

Eucharist
for the
KINGDOM SEASON
2020



The church has been thoroughly cleaned and prepared for worship. Please work with us to keep everyone as safe as possible.

- Observe social distancing at all times.
- Sanitise your hands on entering, before receiving Communion and as you leave the church.
- Say the responses quietly.
- Enjoy the music – but resist singing along!
- Place your financial gift in the offering plate by the font.
- Keep what you touch to a minimum.

It would be helpful if you took this Order of Service away with you and brought it to use next time.

A prayer to say silently before the service begins

*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.*

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The Gathering

Welcome

Please stand if you are able

The Greeting

We come from scattered lives to meet with God.
Let us recognise God's presence with us.

Silence is kept

All As God's people we have gathered:
let us worship him together.

God of our days and years,
we set this time apart for you.
Form us in the likeness of Christ
so that our lives may glorify you.

All **Amen.**

Seated, we listen to music together.

Invitation to confession

We come to God from whom no secrets are hidden,
to ask for God's forgiveness and peace.

We keep a moment of silence before praying together:

All **God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we
have done, and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our
Saviour Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will.
Amen.**

Absolution

Almighty God,
who in Jesus Christ has given us
a kingdom that cannot be destroyed,
forgive you your sins,
open your eyes to God's truth,
strengthen you to do God's will
and give you the joy of his kingdom,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen**

We listen to a setting of the Gloria, or say the words together:

Gloria in Excelsis

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.**

The Collect

Our special prayer for the week, which is found in the News Sheet.

We sit

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

At the end, the reader says:

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

We keep a moment of silence

Please stand if you are able

Gospel Reading

The reader says:

Alleluia, Alleluia.

Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heaven.

All Alleluia

[On Christ the King Sunday

Alleluia, Alleluia.

*You, Christ, are the King of glory,
the eternal Son of the Father.*

All Alleluia

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end the Reader says:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

We sit

Homily

We stand if we are able

The Creed

We say together in faith:

**All Holy, holy, holy
is the Lord God almighty,
who was, and is, and is to come.**

We believe in God the Father,
who created all things:

**All for by his will they were created
and have their being.**

We believe in God the Son,
who was slain:

**All for with his blood,
he purchased us for God,
from every tribe and language,
from every people and nation.**

We believe in God the Holy Spirit:

**All the Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come!'
Even so come, Lord Jesus!
Amen.**

We sit for our prayers:

Intercessions

To the bidding: Your kingdom come

We respond: **Your will be done**

At the end, we may say:

Merciful Father

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

We stand if we are able

The Peace

The kingdom of God is not a matter
of eating and drinking,
but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.
The peace of the Lord be always with you

All and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace in the appropriately physically distanced way!

Preparation of the Table

The gifts of the people are presented.

The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.

Let us pray:

All **Blessed be God, who enthrones us with
Christ in the heavenly realms.
May we feed upon the bread of God
and drink the royal wine of heaven**

We sit

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.

All **His Spirit is with us.**

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.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For with the oil of gladness

you have anointed Christ the Lord,
your only Son,

to be our great high priest and king of all creation.

As Priest, he offered himself once for all
upon the altar of the cross
and redeemed the human race by this perfect
sacrifice of peace.

As king he claims dominion over all your creatures,
that he may bring before your infinite majesty
a kingdom of truth and life,
a kingdom of holiness and grace,
a kingdom of justice, love and peace.
And so with angels and archangels
and all the heavenly host,
we proclaim your glory
and join their unending hymn of praise:

When present the choir sings

**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.**

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and as we follow his example and obey his command,
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us his body and his blood;

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.

Therefore heavenly Father,
we remember his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross;
we proclaim his mighty resurrection
and glorious ascension;
we look for the coming of your kingdom,
and with this bread and this cup
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

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

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts
in the presence of your divine majesty,
renew us by your Spirit,
inspire us with your love
and unite us in the body of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty,
in songs of everlasting praise:

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

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray for the coming of God's kingdom in the words
our saviour taught us:

**All 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

The president breaks the consecrated 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.**

We say together: (When present the choir sings:)

**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

Draw near with faith.
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ
which he gave for you,
and his blood which he shed for you.
Eat in remembrance that he died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts
by faith with thanksgiving.

Please come to receive communion as directed. Please remove your masks; and will be asked to sanitise your hands as you make your way. We remain seated.

*When present the choir sings
Silence is kept*

Prayer after Communion

The President may say a prayer

All **You have opened to us the Scriptures, O Christ,
and you have made yourself known
in the breaking of the bread.
Abide with us, we pray,
that, blessed by your royal presence,
we may walk with you
all the days of our life,
and at its end behold yourself
in the glory of the eternal Trinity,
one God for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Dismissal

We stand if we are able

Blessing

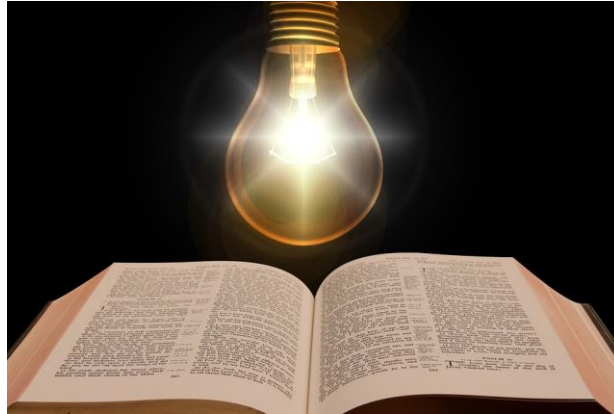
This or another blessing is given

Christ our exalted King pour upon you his abundant gifts
and bring you to reign with him in glory;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

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

Some Spiritual Practices we may use together or at home

Sacred Reading



For over a thousand years, many Christians have observed the practice of *Lectio Divina*, which means ‘Sacred Reading’.

Lectio Divina is a way of praying the Bible. The format we will observe is:

- Read the passage through, listening carefully for a word or phrase which strikes you. (Some people will be more aware of a feeling or a connection with a person in the story. Others will be aware of a question which rises from the bible passage.)
- Keep a few moments silence, reflecting on the word/phrase/feeling/question.
- Read the passage a second time.
- Invite everyone to say aloud a word or phrase which they have been reflecting on. (This helps us to recognise that God often speaks a different word to people.)
- Explore together what a word or phrase might mean of us as a community and what questions it raises for us.



THE EXAMEN

THREE STEPS COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS

Think over your day.
Pay attention to what gave you joy
or who made you feel loved.
Ask God for insight

WHAT WENT WRONG?

When did I not reflect love today?
With courage, acknowledge your
part in what went wrong.
Ask for God's forgiveness.

WHO CAN I BLESS?

Where can I show kindness tomorrow?
What will I say? What will I do?
Ask God for grace.