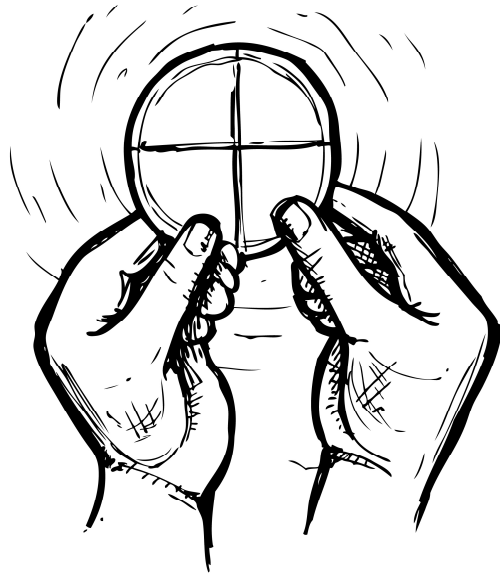


Gathered Indoor Communion



Service livestreamed from

St Mary the Virgin, Ovingham

or

St Oswin's, Wylam

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This service has been prepared as we look to return to gathered indoor Sunday worship after an extended absence from indoor church worship due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Up to this point we have been gathering for worship outdoors in our church yards but with the onset of autumn this is no longer practical.

Gathered indoor worship requires everyone to practice loving consideration for each other. This includes:

- *Wearing a mask unless you have a valid medical reason not to.*
- *Sanitising hands when entering and leaving church and before receiving communion.*
- *Signing in either using the NHS app on your phone or by giving your contact details to a warder or verger (these are only kept for 21 days)*
- *Being aware of each other's space and practicing social distancing.*
- *Acting as directed by the church wardens.*

Gathering for worship together is important in our common life together in this place as Christ's Church. It is not entirely risk free, however by collectively following suitable infection control guidance we believe the risk of transmission of COVID-19 to be reduced to an acceptable level.

Gathering together with others when we are all more separated from each other on a day to day basis is a great joy. Please however leave church promptly after the service and do not be tempted to mingle and chat. If you see people you wish to greet and converse with after the service please keep such conversations outside, observe social distancing and other mitigations and be mindful that we are all called at the moment to keep 'mingling' to a minimum.

Reverend Tom Birch, Vicar, Trinity 18, 2020

¶ **The Gathering**

The Greeting

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

The Lord 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

Sit or kneel

God so loved the world
that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ
to save us from our sins,
to be our advocate in heaven,
and to bring us to eternal life.
Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,
firmly resolved to keep God's commandments
and to live in love and peace with all.

Silence is kept

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.

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and free 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

Let us pray.

We hold a time of silence. In the silence we offer to God that which concerns us or for which we wish to give thanks. All our individual prayers are 'collected' together in the Collect prayer after the silence.

After the collect all respond:

Amen

¶ **The Liturgy of the Word**

First Reading

We remain seated

Gospel Reading

Stand

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

Sit

Nicene Creed

Stand

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.

Prayers of Intercession

Sit or kneel

We pray for God to help, heal and strengthen those in need.

The following responses may be used

Lord, hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us

or

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer

The intercessions may be conclude with

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

¶ **The Liturgy of the Sacrament**

The Peace

Stand

God has made us one in Christ. He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come, has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts.

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

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic we refrain from touching or embracing with those not in our households or support bubbles. We take time to look at each other, to be thankful for each other, to remember that each is beloved by God and therefore we should love. We consciously desire to receive God's peace and pray that others may also enjoy this freely offered divine gift. We also take time to remember people gathered on the livestream and for those who for whatever reason cannot be worshipping with us.

Preparation of the Table

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.

Father, you made the world and love your creation. You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour. His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death. And so we gladly thank you, with saints and angels praising you, and saying:

**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.**

Sit or kneel

We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son. On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine. Again he praised you, gave it to them and said: 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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross. Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

**Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

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 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

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 for ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

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.

Giving of Communion

God's holy gifts
for God's holy people.
**Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic those who wish to receive communion do so in a single kind by receiving the bread. Communion received in this way is just as 'effective' as when it is received in both kinds. Christ is with us in the Communion and invites us to receive him and his love that we may be strengthened and grow ever more fully into the person God is calling us to be.

It is difficult to receive communion through a mask; you may remove it as you come forward for communion but please be especially mindful of social distancing as you move forward. Please use the hand sanitiser provided as you come up for communion. Please hold out your hands and the bread will be (gently!) dropped into them. If you would prefer to receive a blessing please come forward and do not extend your hands. If you would 'normally' receive communion but are choosing not to at the current time for whatever reason that is absolutely fine.

Prayer after Communion

God our Father, in this Eucharist we have entered more deeply into relationship with your Son Jesus Christ. Help us who have been strengthened by our communion with him to live lives of love, serving you by loving one another; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

¶ *The Dismissal*

The peace of God,
which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.