

# MIDWEEK HOLY COMMUNION DURING LOCKDOWN

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

## **Gathering and The Ministry of the Word**

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

This is the day that the Lord has made  
**We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

Give us, O Lord, a vision of your glory,  
that we may worship you in spirit and in truth,  
and offer the praise of glad and thankful hearts. **Amen.**

### **Confession**

Gracious God, merciful as well as mighty,  
We ask forgiveness for our sin.  
We admit all the things  
we have said, done and even thought  
that have saddened you,  
shamed us, and hurt others.  
**Please forgive us.**

We admit, too all the things  
we left unsaid and undone  
that would have gladdened you,  
honoured us and healed others.  
**Please forgive us.**

**Forgive us our sin we pray,  
and set us free as if on a brand-new day,  
to say, with heartfelt joy,  
'You are our God, mighty and merciful,  
loving and forgiving'. Amen.**

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.**

### **The Collect**

God, our refuge and strength,  
bring near the day when wars shall cease  
and poverty and pain shall end,  
that earth may know the peace of heaven  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Bible reading:** John 15.9-17

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to St John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*<sup>9</sup>As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup>I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. <sup>12</sup>This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. <sup>17</sup>I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Prayers:** *We pray for the world and those in need.*

*The prayers this week include the response  
Father, by your spirit  
**bring in your kingdom.***

## **The Ministry of the Sacrament**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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.**

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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 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 forever. Amen.**

The bread we break  
is a sharing in the body of Christ  
**Christ is the Bread of life.**

The cup we take  
is a sharing in the blood of Christ  
**Christ is the True Vine.**

*The priest receives the bread and wine as the  
congregation reflects in the homes and wherever they  
find themselves.*

## **Prayer after Communion**

God of peace,  
whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom  
and restored the broken to wholeness of life:  
look with compassion on the anguish of the world,  
and by your healing power  
make whole both people and nations;  
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## **Sending out**

Jesus, Lord of time,  
**hold us in your eternity.**  
Jesus, image of God,  
**travel with us the life of faith.**  
Jesus, friend of sinners,  
**heal the brokenness of our world.**  
Jesus, Lord of tomorrow,  
**draw us into your future. Amen.**

## **Blessing**

May God give to you and to all those you love  
his comfort and his peace, his light and his joy,  
in this world and the next;  
and the blessing of God Almighty,  
Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer,  
be with you now and forever. **Amen.**

As we have received God's blessing,  
May we now rise and bring blessing to others  
**Thanks be to God!**