love each other as much as you love us.

Lord, hear us ... **Response**

Liam: We pray for our community, for everyone in our church, and  
for the Catholic Church around the world.  
Help us to grow as a family in your love.

Lord, hear us ... **Response**

Natalie: We pray for our teachers, youth leaders and everyone who  
works with children.

Help them to guide the children in their care .

Lord, hear us ... **Response**

Kathryn: We pray for all those people who have lost their families and  
their homes because of natural disasters.

Help them to find the strength to rebuild their lives.

Lord, hear us ... **Response**

Hannah: We pray for all people around the world, especially children,  
who are poor, who are sick, and who don't have enough wa-  
ter or food.

Help us to reach out to them in their distress.

Lord, hear us ... **Response**

Parent: We pray for those who are sick, and those who care for them.  
We pray for those who have died recently.  
We pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time.  
We now ask Mary our Mother to guide us on our continuing journey to Christ.

**Hail Mary, full of grace,  
The Lord is with thee.  
Blessed art thou amongst women,  
And blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
Pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.  
Amen.**

## The Liturgy of the Eucharist

**Offertory Hymn: One Bread, One Body**

**Chorus:** One bread, one body, one Lord of all,  
One cup of blessing which we bless.  
And we, though many, throughout the earth,  
We are one body in this one Lord.

Gentile or Jew, servant or free,  
Woman or man no more.

### Chorus

Many the gifts, many the works,  
One in the Lord of all.

### Chorus

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,  
Gathered to one for all.

### Chorus

## Prayer over the Gifts

Pray, my brothers and sisters, that our sacrifice  
may be acceptable to God, the Almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and  
glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his Church.**

Lord may this offering of your love be acceptable to you. Let it transform

our lives and bring us peace and mercy. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right we give him thanks and praise**

## **Preface**

### **Holy Holy - Sung (Soli Mass)**

**Refrain:** Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna  
Hosanna in the highest!  
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna  
Hosanna in the highest!

Holy is the Lord, God Almighty.  
Heav'n and earth are full of his glory.  
Holy is the Lord, holy is the Lord,  
Holy is the name of the Lord.

#### **Refrain**

Blest is he who comes in the Lord's name;  
Heav'n and earth are full of his glory.  
Blessed is the Lord, Blessed is the Lord,  
Blessed is the name of the Lord.

#### **Refrain**

### **The Eucharistic Prayer**

#### **Memorial Acclamation**

**When we eat the bread and drink this cup,  
We proclaim your death, Lord Jesus  
Until you come in glory.**

#### **The Great Amen:**

Through him, with him, in him,  
In unity of the Holy Spirit,  
All glory and honour is yours,  
Almighty Father, for ever and ever.

**All: Amen**

## The Communion Rite

Let us pray with confidence to the Father in the words our Saviour gave us:

**All: 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.**



Deliver us Lord from every evil  
And grant us peace in our day.  
In your mercy keep us free from sin  
And protect us from all anxiety  
As we wait in joyful hope  
For the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory, are yours now and forever.**

## The Sign of Peace

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles: I leave you peace, my peace I give you. Look not on our sins, but on the faith of your church, and grant us the peace and unity of your kingdom where you live for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

## Breaking of the Bread - Sung (BRG Setting)

Lamb of God, you take away the sin,  
The sin of all the world  
Give us mercy, Give us mercy,  
Give us mercy, Lamb of God.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin,

The sin of all the world  
Give us mercy, Give us mercy,  
Give us mercy, Lamb of God.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin,  
The sin of all the world  
Grant us peace, Lord; Grant us peace, Lord;  
Grant us peace, Lamb of God.

This is the Lamb of God  
who takes away the sins of the world  
Happy 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.**

## The Communion

*The communicant is offered the host.*

The Body of Christ. **Amen.**

*When the communicant is offered the chalice.*

The Blood of Christ. **Amen.**

During Communion, we will sing the Taize hymn 'Eat this bread'. The refrain is:

*Eat this Bread, drink this cup, come to me and never be hungry,  
Eat this Bread, drink this cup, come to me and you will not thirst.*

After Communion, the choir will sing 'The Apple Tree' text by an anonymous author in 1704, music composed by Chris Kearn 2000.

### **Prayer after Communion**

**Father Sebastian:** Let us pray:

Lord, you give us your body and blood in the Eucharist as a sign that even now we share your life. Draw us closer to you and help us to recognise you in all we meet. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Lord.

**All: Amen**

## Concluding Rite

**Father Sebastian:** The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

**Father Sebastian:** May almighty God bless you  
The Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen**

**Father Sebastian:** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## Recessional Hymn

### **Recessional Hymn: Shine Jesus Shine**

Lord, the light of your love is shining,  
In the midst of the darkness, shining,  
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us  
Set us free by the truth you now bring us,  
Shine on me, shine on me

**Chorus:** Shine, Jesus, shine!  
Fill this land with the Father's glory.  
Blaze, Spirit, blaze,  
Set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river, flow,  
Flood the nations with grace and mercy.  
Send forth your word  
Lord, and let there be light.

Lord, I come to your awesome presence,  
From the shadows into your radiance.  
By the blood I may enter your brightness,  
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness.  
Shine on me, shine on me.

### **Chorus**

As we gaze on your kingly brightness  
So our faces display your likeness,  
Ever changing from glory to glory,

Mirrored here, may our lives tell your story,  
Shine on me, shine on me.

## Chorus

## Thanks



*Thank you to everyone who has helped to make this First Holy Communion Service possible.*

*Thank you to our communicants: Hannah, Kathryn, Rebecca, Liam and Natalie who have worked very hard over several months and have helped to prepare this service by selecting the hymns, the mass setting and writing the bidding prayers.*

*Thank you to all the parents who have supported and encouraged their children on their journey towards the sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion.*

*A special thank you to those family members that have taken part in this Mass.*

*Thank you to Father Sebastian, the instrumental group, the choir, Chris Kearl and everyone else who has worked so hard to make this Mass special for our communicants.*

*Finally, thank you to Ian Clarke for preparing the order of service and to Joe Martin for organising the printing.*

*Ellie Clarke June 2008*

## Celebration

Our communicants, their families and friends would be pleased if you would join them in the Parish room after Mass to celebrate their special day with them.



*The word 'communion' means 'to be united with'; Catholics believe that in holy communion, we are united in a special way with Jesus Christ.*

*"Take this and eat, this is my body", Jesus said of the bread he shared among his followers at his last supper. Then taking a cup of wine he said, "take this and drink, for this is my blood".*

*Catholics believe that in a mysterious way, when we receive holy Communion, we are sharing in the body and blood - the very life - of Christ our Saviour. Holy Communion, and the whole service (Mass) is also known as Eucharist, from a Greek word meaning thanksgiving.*



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