

The 9.30am Eucharist in August 2020



Who we are because of him,
by Cara Smart

What if we don't receive
the bread and the wine
in memory of him, but in memory
of who we are because of him?
What if we retell his story
because it is the only way to tell our own?
What if that moment on our lips
before Christ dissolves
into our broken bodies,
when we hear his voice whisper
'I've missed you'
and feel our souls reply
'me too'
is done to let us remember that
our good enough is truly enough
and truly good?
That our perfectionism meets its end
in the perfecter of our faith?
That our longing and aching hearts
can find their rest and restoration
in the memory of his life?

What if.

The Parish of St Paul, Wokingham



*Before the service we gather as one, conscious
that we are united with people all over the world
in this moment and in our shared purpose,
which is our shared longing to come face to face
with the living God who calls us to follow him.*

The Gathering

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.**

Words of welcome and introduction follow.

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 time of silence is kept as we recall our sin
and our need of God.*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you,
through our own fault,
in thought and word and deed,
and in what we have left undone.
We are heartily sorry,
and repent of all our sins.
For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may serve you
in newness of life
to the glory of your name. **Amen.**

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

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Post-Communion Prayer

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 to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory.
Amen.

[or] The PMC Parish Prayer

God of mission,
who alone brings growth to your church,
send your Holy Spirit
to give vision to our planning,
wisdom to our actions,
and power to our witness.
Help our church to grow in numbers,
in spiritual commitment to you,
and in service to our local community:
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Notices & Banns of Marriage

The Dismissal

The Blessing

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

*After the service you are welcome to listen to the
music and then to leave via the South Door.*

*There will be a collection plate and debit card
machine as you leave if you would like to make a
donation to support the work of the parish. Do
please use the handgel as you leave as well. And
if you have been joining in at home, then do join
in with the Zoom coffee morning after the
service- you'd be very welcome.*

**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.**

The Fraction

We break this bread to share in the body
of Christ. **Though we are many, we are one
body because we all share in one bread.**

Agnus Dei

**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.**

The Invitation

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.
**Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

Christ is in our midst.

He is and he always will be.

*The celebrant will say "The Body of Christ,
broken for you" at the altar. Please come forward
as you are guided, keeping 2m away from others.
The wafer will be placed in your hand in silence
and then you are invited to return to your seat*

by going along the side aisle.

If you are joining in at home

you might find this a helpful prayer to use:

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.

The Absolution

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy on 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 Collect

The Liturgy of the Word

The Reading

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

Hear the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ
according to x. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

And at the end...

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

The Creed

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?
**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son,
Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come
to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers

At the end of each section,

a response may be used:

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

(or)

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

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

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

*During the peace we hold out Christ's peace to
one another with a smile, a wave or the use of
Sign Language. If you're joining in from home
do please put your message in the comment box.*

The Preparation of the Altar

Blessed be God, who feeds the hungry,
who raises the poor, who fills our praise.
Blessed be God for ever.

Pray, my brothers and sisters,
that our sacrifice may be acceptable
to God the Almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your
hands, for the praise and glory of his
Name, for our good and the good of all his
Church.**

Be present, be present, Lord Jesus Christ,
our risen high priest: **and make yourself
known in the breaking of the bread.**

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.

**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.**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

**Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life,
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, which 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.**