

# Open Churchyard Service of Holy Communion

## St. Peter and St. Paul, Abington

### Introduction

- Order of Service

This service is designed as a paperless service. The congregation will be able to follow the service without a printed Order of Service in their hands. However if you wish, please do feel free to print the Order of Service and bring it with you and please take it back with you.

- Responses

Where a response from the congregation is required, the congregation will be invited to repeat after the priest except for the very well-known, simple responses (ex. The Lord be with you. And also with you.)

- Peace

It would be safer if everyone shares peace from where they are without physical contact to minimise risks.

- Holy Communion

There will be those who may wish and may not wish to receive communion for various reasons in this pandemic.

If you wish to receive communion, please come forward while keeping a safe distance. The churchwardens will be there also to help you.

If you do not wish to receive communion for whatever reasons, you may come forward for a blessing or remain in your place.

If you wish to receive communion but unable to come forward, please let Donald or Dianne (our churchwardens) know so that the priest can come to you.

*Material in this service is from "Common Worship", The Archbishops' Council 2000-2006 and "New Patterns for Worship", The Archbishops' Council 2002*

## Welcome

## Greeting

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.**

## Prayer of Preparation

*The congregation is invited to repeat after the priest line by line.*

**Eternal God,  
source of all blessing,  
help us to worship you  
with all our heart and mind and strength;  
for you alone are God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

## Prayer of Penitence

*The priest invites the congregation to confession.*

Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the cross  
so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness;  
by his wounds we have been healed.

Let us draw near with a true heart, in full assurance of faith,  
and make our confession to our heavenly Father.

Response to Confession is:

Lord, be merciful  
**forgive us our sin.**

Lord God, our maker and our redeemer,  
this is your world and we are your people:  
come among us and save us.

We have wilfully misused your gifts of creation;  
Lord, be merciful:  
**forgive us our sin.**

We have seen the ill-treatment of others  
and have not gone to their aid;  
Lord, be merciful:  
**forgive us our sin.**

We have condoned evil and dishonesty  
and failed to strive for justice;  
Lord, be merciful:  
**forgive us our sin.**

We have heard the good news of Christ,  
but have failed to share it with others;  
Lord, be merciful:  
**forgive us our sin.**

We have not loved you with all our heart,  
nor our neighbours as ourselves;|  
Lord, be merciful:  
**forgive us our sin.**

Almighty God  
who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon us,  
pardon and deliver us from all our sins,  
confirm and strengthen us in all goodness,  
and keep us in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

**Collect**

**Bible Reading**

This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Homily**

**Affirmation of Faith**

*The congregation is invited to repeat after the priest line by line.*

let us declare our faith in God

**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.

*Cf Ephesians 3*

## Intercessions

*The intercessions may end with*

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

## Peace

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

## The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here

**All: His spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts

**All: We lift them to the Lor**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

**All: It is right to give thanks and praise**

Father you made the world and love your creation.

You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour.

His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death.

And so we gladly thank you,

with saints and angels 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.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
and as we obey his command,  
send your Holy Spirit,

that broken bread and wine outpoured  
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends  
and, taking bread, he praised you.

He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.  
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:  
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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,  
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice  
made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,  
we proclaim his death and resurrection  
until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

Lord of all life,  
help us to work together for that day  
when your kingdom comes  
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,  
gather us in your loving arms  
and bring us with St. Peter and St. Paul and all the saints  
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,  
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

*The Priest introduces the Lord's Prayer.*

**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.

## Breaking of the Bread

*The Priest breaks the consecrated bread.*

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.**

**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

Jesus is the Lamb of God  
who takes away the sin of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.  
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*The Priest holds the consecrated Sacrament and say*

The Body of Christ, broken for us all  
**Amen.**  
The Blood of Christ, shed for us all  
**Amen.**

## Prayer after Communion

The congregation is invited to repeat after the priest  
**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**

*The congregation is invited to lift their hands if able to bless the whole community and each other. The congregation repeats after the priest.*

**The Lord bless you and watch over you,  
the Lord make his face shine upon you  
and be gracious to you,  
the Lord look kindly on you  
and give you peace;**

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

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