

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



**The Eucharist in Kingdom Season**  
(After All Saints' Day to the Eve of Advent Sunday)  
**Common Worship Order One**  
(Modern Language)

**Church @ Home**

Welcome to worship with St John's.

The season from the day after the Feast of All Saints (1st November) until the day before Advent Sunday is characterised by a rich mixture of themes. Within this period falls the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed on All Souls' Day, the Remembrance for those who have died in war and the Feast of Christ the King. The appointed lectionary passages all draw on the important Biblical theme of the reign of God, with particular emphasis on Jesus' teaching on the Kingdom of God (or Heaven). It is for this reason that the period is called "Kingdom Season.

## ¶ *The Gathering*

### WELCOME AND NOTICES

*Before worship begins, words of welcome or introduction may be said and any notices are given out.*

*A hymn may be sung*

### THE GREETING

*The president greets the people*

The Lord be with you

**All and also with you.**

### PRAYER OF PREPARATION

*The president may introduce the liturgy*

**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

*A minister uses the following invitation to confession*

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'  
So let us turn away from sin and turn to Christ,  
confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

**All O King enthroned on high, filling the earth with your glory:  
holy is your name, Lord God almighty.  
In our sinfulness we cry to you to take our guilt away,  
and to cleanse our lips to speak your word,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

*The president says*

May the Father of all mercies  
cleanse you from your sins,  
and restore you in his image  
to the praise and glory of his name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

### **GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**

*The following ancient hymn may be said, introduced by a minister.*

**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 COLLECT**

*The president says*

Let us pray

*The Collect is said.*

**All Amen.**

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

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*Or,*

**O Lord Jesus Christ, since I cannot now receive Thee sacramentally, I humbly pray Thee that Thou wouldst 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, followed by*

**All Lord, we have broken your bread  
and received your life.  
By the power of your Spirit  
keep us always in your love  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

#### **¶ The Dismissal**

##### **BLESSING**

Christ our King make you faithful and strong to do his will,  
that you may reign with him in glory;  
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*

#### **¶ The Liturgy of the Word**

##### **READINGS FROM THE OLD AND NEW TESTAMENTS**

*At the end the reader may say*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

##### **GOSPEL READING**

*The following acclamation heralds the gospel reading.*

Alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord.

Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heaven.

**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.**

*After the reading of the Gospel*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

##### **SERMON**

*THE NICENE CREED 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** *Sit or kneel*

*The leader may say*

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ,  
let us pray to the Father.

*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  
**All hear our prayer.**

#### **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.**

#### **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**

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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.**

*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**

To crown all things there must be love,  
to bind all together and complete the whole.  
Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

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

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 (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.**

*(From the day after All Saints' Day)*

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy  
that we should always sing of your glory,  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.  
For you are the hope of the nations,  
the builder of the city that is to come.  
Your love made visible in Jesus Christ  
brings home the lost,  
restores the sinner  
and gives dignity to the despised.

In his face your light shines out,  
Flooding lives with goodness and truth,  
gathering into one in your kingdom  
a divided and broken humanity.  
Therefore with all who can give voice in your creation  
we glorify your name,  
forever praising you and saying:

*(on the Feast of Christ the King only)*

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.  
For with the oil of gladness  
you have anointed Christ the Lord, your only Son,  
to be our great high priest and king of all creation.  
As priest, he offered himself once for all upon the altar of the cross  
and redeemed the human race by this perfect sacrifice of peace.

As king he claims dominion over all your creatures,  
that he may bring before your infinite majesty  
a kingdom of truth and life,  
a kingdom of holiness and grace,  
a kingdom of justice, love and peace.  
And so with angels and archangels  
and all the heavenly host,  
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.**

*Sit or kneel*

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.

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.**