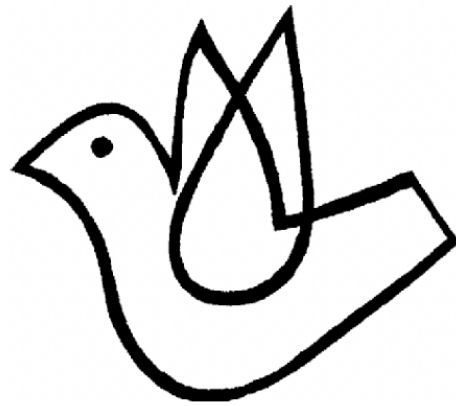


**The Parish Church of
St John the Baptist
Crowthorne**



**A Peace Eucharist
for Remembrance Sunday
Church @ Home**

Opening responses

Priest: We meet in the name of the God of mercy and compassion

All: The God of justice and love

Priest: We meet in the name of the One who called himself the bread and water of life

All: The One who is always hungry for justice for all the earth's people

Opening hymn

Penitential litany

Priest: Will we fight terror with terror?

All: Not in my name

Priest: Will we exploit the resources of those who are poorer?

All: Not in my name

Priest: Will the bodies of the innocent be broken for the evils of a few?

All: Not in my name

Priest: Will we deny life to those for whom life is a struggle?

All: Not in my name

Priest: Will the name of God be used as an excuse for our own self interest?

All: Not in my name

Priest: Will we be blinkered by our flawed sense of justice?

All: Not in my name

Priest: Will the bread of life be robbed from the mouths of the world's hungriest?

All: Not in my name

Priest: Will we find salvation in the defeat of our enemies?

All: Not in my name

Priest: Will our government wipe out innocent families?

All: Not in my name

Priest: Will we reap reward from terrorism and invasion?

All: Not in my name

**All: We thank Christ for his body broken and blood shed.
We acknowledge his sacrifice for the salvation and redemption of the world.
We acknowledge innocent blood shed and bodies broken to be enemies of God's kingdom and a sin against creation.
We acknowledge love, truth, grace, justice, righteousness, mercy and humility to be signatures of God's rule.
May God bless us as we seek to send a clear message to those in authority...
Not in my name!**

Confession and absolution

Priest: Listen to the words of the prophet Hosea:
The trader calls out to the Lord his God,
but in his hands are dishonest scales,
and in all he does he loves to oppress.
He calls out, "Aha! I have become very rich
and no one can prove that I gained it by sin."
And this is what the Lord replies:
"I see all that you have done.
Return to me, the Lord your God,
hold fast to love and justice,
and wait continually for your God."
[Based on Hosea 12:6-8]

We are people who are eager to do well, but slow to do good.
Let us return to the Lord our God;

All: In your mercy forgive us.

We are a people who are eager to save time,
but slow to give time.
Let us return to the Lord our God;

All: In your mercy forgive us.

We are a people who are eager to improve our lives,
but slow to improve our world.
Let us return to the Lord our God;

All: In your mercy forgive us.

And still the world trades with dishonest scales.
Let us return to the Lord our God;

All: In your mercy forgive us.

Hold fast to love and justice.
God forgives you,
Forgive yourselves,
Forgive others.

A reading from the Old or New Testament

Gospel Reading

Sermon

Intercessions

The leader takes a handful of sand and runs it through his or her fingers saying:

As numberless as the grains of sand in a desert, so are those who, through countless years have fallen victim to war and violence. This day we pray that the names of the hurt may be spoken gently and with compassion; the names of the dead remembered in the minds of those who loved them; the names of the bereaved whispered with a tender embrace.

All: May the angels of heaven repeat the names of all those who suffer in the heavenly assembly and may God treasure them in his heart.

People are invited to name out loud or in silence any person or group or place involved in war.....

God our Father to whom we bow in worship, and from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name, we confess to you the fractures of mistrust, fear, and the wielding of force which sets family against family, nation against nation. In the tension of our present days, strengthen those who would strive after justice and peace through word and example, and grant your wisdom and guidance to those who bear the power and responsibility for war.

We pray

- for the soldier in whatever uniform, for their anxious families overwhelmed by foreboding;

silence

- for the civilian, threatened by act of terror, fall of bomb, flight of bullet;

silence

- for the health services, that they may be ready to heal,

silence

- and for those who will hold the hand of the dying, and speak gentle words of comfort to the grieving.

silence

Our Father, throughout the world, confirm where we do your will; confound all evil in which we play a part; and set us free to live all our lives in abundant wholeness.

So we pray in Jesus name.

All: Amen

Invitation

Priest: This is the table,
not of the Church, but of the Lord.
It is to be made ready for those who love him
and who want to love him more.

So, come, you who have much faith
and you who have a little,
you who have been here often
and you who have not been for a long time,
you who have tried to follow
and you who have failed.

Come, not because it is I who invite you:
it is our Lord.

It is his will that those who want him
should meet him here.

Offertory hymn

Procession of the bread and wine

Priest: We bring this gift of bread to the table of Christ.

**All: Bread, Christ's body, broken for our brokenness.
As we share in one bread we draw closer to Christ
and to each other.**

Priest: We bring this gift of wine to the table of Christ.

**All: Wine, Christ's blood, poured out
for the healing of the nations.
As we share in Christ's death
we are reminded of who we are...
One in Him, bringing hope to the poor,
and justice to the oppressed.
No more stolen bread! No more spilt blood!**

The story

Priest: Now let us hear the story
Of how this sacrament began.

On the night on which Jesus was betrayed,
he sat at supper with his disciples.
While they were eating, he took a piece of bread,
said a blessing,
broke it and gave it to them with the words,
"This is my body. It is broken for you.
Do this to remember me."

Later, he took a cup of wine, saying,
"This cup is God's new covenant,
sealed with my blood.
drink from it, all of you, to remember me."

So now, following Jesus' example and command,
we take this bread and this wine,
the ordinary things of the world
which Christ will make special.
And as he said a prayer before sharing,
let us do so too.

Eucharistic prayer

Priest: Gratitude, praise, hearts lifted high,
voices full and joyful... these you deserve.

For when we were nothing,
you made us something.
When we had no name
and no faith and no future
you called us your children.
When we lost our way or turned away,
you did not abandon us.
When we came back to you,
your arms opened wide in welcome.

And look, you prepare a table for us
offering not just bread, not just wine,
but your very self
so that we may be filled, forgiven,
and healed, blessed and made new again.
You are worth all our pain and all our praise.

So now, in gratitude, we join our voices
to those of the Church on earth and in heaven;

Sanctus

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

Priest: Lord God,
as we come to share the richness of your table,
we cannot forget the rawness of the earth.

We cannot take bread
and forget those who are hungry.
Your world is one world
and we are stewards of its nourishment.

**All: Lord, put our prosperity
at the service of the poor.**

Priest: We cannot take wine
and forget those who are thirsty.
The ground and the rootless,
the earth and its weary people cry out for justice.

**All: Lord, put our fullness
at the service of the empty.**

Priest: We cannot hear your words of peace
and forget the world at war
or, if not at war, then preparing for it.

**All: Show us quickly, Lord,
how to turn weapons into welcome signs
and the lust for power into a desire for peace.**

Priest: We cannot celebrate the feast of your family
and forget our divisions.
We are one in spirit, but not in fact.
History and hurt still dismember us.

**All: Lord, heal your church
in every brokenness.**

Prayer of consecration

Priest: For us you were born,
for us you healed, preached, taught
and showed the way to heaven;
for us you were crucified,
and for us, after death, you rose again.

Lord Jesus Christ, present with us now,
for all that you have done
and all that you have promised,
what have we to offer?

Our hands are empty,
our hearts are sometimes full of wrong things.
We are not fit to gather up the crumbs
from under your table.

But with you is mercy
and the power to change us.

So as we do in this place
what you did in an upstairs room,
send down your Holy Spirit on us
and on these gifts of bread and wine
that they may become for us your body,
healing, forgiving and making us whole;
and that we may become, for you, your body,
loving and caring in the world
until your kingdom comes.

All: Amen

Taking and breaking the bread

Among friends, gathered round a table,
Jesus took bread, broke it and said,
"This is my body, it is broken for you."

Taking the cup of wine

And later he took the cup of wine and said,
"This is the new relationship with God,
made possible because of my death.
Take this – all of you – to remember me."

**All: Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon 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 your peace.**

Priest: Look, here is your Lord coming to you
in bread and wine.

These are the gifts of God
for the people of God.

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

The Peace

Priest: Please stand.

Not an easy peace,
not an insignificant peace,
not a half-hearted peace,
but the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ
is with us now.

Let us share it with each other.

The PEACE may be shared

Prayer after communion

**All: 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
our time and energy, our protest and praise
our willingness to lose our own lives
if that will bring your kingdom of mercy on earth.
Send us out infected with your Holy Spirit of love
inspired to change history for your praise and glory.
Amen.**

Blessing

Priest: Go forth into the world in peace;
be of good courage;
hold fast that which is good;
render to no one evil for evil;
strengthen the fainthearted;
support the weak; help the afflicted;
honour all people;
love and serve the Lord,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen

Final hymn

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