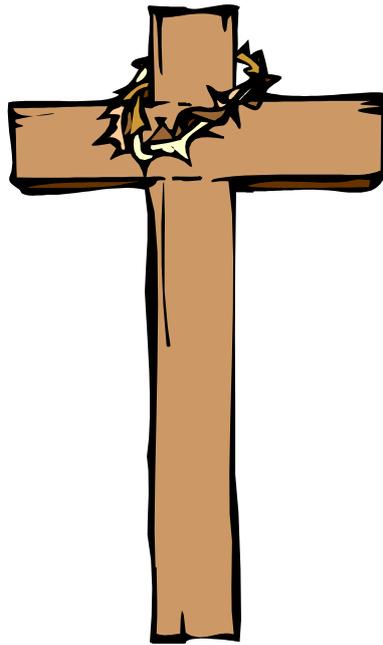


**Parish Church of  
St John the Baptist  
Crowthorne**



**The Eucharist in Lent  
Common Worship Order One**

**Church @ Home**

Welcome to worship with the Church Community from St John's.

The season of Lent became firmly attached to Easter, as the principal occasion for baptism and for the reconciliation of those who had been excluded from the church's fellowship for serious sins. This history explains Lent as a time of self-examination, penitence, self-denial, study, and preparation for Easter, to which almsgiving has traditionally been added.

As the candidates for baptism were instructed in the Christian faith, and as penitents prepared themselves, through fasting and penance, to be readmitted to communion, the whole Christian community was invited to join them in the process of study and repentance. The duration of forty days would remind them of the forty days that Jesus spent in the wilderness, being tested by Satan.

Liturgical dress is the simplest possible. Churches are kept bare of flowers and decoration. The *Gloria in Excelsis* is not used.

As Holy Week approaches, the atmosphere of the season darkens; the readings begin to anticipate the story of Christ's suffering and death, and the reading of the Passion Narrative gave to the Fifth Sunday its name of Passion Sunday.

## ¶ *The Gathering*

### **WELCOME AND NOTICES**

*Before worship begins, words of welcome or introduction may be said.*

*A hymn may be sung*

### **THE GREETING**

*The president greets the people*

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

**All and also with you.**

### **PRAYERS OF PENITENCE**

#### **The Summary of the Law**

*A minister says*

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.**

### **Invitation to confession**

*A minister invites us to confess our sins, saying*

*(Before the Fifth Sunday of Lent)*

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit;  
a broken and contrite heart God will not despise.  
Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion,  
and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith.

*(From the Fifth Sunday of Lent, Passion Sunday)*

God shows his love for us  
in that, while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.  
Let us then show our love for him  
by confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

**All Lord our God,  
in our sin we have avoided your call.  
Our love for you is like a morning cloud,  
like the dew that goes away early.  
Have mercy on us;  
deliver us from judgement;  
bind up our wounds and revive us;  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

### **Kyrie Eleison**

Lord, have mercy.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

Christ, have mercy.

**All Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

*The president says*

The almighty and merciful Lord,  
grant *you* pardon and forgiveness of all *your* sins,  
time for amendment of life,  
and the grace and strength of the Holy Spirit.

**All Amen.**

## **THE COLLECT**

*The president says* Let us pray

*The Collect is said.*

**All Amen.**

## **¶ *The Liturgy of the Word***

### **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*At the end the reader says*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

*A PSALM may be sung or said.*

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### **GOSPEL READING**

*One of the following acclamations heralds the gospel reading.*

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

*(Before the Fifth Sunday of Lent)*

The Lord is a great God, O that today you would listen to his voice.  
Harden not your hearts.

*(From the Fifth Sunday of Lent)*

Christ humbled himself and became obedient unto death,  
even death on a cross.  
Therefore God has highly exalted him  
and given him the name that is above every name.

**All Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

*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.**

*After the reading of the Gospel*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**THE NICENE CREED** *is said on Sundays and Holy Days.*

**All 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 prayers usually include these concerns and may follow this sequence:*

- ¶ *The Church of Christ*
- ¶ *Creation, human society, the Sovereign and those in authority*
- ¶ *The local community*
- ¶ *Those who suffer*
- ¶ *The communion of saints*

*These responses may be used*

Lord, in your mercy    OR    Lord, hear us.  
**All    hear our prayer.                      Lord, graciously hear us.**

OR

Lord of compassion,  
**All in your mercy, hear us.**

*And at the end*

Merciful Father,

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

## ¶ *The Liturgy of the Sacrament*

### **THE PEACE**

*(Before the Fifth Sunday of Lent)*

Since we are justified by faith,  
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who has given us access to his grace.

*(From the Fifth Sunday of Lent)*

Once we were far off,  
but now in union with Christ Jesus we have been brought near  
through the shedding of Christ's blood.

For he is our peace.

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.*

*A hymn may be sung*

### **PREPARATION OF THE TABLE**

### **TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE**

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

*The president takes the bread and wine. The following prayer is said.*

Look upon us in mercy not in judgement;  
draw us from hatred to love;  
make the frailty of our praise  
a dwelling place for your glory.

**All** Amen.

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER (B)

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.**

It is indeed right and good  
to give you thanks and praise,  
almighty God and everlasting Father,  
through Jesus Christ your Son.  
For in these forty days  
you lead us into the desert of repentance  
that through a pilgrimage of prayer and discipline  
we may grow in grace  
and learn to be your people once again.  
Through fasting, prayer and acts of service  
you bring us back to your generous heart.  
Through study of your holy word  
you open our eyes to your presence in the world  
and free our hands to welcome others  
into the radiant splendour of your love.  
As we prepare to celebrate the Easter feast  
with joyful hearts and minds  
we bless you for your mercy  
and join with saints and angels  
for ever praising you and saying:

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

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.

Jesus Christ is Lord

**All Lord, by your cross and resurrection  
you have set us free.  
You are the Saviour of the world.**

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.  
As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,  
we bring before you this bread and this cup  
and we thank you for counting us worthy  
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people  
and gather into one in your kingdom  
all who share this one bread and one cup,  
so that we, in the company of [N and] all the saints,  
may praise and glorify you for ever,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,  
for ever and ever.

**All 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.*

Every time we eat this bread  
and drink this cup,

**All we proclaim the Lord's death  
until he comes.**

## **AGNUS DEI**

**All 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

*The president says the invitation to communion*

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.  
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.**

*While the president receives the bread and wine on behalf of the people you are invited to a share in a spiritual communion, using one of the following prayers.*

**Lord, you stand at the door of my heart and knock.  
You wait for me and only I can let you in.  
I believe and trust in you and ask you now to fill me with  
your presence.  
Feed me with your body and unite me in your blood,  
that I may be your blessing to a world in need.**

**Amen**

*Oxford Diocese*

*Or,*

**O Lord Jesus Christ, since I cannot now receive Thee  
sacramentally, I humbly pray Thee that Thou wouldest  
come spiritually to my soul.**

**Come, Lord Jesus, come and cleanse me, heal me,  
strengthen me, and unite me to Thyself, now and for  
evermore. Amen.**

*Oxford Movement Centenary Prayer Book*

*During the distribution a hymn or anthem may be sung.*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*The Post Communion prayer printed on the reading sheet may be said.*

**All Lord Jesus Christ,  
we thank you that we have received the grace  
of spiritual communion with you.  
Feed us in mind, body and soul,  
strengthen us to serve our neighbours in need  
and guide us to walk with you  
in the Way that leads to new life.  
Amen.**

## ¶ *The Dismissal*

### **BLESSING**

*(Before the Fifth Sunday of Lent)*

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

*(From the Fifth Sunday of Lent)*

Christ crucified draw you to himself,  
to find in him a sure ground for faith,  
a firm support for hope,  
and the assurance of sins forgiven;

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

**All Amen.**

*A minister says*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*A hymn may be sung*

**Thank you for joining us for Church @ Home.**

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