The Parish Church of St Mary Magdalen, Ripley

SAID COMMUNION

for use in the COVID Pandemic (Common Worship – Order One)

This order of service provides the shape of most Communion services (other than Sundays at 10am) but will be used in different ways according to circumstances. Some prayers may be omitted or changed but only after explanation and in a way that allows full participation.

¶ The Gathering

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

All: Amen

The Greeting

The President greets the people saying

either: Grace, mercy and peace from or: The Lord be with you

God our Father and the Lord All: and also with you.

Jesus Christ be with you

All: and also with you.

Prayer of Preparation

All: 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 President may read the Summary of the Law:

Our Lord Jesus Christ said, "The first commandment is this, 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength.' "The second is this, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

All Amen. Lord have mercy.

A seasonal invitation to confession or the following words are said:

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.

then all say one of the following words of confession:

Either A: Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name.
Amen.

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 deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

Or B:

Gloria in Excelsis

We occasionally say "The Gloria"

All: 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.

The President says the Collect of the day and all respond:

All: Amen

The Liturgy of the Word

Readings

We listen to one or two readings from scripture. At the end of each the reader says:

This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Reading

The Gospel reading is announced:

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

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

The president introduces the prayers. During the prayers the following bidding and response is normally used (if a different bidding is used it is announced when the prayers start)

Lord, in your mercy

All: hear our prayer

The prayers conclude:

Merciful Father,

All: accept these prayers

for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

¶ The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

The president introduces the Peace and then says:

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All: and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

We greet one another (so far as is permitting by prevailing regulations).

Preparation of the Table & Taking of the Bread and Wine

There is no collection due to the infection risk. If you wish to contribute to the cost of running our Church please use the collection plate by the door as you leave or our JustGiving page

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

All: All things come from you, and of your own do we give you.

When the Communion vessels are fully prepared the president formally takes the bread and wine saying one of the following or another prayer:

either: Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation: through your goodness we have these gifts of bread and wine to set

before you, which earth has given and human hands have made. They will become for us the bread of life and the cup

of salvation.

All: Blessed be God for ever

or:

As the grain once scattered in the fields and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside are now reunited on this table in bread and wine, so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together from the corners of the earth into your kingdom.

All: Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The texts for Eucharistic Prayers A & E are given below.

The Lord be with you or The Lord is here.

All: and also with you 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.

An "Extended Preface" may replace either text below up to the Sanctus ("Holy, holy holy ...")

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise, holy Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

For he is your living Word; through him you have created all things from the beginning, and formed us in your own image.

Through him you have freed us from the slavery of sin, giving him to be born of a woman and to die upon the cross; you raised him from the dead and exalted him to your right hand on high. Through him you have sent upon us your holy and life-giving Spirit, and made us a people for your own possession.

A short Proper Preface may be added here, when appropriate

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.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying:

And so we gladly thank you, with saints and angels praising you, and saying:

All say: 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.

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.

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.

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.

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. One of these four acclamations is used.

either: Great is the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

or: Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

All: Dying you destroyed our death,

rising you restored our life: Lord Jesus, come in glory.

or: Christ is the bread of life:

All: When we eat this bread and drink this cup,

we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,

until you come in glory.

or: lesus 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.

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:

Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen

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 [N and] 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

All: 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

The president breaks the consecrated bread saying

either: We break this bread

to share in the body of Christ.

All: Though we are many, we are one body,

because we all share in one bread.

or: Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,

All: We proclaim the Lord's death

until he comes.

The "Agnus Dei" may be said

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.

During the pandemic we do not share wine; the prayers below are modified to reflect the changed practice we have to follow to avoid infection.

The president invites the people to receive communion.

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you; as you do so receive in your heart his blood which he shed for you. Do this in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

We may say "The Prayer of Humble Access".

All: 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.

While worshippers are still in their seats the following words of administration are said to all:

The body of Christ keep you in eternal life.

Reply: Amen

Please come forward in turn following the one-way system in the Church and maintaining social distancing. The bread will be dropped into your hand; please hold it and return to your place before removing your mask and taking the bread.

Prayer after Communion

The president may say a Post Communion prayer and all may then pray together.

All: 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.

¶ The Dismissal

The blessing concludes:

..... and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you, always.

All: Amen

The President says:

either: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

All: In the name of Christ. Amen

or: Go in the peace of Christ

All: Thanks be to God