

Service of Holy Communion to read at home.
Please keep this service sheet somewhere safe as we will use it every week until Pentecost!!

Preparation

As we come together this morning in our own homes we do so knowing that as we pray we are not on our own. We may not be in a church building but we are still church as we pray together and worship God.

Welcome

This is the day that the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

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.**

Saying Sorry

Christ our Passover lamb has been sacrificed for us. Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

Like Mary at the empty tomb,
we fail to grasp the wonder of your presence.
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Like the disciples behind locked doors,
we are afraid to be seen as your followers.
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Like Thomas in the upper room, we are slow to believe.
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by his Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

We sing

The readings

These are on the website and on the monthly readings sheet

Sermon

There is a sermon attached and on the website for you to read based on this reading!

Affirmation of faith

We say together

**Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures;
he was buried, he was raised to life on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures;
afterwards he appeared to his followers, and to all the apostles:
this we have received, and this we believe. Amen.**

Prayers for those things on our hearts and for ourselves.

We will use the following prayers each week with space for you to pray your own prayers too!

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your disciples,
'I am with you always'.

Be with us today, as we offer ourselves to you.
Hear our prayers for others and for ourselves,
and keep us in your care.

We pray for the health and well-being of our nation,
that all who are fearful and anxious
may be at peace and free from worry:
(pray your own prayers here)

Lord, hear us, **Lord, graciously hear us.**

As the lockdown continues
we pray for those who are vulnerable,
that we may be alert to their needs,
and care for them in their vulnerability:
(pray your own prayers here)

Lord, hear us, **Lord, graciously hear us.**

We pray for our homes and families,
for those we love but cannot see at present
We ask you to keep them safe and happy
(pray your own prayers here)

Lord, hear us, **Lord, graciously hear us.**

We ask for a blessing on our local community,
that our neighbourhoods may be places of trust and friendship,
where all are known and cared for
and where no-one will want to cause harm:

(pray your own prayers here)

Lord, hear us, **Lord, graciously hear us.**

We pray for all those who are sick and need care

Silence as we name them in our hearts

Lay your healing hand upon them and give them courage.

We thank you for all who work for the NHS, the emergency services and for all those
working in essential roles. We pray too for all those working to find a way to destroy
this virus. Be with them and give them wisdom and knowledge
so that they will end this crisis soon

(pray your own prayers here)

Lord, hear us, **Lord, graciously hear us.**

We commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray,
to the mercy and protection of God.

Merciful Father,

accept these prayers

for the sake of your Son,

our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Peace

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples, and said, 'Peace be with you.'

Then they were glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

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

The Eucharist

As we cannot share at the Lord's table; I will receive the bread and wine on your behalf. As I do that please pray and ask Jesus to fill your heart as if you were receiving it for yourself!

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.

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation; in your love you made us for yourself. When we turned away you did not reject us, but came to meet us in your Son.

**You embraced us as your children
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us.

**He opened his arms of love upon the cross and made for all the perfect
sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends, he took bread, and 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.'

Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his body is the bread of life.

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 for the forgiveness of sins; do this in remembrance of me.'

Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his blood is shed for all.

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory, send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

**As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world we offer you this sacrifice of praise and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

As our Father 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.**

Giving of 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.**

The minister receives communion.

After Communion

Let us pray:

**God our Creator,
thank you for the gift of your son Jesus Christ,
whose love pursues us our whole life long.
Thank you Jesus,
for giving your life to us in word and deed,
even unto death, even death on a cross.
Come Holy Spirit,
feed us with your love
that we may be filled with power to love God
with all our hearts and souls and minds. Amen.**

We sing

As you pray this prayer of blessing think about all those you want to be blessed by it!

THE BLESSING

The Lord bless you and watch over you,
the Lord make his face shine upon you
and be gracious to you,
the Lord look kindly on you and give you peace;
and the blessing of God almighty,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
be with you, and with those you love, this day and always.
Amen.

Live this day in peace, as you love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen