



Plough Sunday Service with Holy Communion and the blessings of ploughs

The Gathering

Jesus, who walked with farmers and fishermen.

be with us now.

As you came together to meet your friends who farmed or fished;

Jesus, who walked with farmers and fishermen be with us now.

As we gather here we remember you too gave thanks. You too would
bless all who came near.

Jesus, who walked with farmers and fishermen be with us now.

You kindled faith and hope, came close to shed your light on all near you.

So, today as we gather here, we say:

Lord Jesus who walked with farmers and fishermen be with us now.

HYMN

Confession & Forgiveness

Minister: No one who puts his hand to the plough, and looks back,

People: is fit for the Kingdom of God.

Minister: When we are ungrateful for the rain, and the sun, the snow
and the frost, in their season.

People: and forget God's gift to us:

Minister: when we are blind to the mystery of germination,

People: and forget it is God's handiwork:

Minister: When we are careless with the beasts,

People: and forget they are God's creatures:

Minister: When we are unkind to other people,

People: and forget they are God's children:

Minister: When we skimp our work,

People: and forget we are God's workers:

Minister: when we ill-treat the land,

People: and forget it is the splendour of God: O God forgive us.

Priest: May the almighty and all-loving Father make you clean from the wrong you have done in the past: May our merciful Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ make you strong, to sin no more in the future: May the gracious and life-giving Holy Spirit make you faithful to God again today; to whom be the glory for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis [*Please stand*]

All 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 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 [*Please sit or kneel*]

The president introduces a period of silent prayer.

The Collect is said.

All Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Lesson

Hymn

Gospel Reading [*Please stand*]

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *N.*

All Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Address

Affirmation of Faith

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist?

All We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature,
died for rose and us again?

All 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?

All We believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

**All This is our faith.
We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession [*Please sit or kneel*]

This or other seasonal responses may be used.

Lord, in your mercy

All hear our prayer.

And at the end

Merciful Father,

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

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace *[Please stand]*

The president may introduce the Peace

The Peace of the Lord be Always with you

All and also with you.

The congregation may exchange the sign of peace.

HYMN

Preparation of the Table

[The bread and wine are brought to the altar]

Eucharistic Prayer B

The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

Father, we give you thanks and praise through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word, through whom you have created all things; who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh; as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin, he lived on earth and went about among us; he opened wide his arms for us on the cross; he put an end to death by dying for us; and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life; so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

Short Proper Preface, when appropriate.

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

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness; grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

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.

**All Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption. As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of [*N and*] all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever. *All* **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**All Our Father, which art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name:
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive them that 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.**

Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

All Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

Agnus Dei

**All Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.**

Giving of Communion

The president says the invitation to 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.

Post Communion Prayer [See Sunday Sheet]

Silence is kept.

All 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.

HYMN

The congregation makes its way outside to the ploughs.

BLESSING OF THE PLOUGH(S)

Farmer: The Plough is the sign of all our labour in the countryside. The plough is the foundation of the farmer's work. Before the soil can be broken, or the seed sown, or the green corn grow, or grain be reaped, or the bread baked, or the people fed, we must plough the field.

So, at the beginning of another year, we bring this plough to our Parish Church, that you may give your blessing to it and to us, and all the work and workers on the farms of our Benefice.

Priest: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

God speed the plough!

The beam and the mouldboard - the foot and the toe - the share and the coulter.

God speed the plough!

In fair weather and foul – in success and disappointment – in rain and wind – in frost or sunshine.

God speed the plough!

People: God speed the plough!

CLOSING RESPONSES

Jesus, who walked with farmers and fishermen.

Walk with us now, as comes times to depart.

**Stay with us, Lord in work and rest,
in mind and soul, in heart.**

BLESSING

May God the Creator bless your labour. **Amen.**

May God the Son walk with you day by day. **Amen.**

May God the Holy Spirit inspire and strengthen
you as you work with him. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son
and the Holy Spirit, be with you, now and for ever. **Amen.**

