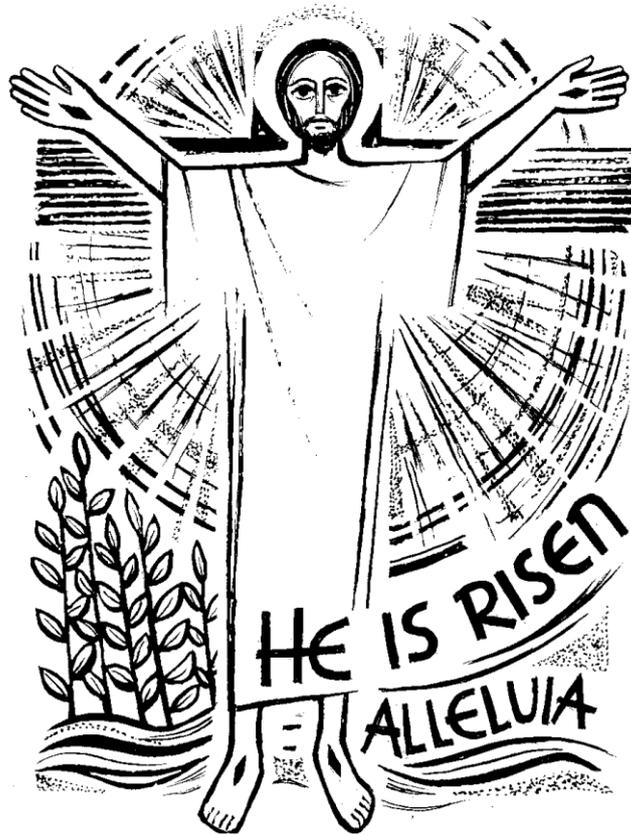


St. Mary's Church, Charlbury.



Holy Communion *during Eastertide*

Common Worship : Order One

¶ The Gathering

As the ministers enter, please stand to sing a HYMN.

The Greeting

The Lord be with you
All and also with you.

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



Welcome & Introduction

Prayer of Preparation

Please sit or kneel.

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

In baptism we died with Christ, so that as Christ was raised from the dead,
we might walk in newness of life.

Let us receive new life in him as we confess our sins in penitence and faith.

All Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you,
through our own fault,
in thought and word and deed,
and in what we have left undone.
We are heartily sorry, and repent of all our sins.
For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name. Amen.

The president says

May the God of love and power
forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Glory to God!

Please stand to sing THE GLORIA or another suitable song or hymn.

**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.**

The Collect

Please sit. The president introduces a period of silent prayer with the words 'Let us pray' or a more specific bidding. The Collect (printed on the weekly Readings sheet) is said, and all respond **Amen.**

¶ *Sharing the Word of God*

Reading

*A reading from Scripture follows.
At the end the reader may say*



This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

A HYMN may be sung.

Gospel Reading

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one;
I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore.

All Alleluia.

When the Gospel is announced the reader says

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The Apostles' Creed

**All I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**



**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

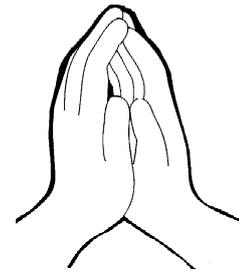
Prayers of Intercession

Please sit or kneel. These responses may be used

Lord, in your mercy
All hear our prayer.

And at the end

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



¶ Sharing the Life of Jesus

The Peace

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.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.



Preparing the Table

A HYMN is sung.

The gifts of the people are gathered and presented.

The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.

The president takes the bread and wine.

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

The Eucharistic Prayer (D)

Please sit or kneel.

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.

Almighty God, good Father to us all,
your face is turned towards your world.
In love you gave us Jesus your Son
to rescue us from sin and death.
Your Word goes out to call us home
to the city where angels sing your praise.
We join with them in heaven's song:

**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.**

Father of all, we give you thanks
for every gift that comes from heaven.



To the darkness Jesus came as your light.
With signs of faith and words of hope
he touched untouchables with love and washed the guilty clean.

This is his story.

All **This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.**

The crowds came out to see your Son,
yet at the end they turned on him.
On the night he was betrayed
he came to table with his friends
to celebrate the freedom of your people.

This is his story.

All **This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.**

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food;
he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said:
This is my body, given for you all.
Jesus then gave thanks for the wine;
he took the cup, gave it and said:
This is my blood, shed for you all for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this in remembrance of me.

This is our story.

All **This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.**

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup
we celebrate the cross
on which he died to set us free.
Defying death he rose again
and is alive with you to plead for us and all the world.

This is our story.

All **This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.**

Send your Spirit on us now
that by these gifts we may feed on Christ
with opened eyes and hearts on fire.

May we and all who share this food offer ourselves to live for you
and be welcomed at your feast in heaven where all creation worships you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

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

The Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in God's new creation,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

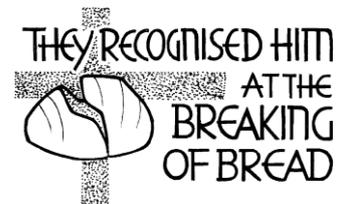
All **Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

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.**



Giving of Communion

The president says this invitation to communion

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.
All **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**



*While the ministers receive communion, a song or
chant may be used.*

Everyone is invited to come to the altar rail for communion or a blessing

Authorized words of distribution are used and the communicant replies
Amen.

During the distribution hymns and anthems may be sung.

Some suggested prayers for personal use during Communion

My Lord and my God. *John 20:28*

You, Lord, are the Bread of Life:
let this bread be life giving
let this bread be a means of growth
let this bread be for my strengthening
that receiving this bread
I may be one with you.

You, Lord, are the true Vine:
let this wine be to me for refreshment
let this wine be to me for renewal
let this wine be to me for joy
that receiving this wine
I may be one with you.

David Adam

'He gave'

Our lips receive your wine, our hands your bread;
you give us back the selves we offered you,
won by the cross, by Calvary made new,
a heart enriched, a life raised from the dead.
Grant us to take and guard your treasure well,
that we in you, and you in us may dwell.

H.C.A.Gaunt (1902-83)

Love bade me welcome: yet my soul drew back,
guilty of dust and sin.
But quick-eyed Love, observing me grow slack
from my first entrance in
drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning if I lacked anything.

'A guest,' I answered, 'worthy to be here.'
Love said 'You shall be he.'
'I, the unkind, ungrateful? Ah my dear, I cannot look on thee.'
Love took my hand, and smiling did reply,
'Who made the eyes but I?'

'Truth, Lord, but I have marred them; let my shame go
where it doth deserve.'
'And know you not,' says Love, 'who bore the blame?'
'My dear then I will serve'.
'You must sit down,' says Love, 'and taste my meat.'
So I did sit and eat.

George Herbert

Prayer after Communion

After a short silence, the Post Communion Prayer (printed on the weekly Readings sheet) is said. Then this prayer is said by everyone

**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. Amen.**

¶ *Going out in Christ's name*

Please stand to sing a HYMN.

Please sit or kneel for the blessing

God the Father,
by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead,
strengthen you to walk with him in his risen 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.

Notices and Banns of Marriage may be given here.

Please stand.



A minister says

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.
All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Prayers for personal use after the service are printed on the next page.

The ministers and people depart.



Some suggested prayers for personal use after the service

Christ, you are risen from the dead.
We are risen with you.
May our life never deny
this eternal life, this peace and hope and joy.
Praise and glory to the God of life
who is stronger than all kinds of death. Alleluia!

A New Zealand Prayer Book

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!
By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,
and into an inheritance which cannot perish or be defiled, nor can it ever fade.
So let us rejoice!

1 Peter 1:3

Victory is ours
Goodness is stronger than evil;
Love is stronger than hate;
Light is stronger than darkness;
Life is stronger than death;
Victory is ours through him who loves us.

Desmond Tutu

Lord Christ, you who are undefeated day,
enliven the light in me;
you who are cleansing strength,
wrestle for truth in our community;
you who are healing tenderness,
touch our sore world with your grace;
you who are triumph and glory,
be the radiance of the universe.

Julie Hulme

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The Season of Easter

The fifty-day period from Easter Day to Pentecost is a time for festivity and song. Here we are given the space to rejoice and delight in the new life which God has given us in Jesus Christ, now risen from the dead. We affirm Christ's victory on the cross over sin and death and find in it our hope. Although the mood of the season is one of celebration, we remember that the Risen Christ bears on his body the marks of suffering humanity. We can dare to hope for a transformation of all that hurts and spoils our lives and the life of our world, and to find new life and meaning.

In this time of celebration we affirm our own commitment to sharing the life of the Risen Christ, and prepare to become his witnesses in the world, for the spreading of his Good News. The Apostles' Creed (traditionally used at Baptism) is included in this service to help each one of us declare our personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

'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.'

John 11.25,26

Some suggested prayers for personal use before the service

God our Father, Creator of all,
today is the day of Easter joy.
May the risen Lord
breathe on our minds and open our eyes
that we may know him in the breaking of bread
and follow him in his risen life.

The Liturgy of the Hours

Living God, our Lord and King, we give you our praise
for the resurrection of the springtime,
for the everlasting hopes that rise within the human heart,
and for the gospel of the resurrection
which has brought life and immortality to light.
Receive our thanksgiving,
reveal your presence,
and send forth into our hearts
the Spirit of the risen Christ.

Adapted from W.E.Orchard

'Do not be afraid; I know you are looking for Jesus who was crucified.
He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay'.

Matthew 28:5-6