

# **St John's Church Selsdon**



**A Celebration of the Eucharist  
on Sundays in Epiphanytide  
Covid-restricted – ONLINE version**

## **THE GATHERING**

*Clergy and server will process to their places.*

*The president greets the people recalling the baptism which all Christian people share:*

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

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you  
**and also with you**

*The president welcomes people to this celebration of the Eucharist and introduces the confession, for which **all remain standing***

**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 neighbours 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 president declares the forgiveness of our sins in the words of the 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.**

Please **remain standing** to say the **Gloria**

**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. Amen.**

*After the Gloria, the president introduces a brief period of silent prayer before saying the Opening Prayer on behalf of the Congregation.*

## **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**Please sit** for one or two readings from either the Old or the New Testament

*At the end of each reading the reader says:*

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

A piece of organ music or a solo choral piece

*The Gospel book will be brought to the middle of the Nave sanctuary to remind us that Jesus, God's Living Word, walks among his gathered people.*

**Please stand and face the gospel book**

Alleluia, alleluia.

Christ was revealed in flesh, proclaimed among the nations  
and believed in throughout the world.

**Alleluia.**

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

*When the Gospel is announced all respond:*

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the end the reader says:*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Sit for the **Sermon.***

*After the sermon all stand to say the Creed*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son  
is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*Sit or kneel for the Prayers of Intercession, which usually include the following response:*

Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

*and conclude:*

**Merciful Father,  
Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## **THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT**

**All stand** as the president introduces the Peace.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*Please exchange a non-contact sign of peace with those around you.*

*After the preparation of the Altar the president prays*

*over the gifts in the following words:*

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,  
the glory, the splendour, and the majesty;  
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

**All things come from you,  
and of your own do we give you.**

*The president begins the Eucharistic Prayer – the great prayer of thanksgiving over the bread and wine that recalls all that God has done for the world.*

**Remain standing, seated or kneeling  
throughout the prayer.**

The Lord be with you

**And also with you**

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**

All honour and praise be yours always and everywhere,  
mighty creator, ever-living God,

through Jesus Christ your only Son our Lord:

for at this time we celebrate your glory

made present in our midst.

In the coming of the Magi

the King of all the world was revealed to the nations.

In the waters of baptism

Jesus was revealed as the Christ,

the Saviour sent to redeem us.

In the water made wine

the new creation was revealed at the wedding feast.

Poverty was turned to riches, sorrow into joy.

Therefore with all the angels of heaven

we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name

and sing our joyful hymn of 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.**

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.

Jesus Christ is Lord:  
**Lord, by your cross and resurrection  
you have set us free.  
You are the Saviour of the world.**

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:

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

*The president introduces **the Lord's Prayer.***

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

*The president breaks the consecrated bread.*

We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.  
**God here among us, light in the midst of us,  
bring us to light and life.**

*All kneel and say the **Agnus Dei***

**Jesus, Lamb of God,  
have mercy on us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins,  
have mercy on us.  
Jesus, redeemer of the World,  
grant us your peace.**

*The president invites the people to receive Communion:*

He whom the universe could not contain  
is present to us in this bread.  
He who redeemed us and called us by name  
now meets us in this cup.  
So take this bread and this wine.  
In them God comes to us so that we may come to God.

*The president receives communion. The people receive communion in one kind – please form a (socially distanced) queue along the centre aisle, and receive the sacrament standing from the president who will be standing in front of the Altar between the communion rails.*

*Please return to your seats via the side aisles. Please be directed by the Wardens. During the distribution of the bread, a piece of organ music or a solo choral piece*

*While those in church are receiving the sacrament,  
those participating in the service at home, online,  
are invited to affirm their participation, saying the Act of Spiritual Reception:*

***O loving God, in union with Christian people throughout the world  
and across the centuries, hearing your Holy Word  
and receiving the Precious Body and Blood of your dear Son,  
I offer you praise and thanksgiving.***

***Even though I am exiled from tasting the Bread of Heaven  
and drinking the Cup of Life,  
I pray that you will unite me with all the baptised  
and with your Son who gave his life for us.***

***Come Lord Jesus, dwell in me  
and send your Holy Spirit that I may be filled with your presence.  
Amen.***

After Communion, **please kneel** as the president says the post-communion prayer,  
after which we pray together:

**Father of all, we give you thanks and praise,  
that when we were still far off  
you met us in your Son and brought us home.  
Dying and living, he declared your love,  
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.  
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;  
we who drink his cup bring life to others;  
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.  
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,  
so we and all your children shall be free,  
and the whole earth live to praise your name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Please sit** while notices are given out about  
the life of the parish and community.

## **THE DISMISSAL**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you**

*The president blesses the people and dismisses them to go out into the world taking the Good News of Jesus Christ to all those they meet, saying:*

May God keep you in all your days.  
May Christ shield you in all your ways.  
May the Spirit bring you healing and peace.  
May God the Holy Trinity drive all darkness from you  
and pour upon you blessing and light.  
**Amen.**

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