

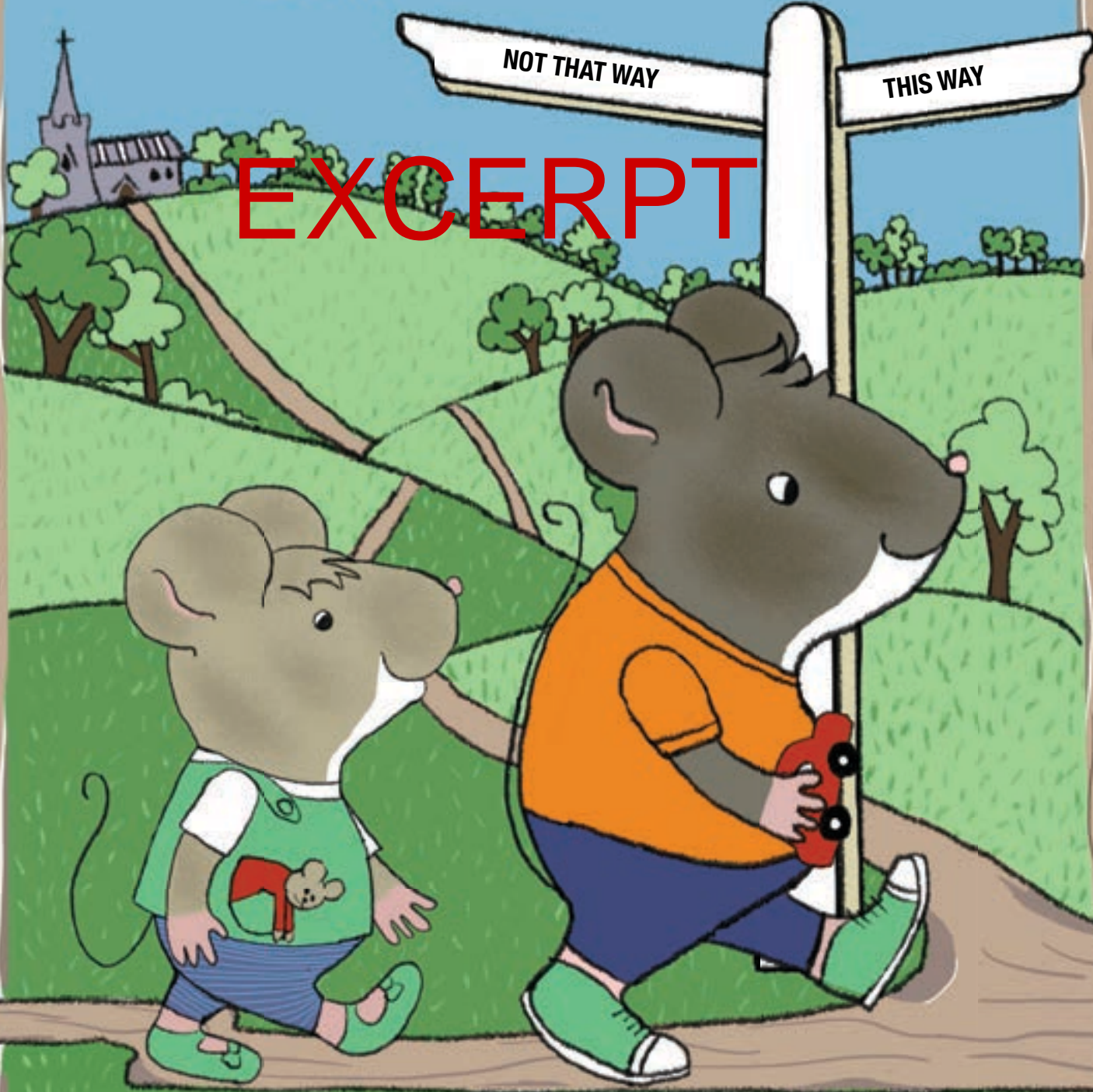
Come and join Mattie and Hattie on their

# Great Communion Adventure

NOT THAT WAY

THIS WAY

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# Church with Mattie and Hattie



This book is a child's guide to the service of Holy Communion, Order One, from Common Worship.

Its aim is to allow children to engage in the liturgy of the church in a way that is suitable for them.

It can be used as a child's Sunday service booklet alongside the liturgy that the adults are using, or used with a group of children in churches or schools.

'I hope you enjoy the journey of Mattie and Hattie in this booklet.

Just as they are making a journey, I pray that you are able to travel with them and be guided to learn more about God's love for you and to grow in Jesus' way, which is just the best way to be that you could imagine.'

The Rt Revd Mike Harrison, Bishop of Dunwich



Welcome to our Church... **Everyone is welcome here!**

Before the service starts, have a look around.

Maybe you're in a very old building where people have come to pray, sing and worship God for hundreds of years.

Maybe you're in a brand new church, someone's home or even outside.



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Christians can worship God anywhere.

Hi, my name is Mattie.  
This is my sister, Hattie  
and our baby brother, Little Mo.  
We are the church mice.  
We are really excited to see you  
and will help you through the service.

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See if you can  
spot me on the  
pages of this  
book.





Keep your eyes open for -  
our guide in red to help you  
and some TRICKY WORDS in green...\*



Hi,  
I'm Hattie.  
It's great to  
see you.  
The service  
starts  
on the next page.  
Are you ready?  
Look out  
for the words  
in bold.  
We say them  
together.

\*For some help with the tricky words see pages 29 and 30.

GOD'S FAMILY GATHERS TOGETHER

The **MINISTER** will welcome us.  
Then we stand to sing a hymn.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Christians  
sometimes  
make the sign of the cross.  
Do you know why this sign  
is important?  
I touch my head, my tummy,  
my left shoulder and  
my right shoulder.

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Grace, mercy and peace  
from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ  
be with you  
**and also with you.**





GOD'S FAMILY REMEMBERS

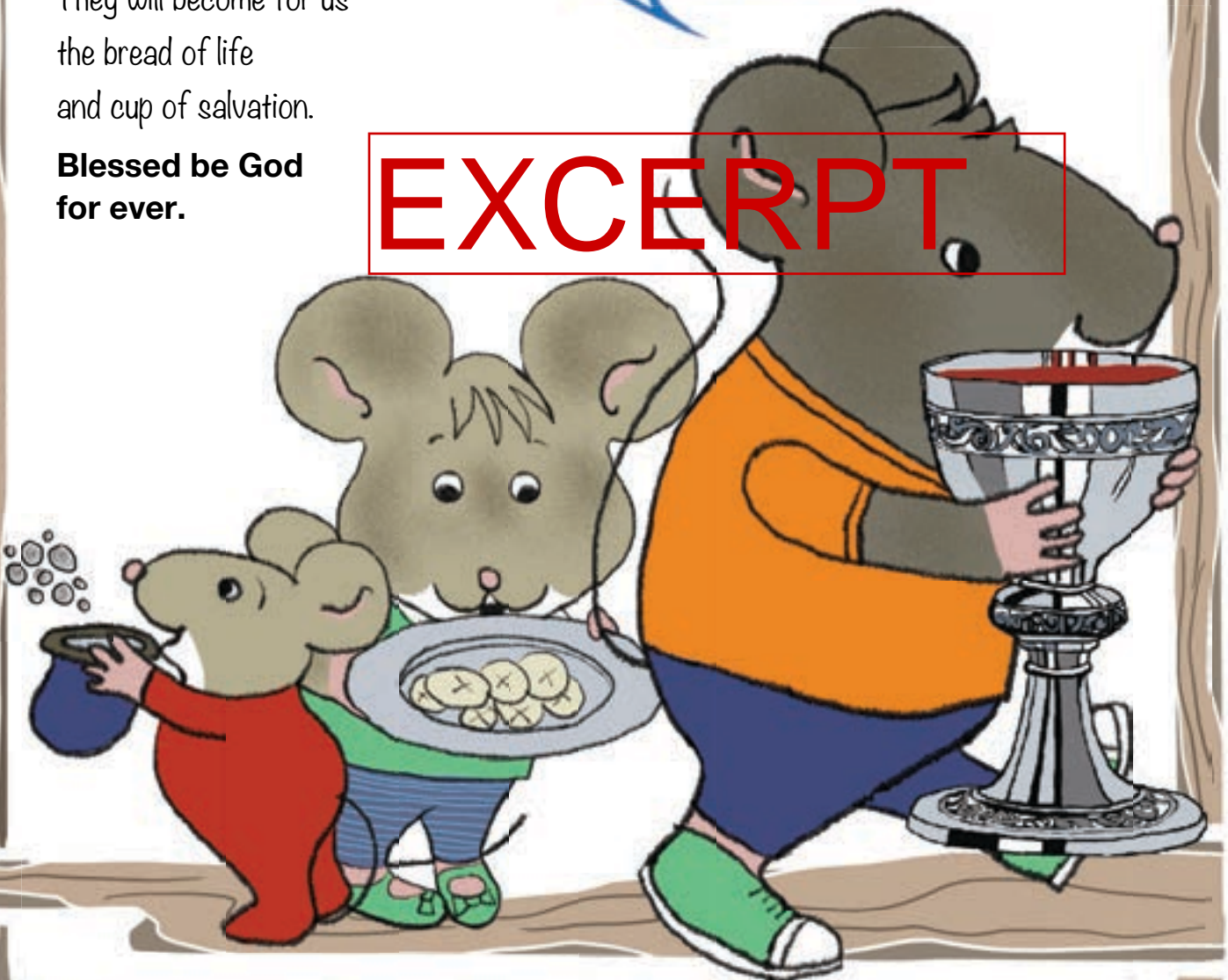
We remain standing for the **OFFERTORY** hymn.  
The Minister receives our offerings  
and says a prayer.

Blessed are you,  
Lord God of all creation,  
through your goodness  
we have this bread and wine  
to set before you,  
which human hands have made.  
They will become for us  
the bread of life  
and cup of salvation.

**Blessed be God  
for ever.**

We are taking the  
bread and the wine  
to the Minister.  
Sometimes we take  
our money too.

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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.**

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

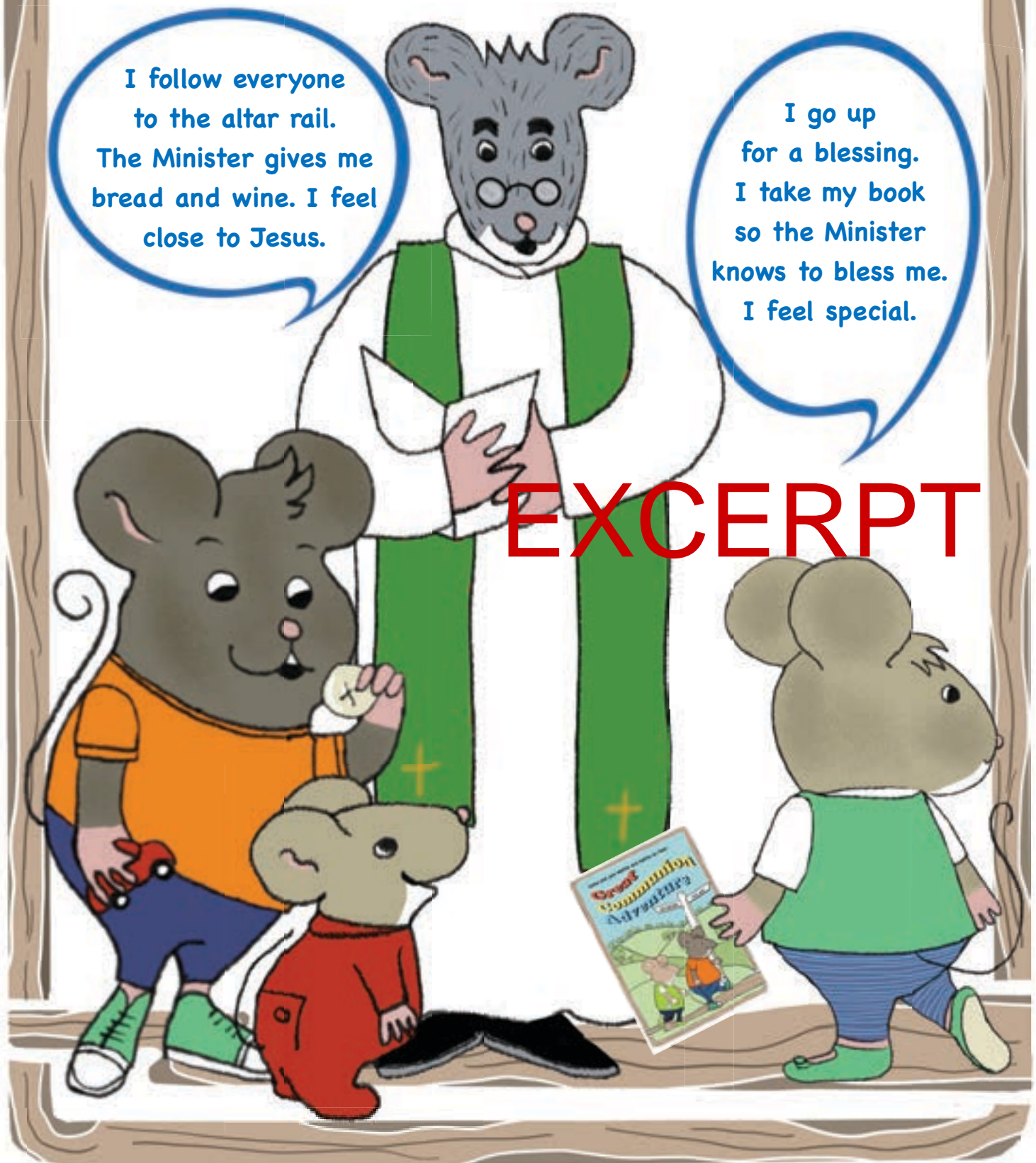
**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.**

I follow everyone  
to the altar rail.  
The Minister gives me  
bread and wine. I feel  
close to Jesus.

I go up  
for a blessing.  
I take my book  
so the Minister  
knows to bless me.  
I feel special.

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GOD'S FAMILY IS SENT OUT

We stand as the Minister leaves.

In the name  
of Christ.  
Amen.

Go in peace  
to love and serve  
the Lord.

Jesus goes  
with us.  
He is always  
there.

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## WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

### **APOSTOLIC** (page 16)

The belief that the church continues the same ministry as it was founded by Jesus Christ and his Apostles (disciples) at Pentecost.

### **BAPTISM** (page 16)

A ceremony of immersion in, or sprinkling with, water to symbolise cleansing from sin, and entry to the Christian community.

### **BIBLE** (page 13)

The Christian holy book (scriptures) which tells of God's dealings with people and contains stories of Jesus and his teachings.

### **CATHOLIC** (page 16)

This can refer to the Roman Catholic Church but in the creed it means universal, or all Christian churches.

### **CHRIST** (page 15)

A Greek word meaning 'anointed one' or king, equivalent to 'messiah' in Hebrew. It is like a title Christians give Jesus; it is not a surname.

### **COLLECT** (page 12)

A short general prayer with a particular structure. There are special collects for different times of the church year, and for different occasions.

### **CONFESSION** (page 7)

This is when people admit they do things wrong, or fail to do things they should do. Christians may confess their sins or shortcomings together at church.

### **CREED** (page 15)

A summary of Christian belief, often said or sung as part of a church service. The Nicene Creed was adopted by the Council of Nicaea in 325.

### **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER** (page 20)

A prayer said by the priest as the bread and wine is prepared for Holy Communion. 'Eucharist' means 'thanksgiving'; it is often used as the name for this service.

### **FORGIVENESS** (pages 7 & 10)

This is when things we do wrong are not counted against us. Christians believe God is full of forgiveness and gives them the chance for a **NEW START** (page 7).

### **GLORIA** (page 11)

A special hymn of praise to God, proclaiming God's wonder and greatness. 'Gloria' is the Latin word for 'glory'.

### **GOSPEL** (page 14)

An old word meaning 'good news'. There are four 'gospel' books in the Bible, which Christians believe contain the 'good news' of Jesus, the Saviour of the world.

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