

**An Order for  
Holy Communion  
while socially distant**



**Information before the service**

The following Order of Service has been put together for use when we cannot meet together, to enable us in some way to share in a Communion Service together.

The Service follows the general pattern of a Communion Service (and is largely taken from our Service booklets in church) and, when we come to the point we would usually receive Communion, we will play some music.

At that point you can respond as you feel appropriate. You may like to pray for those we are worshipping with, you may like to have bread and wine, you may prefer just to focus on the music or sing along if it has words. The idea of the music is that we can take the time to respond to the eucharistic prayer and all that Jesus has done for us together but in a way that is appropriate to each of us.

We pray you will meet with the risen Lord Jesus through this service.

God bless

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*Rector of the 5 Parishes*

## *The Gathering*

### **The Greeting**

The Lord be with you  
and also with you.

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
who died for us,  
forgive us all that is past  
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life  
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

### **Prayer of Preparation**

**Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

**Absolution**  
  
Almighty God,  
who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

### **Prayer of Confession**

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,  
firmly resolved to keep God's commandments  
and to live in love and peace with all.

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you  
and against our neighbour  
in thought and word and deed,  
through negligence, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We are truly sorry  
and repent of all our sins.**

**The Collect for the day is said**

## *Listening*

### **Reading(s)**

*Where there are two readings, after the first we use this  
response*

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

## Gospel Reading

When the Gospel is announced, the reader says

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to \_\_\_\_\_.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

At the end, the reader says

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon

### *Responding*

### Profession of Faith

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

**We believe and trust in him.**

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

**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?

**We believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith.**

**We believe and trust in one God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

**Amen.**

## Prayers of intercession

### *The Liturgy of the Sacrament*

### The Peace

Jesus said:

Blessed are the peacemakers:  
they shall be called children of God.

We meet in the name of Christ and share his peace.

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

### *Eucharistic Prayer G*

The Lord is here.

**His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, Lord God,  
our light and our salvation;  
to you be glory and praise for ever.

From the beginning you have created all things  
and all your works echo the silent music of your praise.  
In the fullness of time you made us in your image,  
the crown of all creation.

You give us breath and speech,  
that with angels and archangels  
and all the powers of heaven  
we may find a voice to sing your praise:

**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.]**

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord.  
As a mother tenderly gathers her children,  
you embraced a people as your own.  
When they turned away and rebelled  
your love remained steadfast.

From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary,  
to be the living bread,  
in whom all our hungers are satisfied.  
He offered his life for sinners,

and with a love stronger than death  
he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died,  
he came to supper with his friends  
and, taking bread, he gave you thanks.  
He broke it and gave it to them, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,  
he gave you thanks, and said:

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.

Great is the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died:  
Christ is risen:  
Christ will come again.**

Father, we plead with confidence  
his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross;  
we remember his dying and rising in glory,  
and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.

Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you  
these gifts of your creation;  
may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence,  
form us in the likeness of Christ,  
and build us into a living temple to your glory.

Bring us at the last with all the saints  
to the vision of that eternal splendour  
for which you have created us;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
by whom, with whom, and in whom,  
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,  
we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting  
praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray  
**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins**

**as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.  
Amen.**

### **Breaking of the Bread**

Every time we eat the bread  
and drink this cup,  
**we proclaim the Lord's death  
until he comes.**

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.**

*You are all invited to respond to Jesus in the way you feel is  
appropriate for you (see 'information before service').*

*We now have some music as we make our response.*

### **Prayer after Communion**

**Silence is kept.**

We pray together  
**Almighty God,**  
**we thank you for feeding us**  
**with the body and blood of your son Jesus Christ.**  
**Through him we offer 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**

## *Commissioning*

### **Blessing**

The peace of God,  
which passes all understanding,  
keep your hearts and minds  
in the knowledge and love of God,  
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen**

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