Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us. Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us. Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.

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

Prayer during Spiritual Communion

Lord Jesus I believe that you are here in bread and wine. I love you above all things and desire to receive you. Since I cannot receive you sacramentally come spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you are here. Never let me be separated from you. Amen.

Prayer

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.

Blessing and dismissal

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him; 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.



Communion service for Lent 2021

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and of great kindness. (Psalm 103 v 8)

In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** The Lord be with you. **and also with you.**

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 Lord is full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and of great kindness. He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor rewarded us according to our wickedness. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his mercy upon those who fear him. Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God, holy and strong, holy and immortal, have mercy upon us.

As far as the east is from the west, so far has he set our sins from us. As a father has compassion on his children, so is the Lord merciful towards those who fear him. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits. May almighty God, who sent his Son into the world to save sinners, bring *you* his pardon and peace, now and for ever. Amen.

A Collect Prayer may be used.

<u>The Liturgy of the Word</u> For the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Hear the Gospel according to ... Glory to you, O Lord. This is the Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

Sung creed

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.

cf Philippians 2.6-11

Prayers of Intercession

Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer.

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

The Peace

Since we are justified by faith, We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us access to his grace. (Romans 5 v 1, 2)

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

The Offertory

Merciful Father, turn us from sin to faithfulness and from disobedience to love, and prepare us to celebrate the death and resurrection of Christ our Saviour who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **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.

The prayer continues. We then pray the Sanctus and Benedictus. 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.

The prayer continues as we recall the Last Supper.

Praise to you Lord Jesus: Dying you destroyed our death, Rising you restored our life, Lord Jesus, come in glory.

The prayer continues leading to praise of God in the doxology. **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.