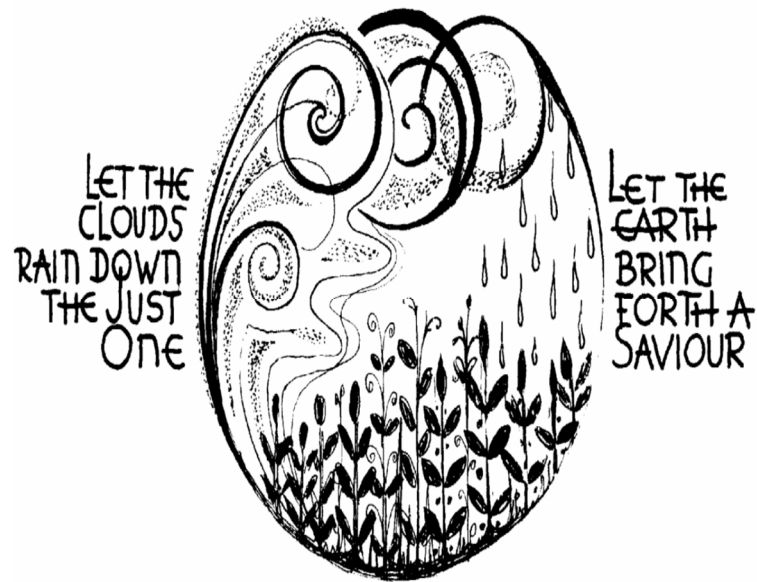


# Parish Eucharist

## *Advent*



Service livestreamed from Church door of

**St Mary the Virgin, Ovingham**

or

**St Oswin's, Wylam**

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## ¶ **The Gathering**

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

### **The Greeting**

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

### **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.**

## **Prayers of Penitence**

When the Lord comes,  
he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness,  
and will disclose the purposes of the heart.  
Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

*1 Corinthians 4.5*

*Silence is kept*

Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations  
into the peace of your kingdom:  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

You come in word and sacrament  
to strengthen us in holiness:  
Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

You will come in glory  
with salvation for your people:  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

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**

*The president introduces a period of silent prayer. Our individual thanksgivings, requests and concerns are then 'collected' together through the Collect Prayer.*

## ¶ **The Liturgy of the Word**

### **Reading**

*At the end of the reading:*

For the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### **Gospel Reading**

Alleluia, alleluia.  
Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,  
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

*Isaiah 40.3–5*

**Alleluia.**

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

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *N.*  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the end*

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

### **Sermon**

## **Affirmation of Faith**

*(Tune: Abbot's Leigh, 'Glorious things of thee are spoken')*

**We believe in God the Father,  
God almighty, by whose plan  
earth and heaven  
sprang to being,  
all created things began.  
We believe in Christ  
the Saviour,  
Son of God in human frame,  
virgin-born, the child of Mary  
upon whom the Spirit came.**

**Christ,  
who on the cross forsaken,  
like a lamb to slaughter led,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
he descended to the dead.  
We believe in Jesus risen,  
heaven's king  
to rule and reign,  
to the Father's side ascended  
till as judge he comes again.**

**We believe in God the Spirit;  
in one Church, below, above:  
saints of God  
in one communion,  
one in holiness and love.  
So by faith, our sins forgiven,  
Christ our Saviour,  
Lord and friend,  
we shall rise with him in glory  
to the life that knows no end**

## **Prayers of Intercession**

Watchful at all times, let us pray for strength to stand with confidence before our Maker and Redeemer. That God may bring in his kingdom with justice and mercy, let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

That God may establish among the nations his sceptre of righteousness, let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

That we may seek Christ in the Scriptures and recognize him in the breaking of the bread, let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

That God may bind up the brokenhearted, restore the sick and raise up all who have fallen, let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

That the light of God's coming may dawn on all who live in darkness and the shadow of death, let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

That, with all the saints in light, we may shine forth as lights for the world, let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

We commend ourselves and all for whom we pray to the mercy and protection of our heavenly Father.

*Silence is kept.*

Almighty God, as your blessed Son Jesus Christ first came to seek and to save the lost; so may he come again to find in us the completion of his redeeming work; for he is now alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

## **¶ The Liturgy of the Eucharist**

### **The Peace**

In the tender mercy of our God, the dayspring from on high shall break upon us, to give light to those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

*Luke 1.78,79*

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

### **Preparation of the Table**

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

As the grain once scattered in the fields and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside are now reunited on this table in bread and wine, so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together from the corners of the earth into your kingdom.

**Amen.**

### **The Eucharistic Prayer**

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.**

Father, we give you thanks and praise through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word, through whom you have created all things; who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh; as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin, he lived on earth and went about among us; he opened wide his arms for us on the cross; he put an end to death by dying for us; and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life; so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

And now we give you thanks because when he humbled himself to come among us in human flesh, he fulfilled the plan you formed long ago and opened for us the way of salvation. So now we watch for the day, knowing that the salvation promised us will be ours when Christ our Lord will come again in glory.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and singing:

*(Tune: Ashgrove)*

**O holy most holy, the God of creation,  
for ever exalted in pow'r and great might.  
The earth and the heavens  
are full of your glory,  
Hosanna, hosanna  
and praise in the height.**

**How blessed is he  
who is sent to redeem us  
who puts every fear and injustice to flight;  
who comes in the name of the Lord  
as our Saviour,  
Hosanna, Hosanna  
and praise in the height.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness; grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ; 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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of our Lady Mary, St Oswin and all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

So let us pray as our Saviour has taught us:

**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.**

## **Breaking of the Bread**

We sing:

*(tune: Repton)*

**O Lamb of God,  
you cleanse our hearts  
And take our sin away,  
O Lamb of God, your grace impart,  
bid every guilty fear depart  
have mercy Lord, we pray  
have mercy Lord, we pray**

**O Lamb of God, our living bread,  
and joy's free flowing wine,  
our humble servant, yet our Head  
by your own life our souls are fed,  
in holy Word and Sign,  
in holy Word and Sign.**

**O Lamb of God, our lives restore,  
our guilty souls release.  
Into our lives your Spirit pour,  
and let us live for evermore  
in perfect heav'nly peace  
in perfect heav'nly peace**

## **Act of Spiritual Communion**

Give thanks for the saving death and resurrection of Jesus and ask him to be with you now.

*Due to the COVID-19 pandemic it is still not possible for many people to physically gather and receive communion. For this reason we continue to livestream acts of worship, even though some of us can now gather, to allow others to join with us and be part of our worship.*

*Spiritual Communion is the conscious willing and desire to be in sacramental relationship with our Lord. This is especially valuable when receiving the bread and wine of the Eucharist is not possible. If you are about to physically receive communion it is still good to take time to reflect on what you are about to receive and the relationship with God into which you are invited.*

*Spend time looking at the Holy Sacrament in awe and wonder that God became human in Jesus and is present with us in the bread and wine of the Eucharist. You may wish to pray the following prayer:*

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits you have given me, for all the pains and insults you have borne for me. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen.

## **Prayer after Communion**

*Silence is kept.*

*The Post Communion prayer is said*

## ¶ *The Dismissal*

### *The Blessing*

May God the Father, who loved the world so much that he sent his only Son, give you grace to prepare for life eternal.

**Amen.**

May God the Son, who comes to us as redeemer and judge, reveal to you the path from darkness to light.

**Amen.**

May God the Holy Spirit, by whose working the Virgin Mary conceived the Christ, help you bear the fruits of holiness.

**Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

### *The Dismissal*

Our Lord says, 'I am coming soon.'

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

May the Lord, when he comes, find us watching and waiting.

**Amen.**