



RICHMOND
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St John the Divine

Order of Service for Ordinary Time

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Please take it away with you, and bring it with you
whenever you attend a service.**

Welcome back to church, and to this (temporary) new order of service!

It contains the liturgy, and it will be supplemented by a copy of the Lectionary readings for each Sunday. As we are not yet allowed to use hymn books, Bibles and service books, please keep your own copy of this booklet and bring it with you each time you come to church.

After the long period of lockdown, it is good to be able to resume public worship in the church building - albeit not yet in the form we were accustomed to prior to the Covid-19 outbreak. We have to continue observing the distancing and hygiene advice of the Government, the Church of England and the Diocese of Southwark, which means services will look and feel different for a while longer. The number of people we can safely accommodate in church is also limited.

However, the opportunity to share in the Eucharist again is a real privilege after four months of deprivation. For the moment, communion can only be distributed in one kind, i.e. the bread/wafer, due to restrictions on the use of the common chalice. The president is permitted to receive the wine on behalf of the whole church community. Be assured that, theologically, receiving in one kind is actually to receive the fullness of communion of both the body and blood of Christ.

We realise that not everyone will be able to return to church just yet, and that some are still under advice to stay shielded. It is hoped we can live stream services to enable people to participate from home if they have access to the Internet. We will be using the nave altar to facilitate the filming, and also to limit the amount of movement inside the church.

One of the things we will really miss is the opportunity to sing together, at least until it can be shown to be safe. So – no hymns or choir yet, sadly, though it will be lovely to hear the organ!

Since we cannot provide refreshments after the service, the ‘coffee morning’ on Zoom will continue for the time being, though with a revised start time of 12.00 noon. If you haven’t tried it yet, it’s a good way of seeing and talking to other members of the congregation. Don’t hesitate to ask if you need any help in accessing Zoom and virtual coffee!

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The Gathering

Please stand if you are able.

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

Amen.

The Greeting

Either: The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Or: Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord
Jesus Christ be with you
and also with you.

Please sit. The president welcomes the congregation.

Prayers of Penitence

My brothers and sisters, as we prepare to celebrate the
presence of Christ in word and sacrament, let us call to
mind and confess our sins.

Either: **Father eternal, giver of light and grace, we have
sinned against you and against our neighbour;
in what we have thought, in what we have said
and done, through ignorance, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.**

**We have wounded your love, and marred your
image in us. We are sorry and ashamed, 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 lead us out
from darkness to walk as children of light. Amen.**

Or: **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.

The president says

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.

Amen.

Please stand.

The Gloria

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 Collect

*The president introduces a period of silent prayer with the words 'Let us pray'. The Collect of the day is said and all respond **Amen**.*

The Liturgy of the Word

Please sit for the readings and the psalm.

First Reading

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

The psalm appointed for the day is read and the congregation join in the response.

Second Reading

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Please stand. The reader says

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

Please sit.

The Nicene Creed

Please stand.

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

Please sit.

These responses may be used.

Either: Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Or: Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

The following prayer may be said towards the end of the prayers of intercession.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.

Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

And at the end

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

Please sit for the notices.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Please stand. The president introduces the peace.

Either: We are the body of Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body. Let us then pursue all that makes for peace and builds up our common life.

Or: Blessed are the peacemakers: they shall be called children of God.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

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

The president says:

Either: 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. **Amen.**

Or: Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation: through your goodness we have this bread to set before you, which earth has given and human hands have made.

It will become for us the bread of life.

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation: through your goodness we have this wine to set before you, fruit of the vine and work of human hands.

It will become for us the cup of salvation.

Blessed be God for ever.

Pray, my brothers and sisters, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

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.

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.**

Please sit.

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness; grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ; 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.

Great is the mystery of faith

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

You give us breath and speech, that with angels and archangels and all the powers of heaven we may find a voice to sing your praise:

**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.**

Please sit.

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord. As a mother tenderly gathers her children, you embraced a people as your own. When they turned away and rebelled, your love remained steadfast. From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary, to be the living bread, in whom all our hungers are satisfied.

He offered his life for sinners, and with a love stronger than death he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died, he came to supper with his friends and, taking bread, he gave you thanks.

He broke it and gave it to them, saying:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, 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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

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Father, we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross; we remember his dying and rising in glory, and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.

Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you these gifts of your creation; may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence, form us in the likeness of Christ, and build us into a living temple to your glory.

Bring us at the last with [N and] all the saints to the vision of that eternal splendour for which you have created us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, by whom, with whom, and in whom, 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.

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

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.

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.

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.

Giving of Communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

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

The president and the people receive communion, during which organ music may be played. You are welcome to receive communion at St John's today, but if you would prefer to receive a blessing, please keep your hands lowered. Please form one queue to the altar, keeping the recommended distance from other communicants, and return to your seat via the side aisles.

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.

The Post Communion Prayer is said.

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

Please stand.

The Blessing

Either: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Or: May the Father, from whom every family in earth and heaven receives its name, strengthen you with his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; 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.



