

Parish Eucharist

Christmas Season



Service livestreamed from

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

The sun of righteousness has dawned
with healing in his wings.
Let us come to the light of Christ,
confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

Silence is kept.

Lord of grace and truth, we confess our unworthiness to stand in
your presence as your children.

We have sinned:
forgive and heal us.

The Virgin Mary accepted your call to be the mother of Jesus.
Forgive our disobedience to your will.

We have sinned:
forgive and heal us.

Your Son our Saviour was born in poverty in a manger.
Forgive our greed and rejection of your ways.

We have sinned:
forgive and heal us.

The shepherds left their flocks to go to Bethlehem.
Forgive our self-interest and lack of vision.

We have sinned:
forgive and heal us.

The wise men followed the star to find Jesus the King.
Forgive our reluctance to seek you.

We have sinned:
forgive and heal us.

May the God of all healing and forgiveness
draw you to himself,
that you may behold the glory of his Son,
the Word made flesh,
and be cleansed from all your sins,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

cf Malachi 4.2

Gloria in Excelsis

(Tune: Cwn Rhondda, 'Guide me O thou great redeemer')

**Glory be to God in heaven
songs of joy and peace we bring,
thankful hearts and voices raising
to creation's Lord we sing
Lord, we thank you
Lord, we bless you,
glory be to God our King
glory be to God our King**

**Lamb of God, who on your shoulders
bore the load of this world's sin,
only Son of God the Father,
you have bought us peace within:
Lord, have mercy,
Christ, have mercy,
now your glorious reign begin
now your glorious reign begin**

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 the following responses is used:

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

Gospel Reading

Alleluia, alleluia.
The Word became flesh and dwelt among us,
and we have seen his glory.

Alleluia.

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

Let us pray to Jesus our Saviour.

Christ, born in a stable, give courage to all who are homeless.

Jesus, Saviour,
hear our prayer.

Christ, for whom the angels sang, give the song of the kingdom to all who weep.

Jesus, Saviour,
hear our prayer.

Christ, worshipped by the shepherds, give peace on earth to all who are oppressed.

Jesus, Saviour,
hear our prayer.

Christ, before whom the wise men knelt, give humility and wisdom to all who govern.

Jesus, Saviour,
hear our prayer.

Christ, whose radiance filled a lowly manger, give the glory of your resurrection to all who rest in you.

Jesus, Saviour,
hear our prayer.

**Jesus, Saviour, child of Mary,
you know us and love us,
you share our lives
and hear our prayer.
Glory to you for ever. Amen.**

¶ *The Liturgy of the Sacrament*

The Peace

Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given,
and his name shall be called the Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9.6

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.

Word made flesh, life of the world,
in your incarnation you embraced our poverty:
by your Spirit may we share in your riches.
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.

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere, mighty
creator, ever-living God. We give you thanks and praise for your
Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, who for love of our fallen race
humbled himself, and was born of the Virgin Mary by the power of
your Spirit, and lived as one of us.

In this mystery of the Word made flesh you have caused his light
to shine in our hearts, to give knowledge of your glory in the face
of Jesus Christ. In him we see our God made visible and so are
caught up in the love of the God we cannot see.

Therefore with all the angels of heaven we lift our voices to
proclaim the glory of your name in our joyful hymn of praise:

(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: Bunessan)

**Lord by your death and,
Lord, by your rising
you have redeemed us, setting us free.
You are the Saviour of all creation
Come now in glory, that all may see.**

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 not possible for us to physically gather and receive communion together. 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. Spiritual Communion is the conscious willing and desire to be in sacramental relationship with our Lord when receiving the bread and wine of the Eucharist is not possible.

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 the Father, who has loved the eternal Son from before the foundation of the world, shed that love upon you his children.

Amen.

May Christ, who by his incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with joy and peace.

Amen.

May the Holy Spirit, by whose overshadowing Mary became the God-bearer, give you grace to carry the good news of Christ.

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

Go in peace. Proclaim the Word made flesh.

Glory, thanks and praise to God.