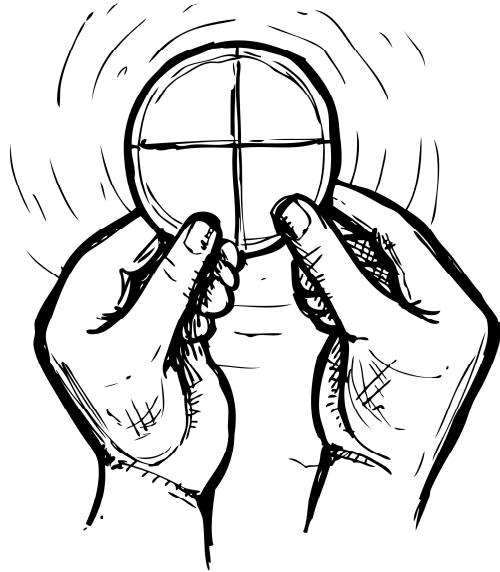


# Gathered Outdoor Communion



Service livestreamed from the church yard of

**St Mary the Virgin, Ovingham**

or

**St Oswin's, Wylam**

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## ¶ **The Gathering**

Be with us, Spirit of God;  
**nothing can separate us from your love.**

Breathe on us, breath of God;  
**fill us with your saving power.**

Speak in us, wisdom of God;  
**bring strength, healing and peace.**

*Silence is kept.*

The Lord is here.  
**His Spirit is with us.**

### **Prayers of Penitence**

The Spirit of truth will convict the world  
of guilt about sin, righteousness and judgement.  
**We have grieved the Holy Spirit.**

In sorrow we confess our sins.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

May God our Father forgive you your sins,  
and bring you to the fellowship of his table  
with his saints for ever.  
**Amen. Thanks be to God.**

## **Gloria in Excelsis**

**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.****

### **Collect**

*The president introduces a period of silent prayer.  
The Collect is said, and all respond*

**Amen.**

## ¶ *The Liturgy of the Word*

### **Reading**

*At the end of the reading:*

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

### **Gospel Reading**

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

Alleluia, alleluia.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,  
one God, who was, and who is, and who is to come,  
the Almighty.

**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**

## *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.**

## ***Prayers of Intercession***

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ,  
let us pray to the Father.

Hear our prayers, O Lord our God.  
**Hear us, good Lord.**

Govern and direct your holy Church; fill it with love and truth; and  
grant it that unity which is your will.  
**Hear us, good Lord.**

Give us boldness to preach the gospel in all the world, and to make  
disciples of all the nations.  
**Hear us, good Lord.**

Enlighten Christine our bishop and all your ministers with  
knowledge and understanding, that by their teaching and their lives  
they may proclaim your word.  
**Hear us, good Lord.**

Give your people grace to hear and receive your word, and to  
bring forth the fruit of the Spirit.  
**Hear us, good Lord.**

Guide the leaders of the nations into the ways of peace and justice.  
**Hear us, good Lord.**

Give us the will to use the fruits of the earth to your glory,  
and for the good of all creation.  
**Hear us, good Lord.**

Bless and keep all your people.  
**Hear us, good Lord.**

Help and comfort the lonely, the bereaved and the oppressed.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

Keep in safety those who travel, and all who are in danger.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

Heal the sick in body and mind, and provide for the homeless,  
the hungry, and the destitute.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

Show your pity on prisoners and refugees, and all who are in  
trouble.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

Hear us as we remember those who have died in the peace of  
Christ, both those who have confessed the faith and those whose  
faith is known to you alone, and grant us with them a share in your  
eternal kingdom.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

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

## ¶ *The Liturgy of the Sacrament*

### *The Peace*

We are the body of Christ.

**In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.**

Let us then pursue all that makes for peace  
**and builds up our common life.**

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

### *Preparation of the Table*

With this bread that we bring  
**we shall remember Jesus.**

With this wine that we bring  
**we shall remember Jesus.**

Bread for his body,  
wine for his blood,  
gifts from God to his table we bring.  
**We shall remember Jesus.**

## *The Eucharistic 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.**

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;  
in your love you made us for yourself.

When we turned away  
you did not reject us,  
but came to meet us in your Son.  
**You embraced us as your children  
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life  
that we might live in him and he in us.  
**He opened his arms of love upon the cross  
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed,  
at supper with his friends  
he took bread, and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to them, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.  
**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:  
his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,  
he gave you thanks, and said:  
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins;  
do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:  
his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory,  
send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine  
may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

**As we eat and drink these holy gifts  
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world  
we offer you this sacrifice of praise  
and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

### ***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***

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
**we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

### ***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.**

*Those present will be invited to come forward to receive the bread of the communion. Due to the pandemic we do not share the common cup. Communion in one kind is just as valid as in both kinds. Please use the hand sanitiser provided as you come forward and try to maintain social distancing. Please outstretch and cup your hands to receive communion so that the bread can be dropped (from a short distance) into your hands.*

### **Prayer after Communion**

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.**

### **¶ The Dismissal**

The Lord God almighty is our Father:  
**he loves us and tenderly cares for us.**

The Lord Jesus Christ is our Saviour:  
**he has redeemed us and will defend us to the end.**

The Lord, the Holy Spirit, is among us:  
**he will lead us in God's holy way.**  
**To God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,**  
**be praise and glory today and for ever.**

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.**