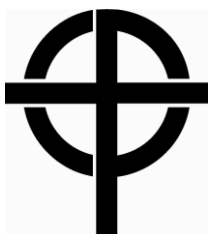


CLARENCE PARK BAPTIST CHURCH



Communion Services



Order of service

Clarence Park Baptist Church

“As we gather at the Lords Table”

*We say together the words printed in **bold**.*

We gather as the People of God

Almighty and everlasting Father, we thank you that you have brought us safely to the beginning of this day. Keep us from falling into sin or running into danger; order us in all our doings; and guide us to do always what is right in your eyes; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Alive with your life
awakened to the glory of another day
and summoned to worship by our experience of your love
Father, we bring our praise and adoration.
Yesterday has gone
tomorrow has not yet arrived
but today is a new day
and we begin its hours in worship
affirming that you are God
and that we are your people**

O God, our Father, for this short time of worship direct and control our thoughts that we may think only of you. Grant us reverence as we remember your glory; penitence as we remember your holiness; gratitude as we remember your love: So that we may rise from our worship with knowledge deepened; with love kindled; with strength to live more nearly as we ought: Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

We worship

A psalm will be read / hymn can be sung / or a piece of music played

Affirmation of our faith

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 and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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.**

We listen to God's word

A reading and reflection from the Bible

We prepare our hearts for comunion

In the prayers of humbleness we ask for God's forgiveness

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

**All : Lord, we remember the depth of your love for us,
and we repent of our half-hearted discipleship.
We have been called to deny ourselves:
forgive us for putting self-interest before the
interests of your kingdom; forgive us that Christ's
Lordship in our hearts has been challenged by our
ambition, our appetites, our desires, and our needs;
forgive us for the times when self-interest has
hindered our care for others.**

**Lord, we have been called to carry a cross:
forgive us for complaining
when it has weighed heavily upon us;
forgive us that, having received so much,
we have sacrificed so little;
forgive us for the limits we have set to Christian love;
forgive us that we have settled for mediocrity,
resisting the fire and passion of Christ's love upon
the cross.
Amen.**

Words of institution and thanksgiving

- Invitation;
- The apostle Paul tells us of the institution of the Lord's Supper:

For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, 'This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.' For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Together we say:

All: Loving God, we praise and thank you for your love shown to us in Jesus Christ.

We thank you for his life and ministry, announcing the good news of your kingdom and demonstrating its power in the lifting of the downtrodden, and the healing of the sick, and the loving of the loveless.

We thank you for his sacrificial death upon the cross for the redemption of the world, and for your raising him to life again, as a foretaste of the glory we shall share.

We give you thanks for this bread and wine, symbols of our world and signs of your transforming love. Send your Holy Spirit, we pray, that we may be renewed into the likeness of Jesus Christ and formed into his Body. This we pray in his name and for his sake. Amen.

The bread and cup will be shared

Afterwards we pray

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.

As we gather around the bread and the cup, symbols of hope and life. Lets us bring before God the needs of our world, our community, our families, our friends and ourselves.

For creation, with its order and beauty; for the rhythm of the seasons; day and night; summer and winter; seed- time and harvest; and for all that sustains our life on earth

Our Father.... **Thank you for your care.**

For all that makes the earth our home; other men and women whose labours and skills help us; the institutions of society which provide for our needs and our security,

Our Father.... **Thank you for your care.**

For families and love of partners, parents and children; the concern and interest of those who anticipate our needs and provide for our wellbeing; the loyalty of friends and those who encourage and sustain us by their words and example,

Our Father.... **Thank you for your care.**

For work and leisure, hobbies and sport; literature, music and art; radio and television, and those other channels by which we receive the treasury of others' thoughts,

Our Father.... **Thank you for your care.**

For the Christian church, with its opportunities of friendship, service and worship; the communion of saints; the word of life; Jesus our Lord; the Holy Spirit and his presence ever to guide and enable; the Christian hope and life eternal,

Our Father.... **Thank you for your care.**

Today, we bring you our thanksgiving for

Our Father.... **Thank you for your care.**

We go out with God's blessing.

All: Grant, O Lord, that what we have said and sung with our lips we may believe in our hearts; and that what we believe in our hearts may be evident in our lives; And so Christ dwell within us that we may go as your light and your hope to our world in need. For we ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen