

# PARISH OF LINSLADE

## THE EUCHARIST IN 'GREEN TIME'

### 1. THE GATHERING

#### The Introduction and Welcome

✠In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

*An opening sentence from the Bible may be read*

#### The Prayer of Preparation

**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.**

#### The Rite of Penitence and Confession

*The following or another invitation to confess our sins may be used:*

God so loved the world that He gave His only Son Jesus Christ to save us from our sins, to be our advocate in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life. Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace with all.

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against You and against our neighbour,  
in thought and word and deed,  
through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault.**

**We are truly sorry 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 grant that we may serve You in newness of life, to the glory of Your name.  
Amen.**

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.**

#### 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 Opening Prayer (Collect)**

*The Collect is introduced with the words Let us pray, after which there may be a pause for silent prayer, before the prayer for the day is read, after which we say Amen.*

## **2. THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

### **The Readings from the Old and New Testaments of the Bible**

*After each reading, the reader says: This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

**The Gospel Reading** *The following or a similar verse may be said:*

Alleluia: **Alleluia.** Prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths straight, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God. **Alleluia.**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Hear the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *N.* **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Afterwards, the reader says: This is the Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.*

**The Sermon** *which may also be posted on the Church website*

### **The Creed**

**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.**

### **The Prayers**

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

*These responses may be used: Lord in Your mercy: **hear our prayer.***

*OR*

Lord, hear us: **Lord, graciously hear us.**

*At the end the leader says:* Merciful Father, **Accept these prayers for the sake of Your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### 3. THE LITURGY OF COMMUNION

#### **The Peace**

*The following or another introduction may be used*

God is love, and those who live in love live in God and God lives in them. Let us seek to live together in the peace and unity of His Kingdom, brothers and sisters in the one body of Christ.

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you**

#### **The Offertory**

*Some or all of these prayers may be said:*

Blessed are You, Lord God of all creation, for we have received from Your abundance the bread we offer You, fruit of the earth and work of human hands. It will become for us the bread of life. **Blessed be God for ever.**

By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled Himself to share in our humanity.

Blessed are You, Lord God of all creation, for we have received from Your abundance the wine we offer You, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become for us the cup of salvation. **Blessed be God for ever.**

Let us pray that that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God the Almighty Father. Yours, Lord, **is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is Yours. All things come from You and of Your own do we give You.**

*The President gives thanks to God in another prayer, at the end of which we say*  
**Amen.**

#### **The Eucharistic Prayer**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

*The President continues with a seasonal preface, concluding with these or similar words:*

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim Your great and glorious name, for ever praising You and saying:

**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.**

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 here present, and those making a spiritual communion with 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.

We offer You this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, as we bring before You this bread of life and this cup of salvation; and we thank You for counting us worthy, to stand in Your presence and serve You, wherever we are.

Send Your Holy Spirit on all Your people, united with Alan and Richard our bishops, and gather into one in Your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup or make a spiritual communion with them;

Remember all those for whom we pray, especially all those working in the NHS and all those suffering from the effects of the Corona-virus;

Remember all those who are frightened and anxious at this time, and all those who are isolated and alone;

Remember all those worshipping with us now in their homes and on-line, in spiritual communion with us; grant that though apart we may be incorporated in the Body and Blood of the Lord and join in communion with You;

Remember all those whom we hold in our hearts ...

*Other prayers may be inserted at this point;*

Remember all our brothers and sisters who have gone to their rest in the hope of rising again; bring them and all the departed into the light of Your presence;

Command Your holy angels to bring these our prayers before Your throne so that, in the company of Mary the virgin Mother of God, Saint Barnabas, Saint Alban, (Saint N. whom we commemorate today) and all Your saints, we 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. **Amen.**

### **Acclamation**

The Gifts of God for the people of God.

**Jesus Christ is Holy, Jesus Christ is Lord, To the Glory of God the Father.**

### The Lord's Prayer

*Introduced in these or similar words:*

Let us pray with confidence to the Father, in the words our Saviour gave 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.**

*A time of silence may be kept.*

### The Breaking of the Bread

Father, even as this broken bread was scattered over the hills as grain and was gathered together and became one loaf, so let Your Church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into Your kingdom; for Yours is the glory and the power through Jesus Christ for ever.

In union with our Bishop Alan in the Priesthood of Christ, remembering the once-for-all sacrifice in which we are members incorporate, may this mingling of the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ bring eternal life to us who receive it and to all those who commune with us spiritually through our Great High Priest. **Amen.**

**Though we are scattered, we are still one Body, spiritually united in the Manna of the Lamb.**

*The Agnus Dei (Lamb of God) is said:*

**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.**

Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those who are called to the wedding banquet of the Lamb.

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

A **Bible Sentence** *may be said*

*The Church of England invites to receive Holy Communion everyone who wishes to do so and who has been baptized in the name of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Under the current restrictions, Communion is given in the bread only, and use of the shared chalice is suspended.*

*The Priest will stand at the front of the nave. Please make your way down the central aisle to receive Communion into your hands, while maintaining the necessary social distance from the priest and those around you. Please return to your seats down the side aisles where possible.*

*Those who do not wish to receive Holy Communion are invited to receive a blessing. If you wish to be blessed, please hold a sheet and bow your head to indicate this.*

*Those unable to stand or walk to the front of the nave may receive Communion in their seats: please ask a Churchwarden about this.*

*During Communion, a **Hymn** may be sung, or a recorded anthem played.*

### **The Prayer after Communion**

*Read by the President, at the end of which we say Amen.*

## **4. DISMISSAL**

### **The Notices**

#### **The Dismissal Prayer**

**Almighty God, we thank You for feeding us spiritually  
with the body and blood of Your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through Him we offer You our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice.  
Strengthen us in the power of Your Spirit  
to live and work to Your praise and glory. Amen.**

#### **The Final Blessing**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

*The following, or a seasonal Blessing, may be used:*

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 upon you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*Some private prayers to use after the Service:*

Look graciously upon us, O Holy Spirit, and give us, for our hallowing, thoughts that pass into prayer, prayers that pass into love, and love that passes into life with You for ever.

*Eric Milner-White*

Give thanks to the Lord, all His angels, mighty in power,  
who fulfil His command and heed the voice of His word.  
Give thanks to the Lord, all His hosts, His servants that do His will.  
Give thanks to the Lord, all His works, in all places of His Dominion.  
My soul, give thanks to the Lord,  
for He commands His angels, to keep you in all your ways.