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of**

**St Saviour
Mortimer West End**

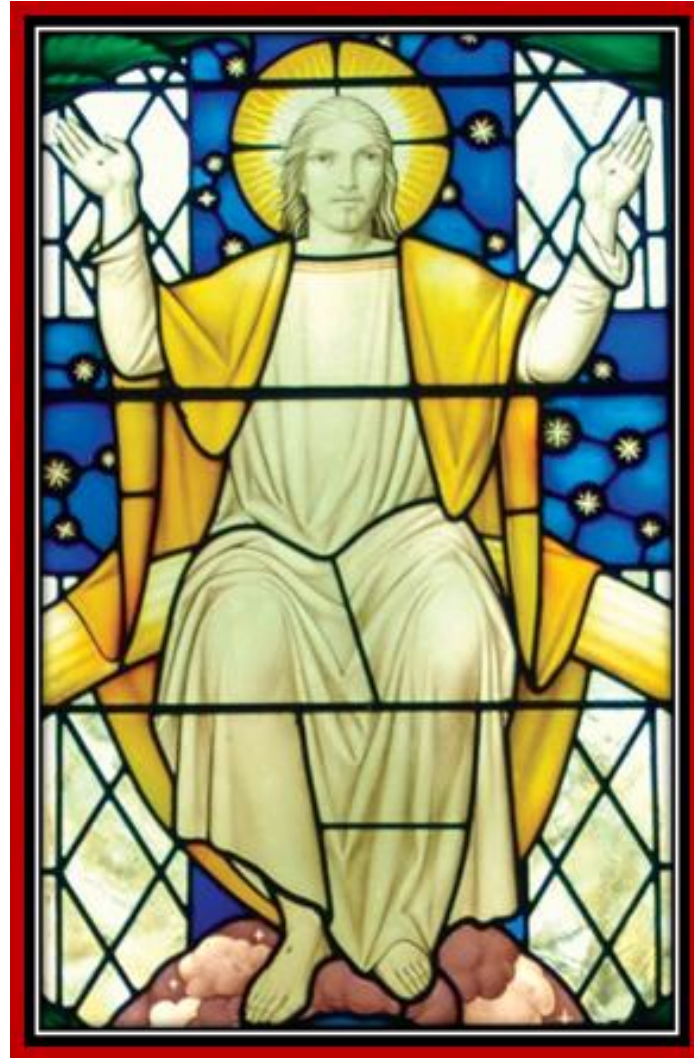
**St Mary and St John
Stratfield Mortimer**

**St John the Baptist
Padworth**

St Mary's Church of England School

St John's Church of England School

Diocese of Oxford



'The Risen Christ'

from the west window of St Saviour's, Mortimer West End.

The Easter Sunday Eucharist

31st March 2024 at 10.00 a.m. at St John's church, Mortimer

Online at Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6931233940>

A very warm welcome as we gather for our Parish's celebration of Easter Sunday. Easter is, of course, the primary and richest of the Christian Church's celebrations and is celebrated by Christians around the world with great joy. It has been described as the Church's 'Alleluia' – its song of praise and thanksgiving to the risen Christ – as Christians celebrate that Gospel message that self-giving love has and always will triumph over the forces which undermine our common humanity. And this is the Easter Gospel, the Good News, that we are called upon to celebrate and share.

Happy Easter.
God bless,
Paul

THE EASTER SUNDAY EUCHARIST

A very warm welcome to the Easter Sunday Eucharist.

An induction loop is provided. To use, please turn your hearing aid to T.

Gluten free wafers are available for those who need them. Please inform one of the vergers who will pass the information on to the clergy.

Online: If you are not able to come to St John's you are warmly invited to share in the Parish's Christmas Day Eucharist online. And may God bless and renew us as we join together to worship. **Thank you.**

THIS 'HOLY MEMORIAL' is known by various names: 1) 'The Eucharist' - which means 'Thanksgiving' - because Jesus offered himself in love; 2) 'The Lord's Supper' - or 'Breaking of the Bread' - because we celebrate it as a shared meal; 3) 'Holy Communion,' - because we become one with Christ by receiving him; and 4) 'Holy Mass' - holy sending - because it gives us a mission: to go in peace to serve the Lord.

The 'objectives' of the Eucharist: The community gathers for the public celebration of the Eucharist in order to worship God; ask his forgiveness for sins; thank him for blessings received; listen to his voice in the Scriptures; present the needs of the world and our own needs too; offer our lives to him and his loving service; gain spiritual nourishment and recharge our weakened spiritual batteries by sharing life with him in Holy Communion. The simple structure of the Eucharistic celebration is organized around achieving these goals.

THE GATHERING HYMN

**Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia,
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia,
who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia,
suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia.**

**Hymns of praise then let us sing Alleluia,
unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia,
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia,
sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia.**

**But the pains that he endured Alleluia,
our salvation have procured; Alleluia,
now above the sky he's King, Alleluia,
where the angels ever sing Alleluia.**

THE GATHERING

Priest + In the name of God - the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
All Amen.

THE GREETING - Words of Welcome and Introduction.

The greeting proclaims the presence of the Lord with us.

The Penitential Rite, the Gloria and the Opening Prayer follow. The purpose of these preliminary rites is to help the people, gathered for the celebration of the Eucharist, to join with each other as a worshipping community, and to prepare to listen to the Word of God and to celebrate the Eucharist - the Great Thanksgiving.

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

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

The priest may introduce the Eucharist.

THE PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

The Invitation to Confession - we call to mind our sins that we may repent of them / turn from them and ask forgiveness of God and each other.

Priest My brothers and sisters, as we come together as God's family
 to celebrate the Easter mysteries,
 let us ask with confidence our heavenly Father's forgiveness for our sins,
 for he is gentle and compassionate.

A pause for quiet reflection follows.

All **I confess to almighty God, and to you, my brothers and sisters,
 that I have sinned through my own fault, in my thoughts and in my words,
 in what I have done and in what I have failed to do.**

The Absolution

All + Almighty God, have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.
All **Amen.**

THE GLORIA

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo.

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 sins 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 COLLECT

Priest Let us pray that the risen Christ will raise us up and renew our lives and our world.

Together we spend a few moments in silence, realising, and giving thanks, that we are in the presence of God our Father to whom we make our prayers. The prayer 'collects' our thoughts.

Heavenly Father, Lord of all life and power,
who through the mighty resurrection of your Son
overcame the old order of sin and death
to make all things new in him:
grant that we, being dead to sin
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,
may rise with him in glory;
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be praise and honour, glory and might,
now and in all eternity.

All Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Liturgy of the Word consists of readings from the scriptures; a sermon/homily, which expounds the readings; the Profession of Faith, which is the Creed of God's people; and the Prayer of the Faithful or General Intercessions in which the people of God intercede for all humankind and all creation.

In the Liturgy of the Word God speaks to us of redemption and salvation and nourishes us with his 'word.' We are not only listening to past history. The God who speaks to Israel and to the early Church speaks to us today through the power of the Holy Spirit working within us as we listen to him and as he reveals the pattern for our lives. 'The word of God is something alive and active: it cuts like any double edged sword but more finely...it can judge the secret emotions and thoughts' (The Letter to the Hebrews 4:12).

THE FIRST READING – COLOSSIANS 3: 1 – 4. To be read by Gill McInnes.

Reader A reading from The Letter of St Paul to the Colossians.

The New Life in Christ

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

At the end of the reading:

Reader This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

THE EASTER ANTHEMS

We all stand to sing:

All Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us:
therefore let us keep the feast;

**Not with the old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness:
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.**

**Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more:
death hath no more dominion over him.**

**For in that he died, he died unto sin once :
but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God.**

**Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin:
but alive unto God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Christ is risen from the dead:
and become the first fruits of them that slept.**

**For since by man came death:
by man came also the resurrection of the dead.**

**For as in Adam all die:
even so in Christ shall all be made alive.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen.**

Now we prepare to hear the Gospel (the Good News) and acknowledge that we are his people and called to be part of his mission to the world inasmuch as we share his message and his life with faith, hope and love.

Cantor Laudate Dominum, Laudate Dominum,
Omnes gentes, alleluia!

Psalm 117 - The Ecumenical Community of Taizé

All Laudate Dominum, Laudate Dominum,
Omnes gentes, alleluia!

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Cantor Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

All Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

‘I am the resurrection and the life’ says the Lord.
‘Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live
and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.’

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

THE GOSPEL READING – ST JOHN’S GOSPEL 20: 1 – 18. THE RESURRECTION

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The Lord be with you.

All And also with you .

Let us hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St John.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, ‘They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.’ Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the

tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brethren and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."' Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

At the end of the Gospel:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
All Praise to you, O Christ.
Alleluia. Christ is risen.
All He is risen indeed. Alleluia.
**All Laudate Dominum, Laudate Dominum,
Omnes gentes, alleluia!**

THE SERMON

We are a Eucharistic community - united around word and sacrament. Through the readings God has spoken to his people of his redeeming love and of the nourishment which his Spirit gives. The sermon reflects on our readings and relates them to our Eucharistic celebration and to our ordinary daily life.

After the sermon there may be a short period of silent reflection.

THE PROFESSION OF CHRISTIAN FAITH - THE CREED

We make the profession of faith in response to the word of God written in the Gospels and spoken in the sermon. We testify that God is our Father who gives us new life through his Son and who calls us together in the power of his Spirit to be a Eucharistic people, a 'thanksgiving people', a living community of his abiding self-giving love.

**All I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
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,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
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.**

**I 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 adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

THE PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL OR GENERAL INTERCESSION

We are invited to pray for all people and for all creation and for the needs of the Church's mission in bringing Christ's Gospel to the world. Through baptism we have been made one with Christ, our great high priest, and we share in his prayer before the Father for the needs of the Church's mission to the world. Our prayer flows from our listening to the Gospel and sermon by which we have been made more aware of our Christian commitment.

This Prayer of the Faithful, or General Intercession, is announced and consists of a series of intercessions; we pray for the universal Church and its mission and for our bishop and diocese and for our benefice - our parishes and our two Church schools; for the world, for this United Kingdom, for the King, for our District and Village Councils and local communities, for our families and friends; for the sick and suffering and for all in pain; and we remember those who have died. And in communion with Mary, St John the Evangelist, St John the Baptist and all the Saints of God we entrust one another and all people and all creation to God's saving love.

Priest: Let us pray to our heavenly Father, in union with risen Christ, and in the strength of the Holy Spirit:

Cantor O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer; come and listen to me.

All O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer; come and listen to me.

The deacon or minister continues:

Heavenly Father, we praise and thank you for the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Shed the light of the risen Christ upon our world and give us grace to live to share the joy of the Easter Gospel.

We pray for the Church, that it may be faithful to its mission to witness to Christ's goodness and his love for all humankind; for Justin our Archbishop; for Steven our bishop; for Olivia our area bishop; for our benefice's parishes and schools of St Mary's and St John's.

All O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer; come and listen to me.

Heavenly Father, we pray for those preparing for the sacraments of baptism and confirmation and for all those reflecting on new life and new ministry in the way of the Risen Christ and for their sponsors and teachers.

All O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer; come and listen to me.

Heavenly Father, bless and guide the King, our Government, our District and Village Councils, and all in authority that they may have grace to govern with wisdom and courage, direct us in the ways of justice and peace, and that together we may seek always the common good.

All O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer; come and listen to me.

Heavenly Father, bless our families, our friends, and all those you have given us to care for and all those who care for us. May this Easter be a springtime for our life together and may our love for one another bear witness to the love of the risen Christ for all.

All O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer; come and listen to me.

Heavenly Father, we pray to you for those who are suffering and in pain: for those who are persecuted; for refugees; for the poor; for those weighed down by hardship; for those burdened by feelings of failure and guilt; for those who despair; for the lonely; for the broken-hearted; for those who mourn. And of our own we pray for...

May the love of the risen Christ bring them comfort and the hope of the resurrection bring them peace.

All O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer; come and listen to me.

Heavenly Father, we remember before you all past parishioners, our loved ones gone before us, and those who have who have died recently...

May they know the joyful peace of the resurrection and may we be united for ever in heaven.

All O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer; come and listen to me.

Heavenly Father, in communion with Blessed Mary, St John the Evangelist, St John the Baptist and all the Saints, may we find strength in your grace and light in your truth to share our lives in the way of the risen Christ.

Priest Merciful Father,
All Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, Our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

At the Last Supper Christ 'took some bread and when he had given thanks, broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying "This is my body which will be given for you; do this in remembrance of me". He did the same with the cup...' (Luke 22:19-20). The Church, joyfully obedient to the Lord's command, celebrates the Eucharist taking care that our 'liturgy' corresponds to the words and actions of Christ: 1) Taking bread and wine - we take our own gifts to the Altar, such as our time and talents and our money for the poor and for ministry. 2) Giving thanks (the meaning of the word Eucharist) - in the Eucharistic Prayer the priest, in the name of us all, says the great hymn of our thanksgiving to God for the whole work of salvation, in which the offerings become the Body and Blood of Christ. 3) The breaking of the one bread is a sign of the unity of the faithful - a sign of the unity which comes through sharing in Christ. 4) And in Holy Communion we receive Christ. In this way, Sunday by Sunday and day by day, the Church tries to carry out what the Lord asked his disciples to do in remembrance of him.

THE PEACE

We acknowledge and give thanks for our unity with one another in Jesus Christ our Lord, which his death and resurrection have brought to us. He is the peace between us. The sign of peace echoes Christ's own resurrection greeting to his disciples. Before we share in the same bread we express our love for one another in Christ and pray for peace and unity (cf Luke 1.78,79).

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

THE OFFERTORY HYMN

**This joyful Eastertide,
away with sin and sorrow.
My Love, the Crucified,
hath sprung to life this morrow:**

*Had Christ, that once was slain,
ne'er burst his three-day prison,
our faith had been in vain:
but now has Christ arisen, arisen, arisen.*

**My flesh in hope shall rest,
and for a season slumber:
till trump from east to west
shall wake the dead in number:**

**Death's flood hath lost its chill,
since Jesus crossed the river:
Lover of souls, from ill
my passing soul deliver:**

THE PRESENTATION AND PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

The peoples' gifts of bread and wine are brought to the altar. The offerings of money is made and promised to support the wider ministry and work of the Church. Taking the Gifts: We give thanks to God for the gifts in the following words.

BREAD

Priest Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer,
which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.
All Blessed be God for ever.

WINE

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become for us the cup of salvation.
All Blessed be God for ever.

OUR TIME, TALENTS AND TREASURE/MONEY

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have the gifts of our
time, talents and money to offer. May our offerings of our gifts be a sincere sign of our
gratitude and our dedication to your service.
All Blessed be God for ever.

The priest prays quietly: Lord God, we ask you to receive us and be pleased with the sacrifice we offer you with humble, contrite and thankful hearts.

The priest washes hands as an act of cleanliness and as an expression of the desire for inward purification, praying quietly: Lord, wash away my iniquity; cleanse me from my sin.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Priest Pray my brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God,
the Almighty Father.

**All May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good, and the good of all his Church.**

Priest Amen.

Priest Heavenly Father, may this Easter mystery of our redemption
bring to perfection the saving work you have begun in us.

All Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Eucharistic Prayer is the centre and high point of the whole Christian celebration. This great prayer of praise and thanksgiving proclaims the wonderful works of God and through it we join ourselves with Christ in praise and thanksgiving to God the Father and in offering ourselves to him in union with Christ's self-offering on the cross. We express our share in the prayer, which is said on behalf of all the people, by listening inwardly and joining in the acclamations (joyful shouts or songs) and the Sanctus (the Holy, Holy, Holy which concludes the preface), the memorial acclamation and the great 'Amen' which concludes our Eucharistic Prayer.

Priest The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

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.

In the Preface we praise God for his mighty acts:

Heavenly Father, we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

We praise you with greater joy than ever on this Easter Day
when Christ became our paschal sacrifice.

He is the true Lamb who took away the sins of the world.

By dying he destroyed our death; by rising he restored our life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels in heaven we proclaim your glory
and join in their unending hymn of praise:

**All 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.**

We pray to the Father for the sending down of the Holy Spirit and recall the Lord's Supper.

Priest We thank you, loving Father, because when we turned away
you sent to us your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

He gave his life for us upon the cross. He shows us now the way to live.

Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine
may be for us the Christ's body and his blood.

On the night before he died, when darkness had fallen, Jesus took bread. He gave thanks,
broke it, and shared it with his disciples, saying:

‘This is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me.’

After they had eaten he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples,
saying:

‘This is my blood, poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this to remember me.’

So, Father, with this bread and this cup we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life.
As you feed us with these gifts, send your Holy Spirit upon us and change us more and more
to be like Jesus our Saviour.
Help us, Father, to love one another, as we look forward to that day when suffering is ended
and all creation is gathered in your loving arms.
And now with Mary, the Mother of our Lord, St John the Evangelist, St John the Baptist,
and all your Saints, we glorify your goodness, through Jesus Christ
and in the strength of your Holy Spirit,
today and for ever and ever.

All Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

The communion rite lays strong emphasis on peace, unity and our prayer for forgiveness. We come together to the Lord's table in accordance with the Lord's command, 'Take, eat... take, drink', as a community bound together by the love of God manifest in Christ. We can all be confident in Christ's mercy as we respond to his call to come to his table. Our communal recitation of the Lord's Prayer - the prayer he taught us - prepares us for Holy Communion with our Lord.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

We bless God and pray for our world, our communities and our lives to be shaped by God's will; we pray for daily needs to be met, for forgiveness for wrongdoings, strength to resist temptation and protection from danger.

Priest 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.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The priest takes the host and breaks it over the cup, praying quietly: 'May this mingling of the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ bring eternal life to us who receive it.' 'Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread' (1 Corinthians 10:17)

Christ's gesture of breaking bread with his disciples at the Last Supper gave the Eucharist the name of the 'breaking of bread'. This gesture signifies that we who share one bread and one cup are made one. The breaking of the Eucharistic bread becomes a sign of unity and charity as the one bread is distributed to the family of God's people.

Priest 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.**

The priest prepares quietly for Holy Communion. We may all join quietly in this prayer: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, by the will of the Father and the work of the Holy Spirit your death brought life to the world. By your holy body and blood free me from all my sins and from every evil. Keep me faithful to your teaching, and never let me be parted from you. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Priest Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. *cf. John 1: 29*

Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

All **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

The sign of communion is more complete when given under both 'kinds' since then the 'sign' of the eucharistic meal appears more clearly. However, we live in exceptional times when, if you think right, communion may be received in one 'kind.'

The priest takes the host, raises it a little and shows it saying: The Body of Christ. And the same with the cup saying: The Blood of Christ. When receiving Holy Communion the response and assent to Christ is:

+ Amen.

DURING HOLY COMMUNION *the Choir may sing anthems, hymns and songs.*

Ave Maria

Franz Schubert

PRAYER AFTER HOLY COMMUNION

Priest Let us pray.

The priest invites us all to pray that the Holy Eucharist will have its effect in transforming our lives and bring us all to God's kingdom. We pray together silently for a while before the Post Communion prayer.

Lord, you have nourished us with the Easter sacrament of life.
Fill us with your Holy Spirit that we may be one in love and peace.

All Amen.

THE NOTICES FOR THE COMMUNITY ARE GIVEN.

THE CONCLUDING RITE

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

Priest The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

THE BLESSING

Priest God the Father, by whose love Christ was raised from the dead,
open to us the gates of everlasting life.

All **Amen.**

Priest God the Son, who in bursting the grave has won a glorious victory,
give us joy as we share the Easter faith.

All **Amen.**

Priest God the Holy Spirit, whom the risen Lord breathed into his disciples,
empower us and fill us with Christ's peace.

All **Amen.**

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

All **Amen.**

Let us go in the peace of Christ, Alleluia, Alleluia.

All **Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

THE RECESSIONAL OR SENDING OUT HYMN

**Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won;
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.**

*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

**Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let the Church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting:**

*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life;
life is naught without thee: aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above:

*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

Happy Easter

Please donate regularly to support the Church's mission and work. *The church here needs your help in order to serve our villages, our diocese, our nation and our world in the future. Our doors were closed due to Covid 19 and with no regular Government or Church of England funding the parish lost significant income. Please see the website to see how to give efficiently. Thank you.*

