

A BREAKING OF BREAD AND WINE



The GREETING

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

The Lord be with you - **and also with you.**

The CONFESSION

Knowing we have a God of great compassion and love, let us ask forgiveness for the times we have failed to love God, to love others and to love ourselves:

Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed.

We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbour as ourselves.

In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

The ABSOLUTION

May almighty God have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

The COLLECT (*either that for the day or the following*)

A moment of quiet is held

Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy in this time of uncertainty and distress. Sustain and support the anxious and fearful, and lift up all who are brought low; that we may rejoice in your comfort knowing that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

The READINGS

For the Word of the Lord – **Thanks be to God**

The PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *(either those below or your own)*

Let us pray to God, who alone makes us dwell in safety:

For all who are affected by coronavirus, through illness or isolation or anxiety, that they may find relief and recovery:

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

For those who are guiding our nation at this time, and shaping national policies, that they may make wise decisions:

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

For doctors, nurses and medical researchers, that through their skill and insights many will be restored to health:

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

For the vulnerable and the fearful, for the gravely ill and the dying, that they may know your comfort and peace:

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

The PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

As you place the wine and bread in front of you, you might wish to say:

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation: through your goodness we have this bread and wine to set before you, which earth has given and human hands have made. May they be symbols of the bread of life and cup of salvation.

A PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you - **and also with you.**

It is our duty and our joy, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise, holy Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

For he is your living Word; through him you have created all things from the beginning, and formed us in your own image.

Through him you have freed us from the slavery of sin, giving him to be born of a woman and to die upon the cross; you raised him from the dead and exalted him to your right hand on high.

Through him you have sent upon us your holy and life-giving Spirit, and made us a people for your own possession.

With our brothers and sisters across the world and with angels, archangels and all the heavenly host we say:

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.

Jesus called us to break bread and drink wine whenever we meet to remember his saving death and glorious resurrection, to connect with all those who seek to share God's love both here and now and until we sit together in the great eternal banquet.

And so, we share this bread and wine here and elsewhere we take bread and wine, all to remember that Christ died for us. Just as Jesus met with his friends on the night before he died, so we meet to eat and drink these symbols of our salvation.

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with Our Lady Mary, St Andrew and All the Saints to feast at your table in heaven. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name; your Kingdom come; your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And 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.

An AFTER PRAYER

Creator God, you give seed for us to sow, and bread for us to eat; make us thankful for what we have received; make us able to do those generous things which supply your people's needs; so all the world may give you thanks and glory. Amen.

OR

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

An ENDING

May God bless us, that in us may be found love and humility, obedience and thanksgiving, discipline, gentleness and peace. Amen.

This 'agape' is for use at the same time as the Eucharist is celebrated (10 am each Sunday). The readings and collect can be found on the Parish website, although we hope to send out a paper copy each week.

For those who are by themselves, please say all the words! For those who are together, you might like to take turns in leading and/or reading.

In due course we hope to be able to stream some thoughts on the readings and some music, but there are many radio broadcasts that should help.

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