

A very warm welcome to everyone who is joining us “virtually” online via our YouTube channel.

Presiding Minister: The Revd Robin Figg, Vicar

First reading: Joyce Tombs (*recorded at home*)

Gospel reading: Sally-Ann Rothwell (*recorded at home*)

Reflection: The Alpin family (*recorded at home*)

Intercessions: Junior Church, with Granville Tunncliffe Wilson (*recorded at home*)

In non-Covid times, the 11.00am Eucharist at St Oswald's on Mothering Sunday would be an 'All Together' Eucharist, with the Junior Church taking part in the service in different ways. So, today we are delighted that the Junior Church team is taking a significant part in our online service.



This is a service of Holy Communion. The term 'Spiritual Communion' has been used historically to describe the means of grace by which a person, prevented for some reason from sharing in a celebration of the Eucharist, nonetheless shares in the communion of Jesus Christ. The Church of which we are members is not defined by the walls of a building, but by the Body of Christ to which we belong. In making our communion spiritually we are joining with Christians everywhere to be nourished by the one who tells us, 'I am the bread of life'.

Music before the service

Mothering God - *Jean Janzen (b1933) lyrics, John L Bell (b1949) music* ©© 2004
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For the beauty of the earth - *Folliott Sandford Pierpoint (1835-1917).*
Sung by St Martin's Voices

Believing | **Living** | **Sharing**

We gather to worship God

The people are welcomed.

We greet each other

The presiding minister says

We meet in the name of the living God,
who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

Praise God who loves us:

All Praise God who cares.

Heavenly Father, we rejoice with thanks
for all those who have nurtured us in our lives.
In a world that is broken and in need of your motherly love,
use us to aid others as you do us
in providing comfort, nurture, protection and support.
Help us to grow as carers to those who need us,
so that we might celebrate your goodness together
even through our own brokenness.

All Amen.

*A symbol of the Passion is placed at the Cross—this week a symbol of God's
enfolding love.*

We say sorry to God

The presiding minister invites us to confess our sin

Let us call to mind our sin, our failure to value the love of others
and our failure to love as Christ has loved us.

Jesus, as a mother you gather your people to you;
you are gentle with us as a mother with her children.
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

You comfort us in sorrow and bind up our wounds.
Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

In your mercy heal us, in your love and tenderness remake us.
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

The presiding minister declares God's forgiveness

Merciful lord,
when sin spoils our lives
and overshadows our hearts,
come to our aid
and turn us back to you again;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Collect

Praise God who loves us.

All **Praise God who cares**

God of love,
passionate and strong,
tender and careful:
watch over us and hold us
all the days of our life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

We hear and respond to God's Word

Reading

Colossians 3.12-17

At the end the reader says

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

An acclamation heralds the Gospel reading using the following words

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

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Psalm 119.105

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

When the Gospel is announced the reader says

The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.



Reflection

We affirm our faith in God

Praise God who loves us.

All Praise God who cares

Let us declare our faith in God:

**All We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

The presiding minister introduces the prayers with these words

Let us pray to our loving parent God, as children in one family.

The prayers include the response

Lord, in your mercy,

All hear our prayer.

and end with

Merciful Father,

All accept these prayers

for the sake of your Son,

our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.



The Liturgy of the Sacrament

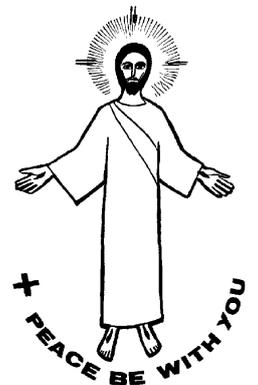
We share God's Peace

The presiding minister introduces the Peace with these words

Through the prophet Isaiah, God says,
'As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you.'

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All and also with you.



**Preparation of the Table
Taking of the Bread and Wine**

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

Music during the preparation: Love one another – Samuel S Wesley (1810 – 1876).

Sung by Gill Helliwell, Hannah Lawrence, Martha Lawrence, Michaela Lawrence, Rhian Burford and Steph Burford. Organist Keith Worsman.

At this point in our services in church we would receive a collection, the offering of our financial gifts in support of the mission & ministry of God's Church. Take a moment now to reflect prayerfully on your giving.

God of grace,
in our time of darkness
you bless us with gifts of light.
We bring our offerings to you -
our gifts at home, our gifts online -
and with them we offer our lives;
that they may be used to serve others,
and give you glory.

We make our prayer in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.



Prayer over the bread and wine

The presiding minister takes the bread and wine.

God of our journey,
as we walk with you on your path of obedience,
sustain us on our way and lead us to your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The presiding minister says

The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

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.

The presiding minister praises God for God's mighty acts and all respond

**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.**

The presiding minister recalls the Last Supper and this acclamation is used

Great is the mystery of faith:

All Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The prayer continues and leads into the doxology, to which all respond boldly

...for ever and ever.

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

As God's children and heirs with Christ,
we cry in the Spirit, 'Abba', Father, saying together

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 forever.

Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

The presiding minister breaks the consecrated bread.

As Christ breaks bread with us.

All he enfolds our story in his story.

The Agnus Dei is said

**All Jesus, Lamb of God,
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sin,
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, redeemer of the world,
grant us peace.**

Giving of Communion

The presiding minister says the following invitation to communion

Jesus said, 'Come to me, all who are weary and whose load is heavy; I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble-hearted; and you will find rest for your souls'. *Matthew 11.28-29*

The presiding minister receives communion.

Those sharing the service from their homes are invited to give thanks for the saving death and resurrection of Jesus and ask him to be with them now.

**Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits you have given me,
for all the pains and insults you have borne for me.**

Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,

I ask you to come spiritually into my heart.

O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,

may I know you more clearly,

love you more dearly,

and follow you more nearly,

day by day. Amen.

After the Prayer of St Richard of Chichester

The presiding minister says the Post Communion prayer.

Loving God,
as a mother feeds her children at the breast
you feed us with the food and drink of eternal life:
help us to grow in grace
within the household of faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

The following prayer is said

**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.**

We are sent out to serve God

Notices

Hymn Love is his word

Love is his word, love is his way,
feasting with all, fasting alone,
living and dying, rising again,
love, only love, is his way.

*Richer than gold is the love of my Lord:
better than splendour and wealth.*

Love is his news, love is his name,
we are his own, chosen and called,
sisters and brothers, parents and kin.
Love, only love, is his name.

Love is his name, love is his law,
hear his command, all who are his:
'Love one another, I have loved you.'
Love, only love, is his law.

Love is his law, love is his word:
love of the Lord, Father and Word,
love of the Spirit, God ever one,
love, only love, is his word.

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Blessing and Dismissal

The presiding minister pronounces the blessing using the following words

Praise God who loves us.

All Praise God who cares

Lord God, you are Mother and Father to us:
our life begins in you.
You chose to make your home among us.
You sent your Son to be one with us,
and your Spirit to be with us forever.

Bless our homes and your people who live there.
Be with us today, as you were yesterday.
Be with us tomorrow.
Be our shelter, our walls to protect us.
Be our windows; let us see the world through you.

Be our warmth, to share with all who come in
and all who go forth.

All Amen.

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

All Amen.



Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

The ministers and people depart.

Music after the service

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