



THE PARISH OF TIDENHAM

ORDER OF SERVICE

Holy Communion on Low Sunday 2020



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For Personal Preparation before the service begins

The Collect for Purity

**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**

The Prayers of Humble Access

**Most merciful Lord,
your love compels us to come in.
Our hands were unclean,
our hearts were unprepared;
we were not fit
even to eat the crumbs from under your table.
But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation,
and share your bread with sinners.
So cleanse and feed us
with the precious body and blood of your Son,
that he may live in us and we in him;
and that we, with the whole company of Christ,
may sit and eat in your kingdom.
Amen.**

The Gathering

The president says

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

All **Amen.**

The Greeting

The president greets the people

This is the day which the Lord has made

All **We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

Alleluia Christ is risen,

All **He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

There is one body and one spirit.

There is one hope to which we were called;
one Lord, one faith, one baptism,

All **one God and Father of all.**

Peace be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Words of welcome and introduction may be said.

Prayers of Penitence

A minister uses this Invitation to Confession or other suitable words

Jesus Christ, risen Master and triumphant Lord, we come to you in sorrow for our sins and confess to you our weakness and unbelief. Let us sit or kneel to call to mind and confess our sins.

Silence is kept.

We have lived by our own strength,
and not by the power of your resurrection.
In your mercy, forgive us.

All **Lord, hear us and help us.**

We have lived by the light of our own eyes,
as faithless and not believing.
In your mercy, forgive us.

All **Lord, hear us and help us.**

We have lived for this world alone,
and doubted our home in heaven.
In your mercy, forgive us.

All **Lord, hear us and help us.**

The president says this or some other absolution

May the Father of all mercies
cleanse us from our sins,
and restore us in his image
to the praise and glory of his name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen**

Gloria in Excelsis

(you may wish to stand)

**Glory in the highest to the God of heaven!
Peace to all your people through the earth be given:
Mighty God and Father, thanks and praise we bring,
Singing alleluyas to our heavenly King!**

**Jesus Christ is risen, God the Father's Son:
With the Holy Spirit, you are Lord alone!
Lamb once killed for sinners, all our guilt to bear,
Show us now your mercy, now receive our prayer.**

**Christ the world's true Saviour, high and holy one,
Seated now and reigning from your Father's throne:
Lord and God, we praise you; highest heaven adores:
In the Father's glory, all the praise be yours!**

Christopher Idle b 1938

Tune : Evelyns or Camberwell

The Collect

*All **remain standing** for a period of silent prayer. The president says or sings the Collect, and all respond*

Risen Christ,
for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:
open the doors of our hearts,
that we may seek the good of others
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,
to the praise of God the Father.

All **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

Sit

Reading: Acts 2: 14a, 22-32

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.

'You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him,

"I saw the Lord always before me,
for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;
therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
moreover, my flesh will live in hope.
For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
or let your Holy One experience corruption.
You have made known to me the ways of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence."

'Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

"He was not abandoned to Hades,

nor did his flesh experience corruption.”

This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

At the end the reader says

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**



You may wish to Stand

Gospel Reading

Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.

All **Alleluia.**

He has defeated the powers of death.

All **Alleluia.**

Jesus turns our sorrow into dancing.

All **Alleluia.**

He has the words of eternal life.

All **Alleluia.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’ When he

had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

John 20:19-end

At the end of the reading

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Please sit for the sermon

The Creed

You may wish to stand

*In Eastertide the baptismal creed may replace the Nicene Creed.
The President says:*

And now I ask you to make the profession of
Christian faith into which you were baptized, and in
which you live and grow.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
who made the world?

All **I believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ,
who redeemed mankind?

All **I believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in his Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God?

All **I believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

All **This is our faith.
We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen**



Prayers of Intercession

Sit or kneel for the prayers

These responses may be used

All Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.



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

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

Please Stand

The Peace

The president introduces the Peace with these or similar words

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples
and said, 'Peace be with you.'

Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

John 20:19&20

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



Preparation of the Table Taking of the Bread and Wine

The Offertory Hymn is sung during which the holy table is prepared.

***Alleluia! Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Give praise to His Name.***

**Spread the good news o'er all the earth,
Jesus has died and has risen.**

**We have been crucified with Christ,
Now we shall live forever.**

**Come let us praise the Living God,
Joyfully sing to our Saviour.**

Mission Praise, 3

The president takes the bread and wine.

Be present, be present,
Lord Jesus Christ,
our risen high priest;
make yourself known in the breaking of bread.
Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The president says:

The Lord is here

All **His Spirit is with us**

Lift up your hearts

All **We lift them to the Lord**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

All **It is right to give thanks and praise**

The president continues:

We give you thanks and praise for the gospel we have received.

Christ died for our sins. Alleluia.

All **He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Death comes to all through Adam, and sin reigns for a time.

New life without end comes through Christ,

and he reigns for ever. Alleluia.

All **He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting?

Death is swallowed up in victory,

the victory you give us in Christ. Alleluia.

All **He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

We have been crucified with Christ, and live his risen life, to

praise you for ever with angels and archangels *saying/singing:*

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord,**

God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

[Hosanna, hosanna,] hosanna in the highest.

**[Blessed,] blessed is he who comes;
comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.
[Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest]**

All remain standing as the president continues

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.

All **To you be glory and praise for ever.**

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.

All **To you be glory and praise for ever.**

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:

All **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.

All **To you be glory and praise for ever.**

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:

All **Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever. AMEN!**

All remain standing.

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

All **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

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

Jesus says, I am the bread of life,
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

All **Lord, our hearts hunger for you;
give us this bread always.**

The Agnus Dei is said or sung.

All **Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.**

Spiritual Communion

The president says the following or another appropriate invitation to communion

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

All **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The president and server receive communion.

Having received communion, the server prays:

I receive the body of Christ on behalf of my sisters and brothers of the Parishes of Tidenham, St Briavels, Hewelsfield and Brockweir, together with all those in the Wye Valley and further afield who cannot receive Holy Communion physically today. May it be to me, and to them, healing, wholeness and salvation.

It is important to remember that at any service of Holy Communion those of us who are not able physically to receive the bread and the wine can still receive the sacrament spiritually. This is something that the church has taught for centuries, and in this unusual time, it is a piece of theology which we urgently need to remember.

While priest and others receive communion, and while the altar is cleared, you might like to read the following, from the Book of Common Prayer:

“If a man, either by reason of extremity of sickness, or for want of warning in due time to the Curate, or for lack of company to receive with him, or by any other just impediment, do not receive the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood: the Curate shall instruct him that if he do truly repent him of his sins, and stedfastly believe that Jesus Christ hath suffered death upon the Cross for him, and shed his Blood for his redemption, earnestly remembering the benefits he hath thereby, and giving him hearty thanks therefore; he doth eat and drink the Body and Blood of our Saviour Christ profitably to his soul's health, although he do not receive the Sacrament with his mouth.”

A prayer you might wish to say:

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

St Alphonsus Liguori, C18th

After Communion

**Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain,
wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:**

*Love is come again,
Like wheat that springeth green.*

**In the grave they laid him, Love by hatred slain,
thinking that never he would wake again,
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:**

**Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,
he that for three days in the grave had lain,
quick from the dead, my risen Lord is seen:**

**When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
thy touch can call us back to life again,
fields of our hearts, that dead and bare have been:**

New English Hymnal, 115

The Post Communion prayer follows the hymn

Lord God our Father,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ
you have assured your children of eternal life
and in baptism have made us one with him:
deliver us from the death of sin
and raise us to new life in your love,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All **Amen.**

The following prayer is then said

All God of truth,
**we have seen with our eyes
and touched with our hands the bread of life.
Strengthen our faith
that we may grow in love for you
and for each other,
through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.**

The Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

God the Father,
by whose love Christ was raised from the dead,
open to you who believe the gates of everlasting life,
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son,
and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with
you always.

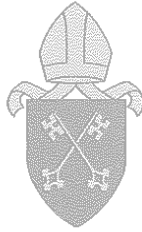
All **Amen.**

With the power that raised Jesus from the dead at
work within you, go in peace to love and serve the
Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

All **In the name of Christ. Amen. Alleluia, alleluia.**

The ministers and people depart.





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