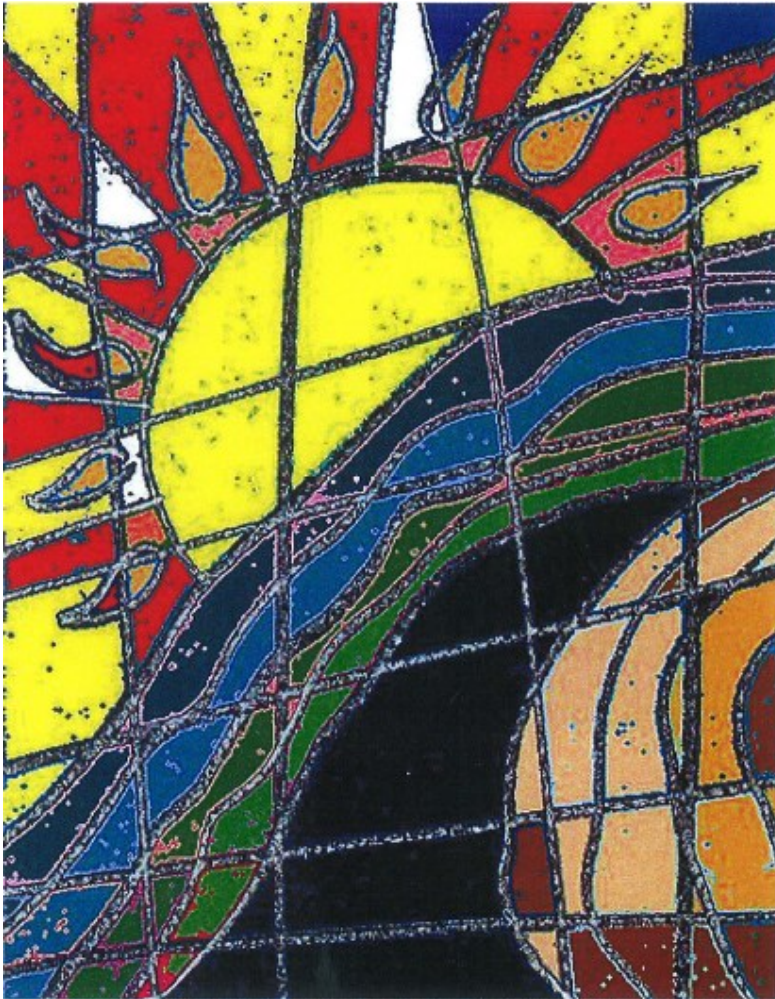




The Blyth Valley
Team Ministry

THE EUCCHARIST



in the Season of **EASTER**

Welcome.

We hope you will find this Rite (order of service) helpful in enabling you to participate fully in the worship of the People of God here in this community. Incidentally, there are no reserved seats in church!

BOLD TYPE

The People: (the gathered congregation) play a full part in the Eucharist (Holy Communion, or Mass) by making the responses clearly and with confidence. They are in **bold type**.

POSTURE

There are instructions in the text for people to sit, stand or kneel. They may not always be announced. You must feel free not to adopt a posture that causes you discomfort. For example, please remain seated if you need to for the singing of hymns, and if the practice in your church is to kneel to receive Holy Communion, please remain standing if kneeling is difficult.

COMMUNION

We turn no-one away from receiving the Lord Jesus Christ in Holy Communion. However, if you would rather come to the Altar for a blessing, you will be welcome, but please keep your hands by your sides to make your preference clear.

Welcome especially if you are new.

We really mean it. If you are new to this church, or new to Christian worship, it does take time to get used to what may initially seem strange, and settle in. There are always people to talk to, and if you would like one of our priests to spend time with you, you have only to ask.

The Gathering

A sentence may be said.

Hymn

Please stand.

Priest: In the name ✠ of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Priest: The Lord be with you

People: **and also with you.**

Priest: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Prayers of Penitence

These or other words may be used:

Deacon: Jesus Christ, risen Master and triumphant Lord,
we come to you in sorrow for our sins,
and confess to you our weakness and unbelief.

Deacon: We have lived by our own strength,
and not by the power of your resurrection.
Lord, have mercy.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Deacon: We have lived by the light of our own eyes,
as faithless and not believing.
Christ, have mercy.

People: **Christ, have mercy.**

Deacon: We have lived for this world alone,
and doubted our home in heaven.
Lord, have mercy.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Priest: Almighty God ✠ 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.

People: **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis

People: **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

Priest: . . . one God, now and for ever.

People: **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

Please sit.

Silence may be kept after the readings and sermon.

First Reading

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

The People repeat the response at the beginning and after each section as indicated.

Second Reading

At the end the reader may say:

This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

Hymn

Priest: Alleluia, alleluia . . .

People: **Alleluia.**

Priest: The Lord be with you

People: **and also with you.**

Before the Gospel:

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

People: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At the end of the Gospel:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Please sit after the invocation of the Trinity.

The Creed

The Priest introduces the Creed in these or other words:

Let us declare our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People: **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.**

Prayers of Intercession

Please sit or kneel.

Leader: Jesus our exalted Lord has been given all authority.
Let us seek his intercession that our prayers may be
perfected by his prayer.
Lord, hear us.

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

Leader: Jesus Christ, great high Priest,
living for ever to intercede for us,
pray for the Church, your broken body in the world . . .
Lord, hear us.

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

Leader: Jesus Christ, king of righteousness,
enthroned at the right hand of the majesty on high,
pray for the world, and make it subject to
your gentle rule . . .
Lord, hear us.

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

Leader: Jesus Christ, Son of Man,
drawing humanity into the life of God,
pray for your brothers and sisters in need,
distress or sorrow . . .
Lord, hear us.

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

Leader: Jesus Christ, pioneer of our salvation,
bringing us to glory through your death and resurrection,
surround with your saints and angels
those who have died trusting your promises . . .
Lord, hear us.

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

Leader: Jesus Christ, Lord over all things,
ascended far above the heavens and filling the universe,
pray for us who receive the gifts you give us for
work in your service . . .
Lord, hear us.

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

[Leader: Jesus Christ . . .
. . . Lord, hear us.

People: Lord, graciously hear us.]

Leader: Jesus Christ,
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit
and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created order
to worship at your feet;
for you are alive and reign with the Father
and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Please stand.

The Peace is shared in these or other words:

Priest: The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.'

Then were they glad when they saw the Lord.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

People: **and also with you.**

Deacon: Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All exchange a sign of peace.

Preparation of the Altar

Hymn

During the hymn, bread and wine are offered and the collection taken.

Those who present the gifts remain at the altar for the Prayer over the Gifts.

Prayer over the Gifts

These or other words are used:

Priest: As the grain once scattered in the fields and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside are now reunited on this table in bread and wine, so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together from the corners of the earth into your kingdom.

People: **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

Priest: The Lord be with you

People: **and also with you.**

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Priest: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
almighty and eternal Father,
and in these days of Easter
to celebrate with joyful hearts
the memory of your wonderful works.
For by the mystery of his passion
Jesus Christ, your risen Son,
has conquered the powers of death and hell
and restored in men and women the image of your glory.
He has placed them once more in paradise
and opened to them the gate of life eternal.
And so, in the joy of this Passover,
earth and heaven resound with gladness,
while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation
sing for ever the hymn of your glory:

People: **Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessèd ✕ is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Priest: Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and as we follow his example and obey his command,
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit
these gifts of bread and wine
may be for us his body and his blood;

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.

Therefore, heavenly Father,
we remember his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross;
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious
ascension;
we look for the coming of your kingdom,
and with this bread and this cup
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Deacon: Great is the mystery of faith.

People: **Christ has died:**
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.

Priest: Accept through him, our great high Priest,
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts
in the presence of your divine majesty,
renew us by your Spirit,
inspire us with your love
and unite us in the body of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty,
in songs of everlasting praise:

People: **Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever.
Amen.**

Please sit or kneel.

The Lord's Prayer

Priest: As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

People: **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.**

The Breaking of Bread

Priest: We break the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.

People: **Lord, our hearts hunger for you;
give us this bread always.**

People: **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

Priest: God's holy gifts
for God's holy People.

People: **Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

The People come to receive communion.

The body of Christ.

Reply: **Amen.**

The blood of Christ.

Reply: **Amen.**

EVERYONE who is baptised is WELCOME to receive Holy Communion. All who do not wish to receive are most welcome to come to the altar for a blessing, keeping their hands folded to indicate they will not receive.

During Communion, hymns and anthems may be sung.

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.

A sentence may be said.

... through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All : **Amen.**

Sending Out

Hymn

Blessing

Priest: The Lord be with you

All: **and also with you.**

Priest: ... and the blessing ✠ of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All: **Amen.**

Dismissal

Deacon: Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia!

All: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Priest and People depart.

Alternative Easter Blessings

The God of peace,
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
that great shepherd of the sheep,
make you perfect in every good work to do his will;
and the blessing ✠ of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

God, who through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ
has given us the victory,
give you joy and peace in your faith;
and the blessing ✠ of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Solemn Blessing

God the Father,
by whose love Christ was raised from the dead,
open to you who believe the gates of everlasting life.

Amen.

God the Son,
who in bursting the grave has won a glorious victory,
give you joy as you share the Easter faith.

Amen.

God the Holy Spirit,
whom the risen Lord breathed into his disciples,
empower you and fill you with Christ's peace.

Amen.

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

Amen.



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