

*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.*

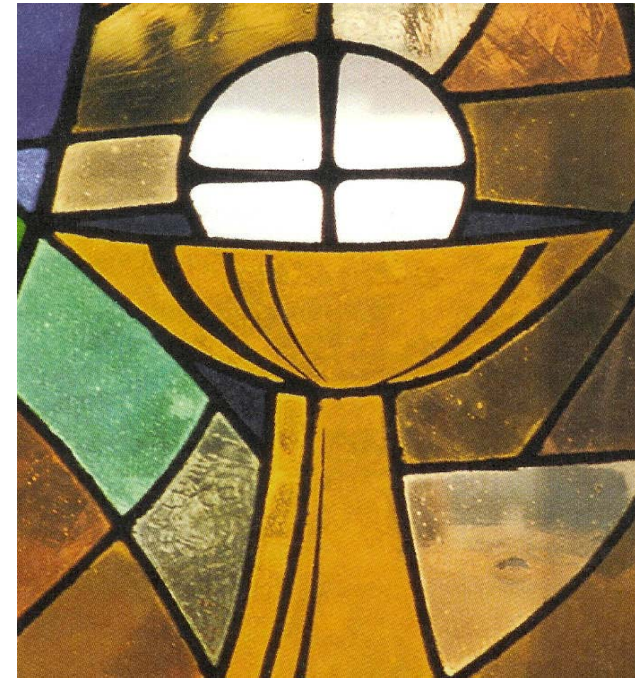


**Blessed Robert Grissold Catholic Church  
Meeting House Lane  
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## **Blessed Robert Grissold Catholic Church**



### **First Holy Communion Order of Service**

**Ellie Biggs  
Sophie Ritchie-Yates  
Liam Russell  
David Doll**

**Sunday 1st July 2007**



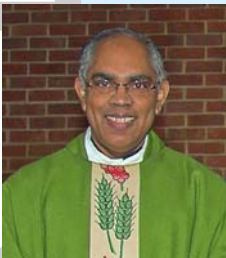
# Our Communicants



Ellie Biggs



Sophie  
Ritchie-Yates



Father Sebastian  
Arikat

On behalf of the whole parish,  
may I welcome our communi-  
cants Sophie, Ellie, Liam and  
David, their families and friends,  
other visitors and all members  
of our parish to this celebration  
of the sacrament of Holy  
Communion.



Liam Russell



David Doll

## Celebration

Ellie, Sophie, David, Liam and their families would be pleased if you would join them in the Parish room after Mass to celebrate their special day with them.



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, Ellie, Sophie, David and Liam who  
helped to prepare this service by selecting the hymns, the mass setting  
and writing the bidding prayers.*

*Ellie Clarke June 2007*

# The Order of the Mass

## Introductory Rites

**Opening Hymn: Sing Hosanna!**

Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising  
give me joy in my heart, I pray.

Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,  
keep me praising till the break of day.

**Chorus:** Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna!

Sing hosanna to the King of Kings!

Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna!

Sing hosanna to the King!

Give me peace in my heart, keep me resting,  
give me peace in my heart, I pray.

Give me peace in my heart, keep me resting,  
keep me resting till the break of day.

**Chorus**

Give me love in my heart, keep me serving,  
give me love in my heart, I pray.

Give me love in my heart, keep me serving,  
keep me serving till the break of day.

**Chorus**

Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning,  
give me oil in my lamp, I pray.

keep me burning till the break of day  
keep me burning till the break of day.

**Chorus**

## Penitential Rite

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**

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: 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**

**Refrain:** Gloria! <clap clap> Gloria! <clap, clap>  
In excelsis deo  
Gloria! <clap clap> Gloria! <clap, clap>  
In excelsis deo

Lord God heavenly King  
Peace you bring to us  
We worship you, we give you thanks

Take it and drink it, and when you do  
Do it in love for me.

Back to my Father soon I shall go.  
Do not forget me; then you will see  
I am still with you, and you will know  
You're very close to me.

Filled with my Spirit, how you will grow!  
You are my branches; I am the tree.  
If you are faithful, others will know  
You are alive in me.

Love one another; I have loved you,  
And I have shown you how to be free;  
Serve one another, and when you do,  
Do it in love for me.

### **Prayer after Communion**

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.

**Amen**

## **Concluding Rite**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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

**Amen**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**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

## The Breaking of Bread

### Agnes Dei – Israeli Mass

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 of offered the chalice.*

The Blood of Christ. **Amen.**

### Communion Hymn: This is my body

This is my body, broken for you,  
Bringing you wholeness, making you free.  
Take it and eat it, and when you do,  
Do it in love for me.

This is my blood, poured out for you,  
Bringing forgiveness, making you free,

we sing our song of praise.

### Refrain

Jesus, Saviour of all,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
You take away our sins, O Lord,  
Have mercy on us all.

### Refrain

At the Father's right hand,  
Lord receive our prayer;  
For you alone are the holy one  
And you alone are Lord.

### Refrain

Glory, Father and Son,  
Glory Holy Spirit.  
To you we raise our hands up high  
We glorify your name.

### Refrain

## Opening Prayer

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

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

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

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

**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 Communion Rite

**The Lord's Prayer**

**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. Amen.**

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.

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 Eucharistic Prayer

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: 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;

## 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.

## The Bidding Prayers

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

Parent: We pray for David, Liam, Sophie and Ellie as they prepare to receive their First Holy Communion. May they grow in faith as they follow your ways and come to understand more fully your love for them.  
Lord, hear us ... **Response**

David: We think of God the Father, who gave us the Body and Blood of his Son Jesus.  
May we try to understand this gift more and more.  
Lord, hear us ... **Response**

Liam: We think of Jesus, who blessed the bread and wine, saying "Do this in memory of me."  
May we think carefully about what we do during Mass, so that we are truly ready to be joined with Jesus in Communion.  
Lord, hear us ... **Response**

Sophie: We think of the Holy Spirit who speaks in our hearts.  
May we always be ready to listen.  
Lord, hear us ... **Response**

Ellie: We thank you for being with us on our journey as we prepare to receive you for the first time.  
May we continue to grow as Christians by following your path.  
Lord, hear us ... **Response**

David: We pray for our Pope, our Archbishop, the bishops and all the priests.

May God guide them in their work.  
Lord, hear us ... **Response**

Liam: We pray for our community – the old and young, the people who go to school or work or live in the village, and for everyone here in our church.  
May we grow as a community in Christ's love.  
Lord, hear us ... **Response**

Sophie: We pray for our families.  
May we love each other as much as you love us.  
Lord, hear us ... **Response**

Ellie: Lord, bless us four, Sophie, Liam, David and me, as we make our First Holy Communion.  
May we always be ready to celebrate our love for you.  
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**