

# St John the Evangelist, Caterham Valley

## Holy Communion Order One

### for use at home on during Eastertide

**To use at home alongside the video of the Sunday service**

- Parts for you to join in at home are marked like this - *All*
- Feel free to sit or stand as you wish.  
We have indicated the parts where it is customary to stand
- Making a Spiritual Communion

While we cannot meet in church it is not possible to receive holy communion. Instead, you can make what is called a spiritual communion.

It means that although you cannot receive the sacrament physically, you can receive Jesus as though you have. Spiritual Communion was defined by Saint Thomas Aquinas as “an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Holy Sacrament, and a loving embrace as though we had already received him.

Remember that Jesus is not limited by time and space, and even though you cannot receive physically the consecrated bread and wine, Jesus will still come to you and give himself to you.

You may find it helpful to have a piece of bread and some wine ready to use when we reach the part of the service when we normally share communion. The bread and wine you have at home are not consecrated, but can be a helpful symbol as you make your Spiritual Communion

#### **The Gathering**

#### **The Greeting**

*All* In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**  
*The president greets the people*

*All* The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

*All* Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

*The President welcomes everyone and introduces the theme and intention of the mass*

## **Prayers of Penitence**

*We say sorry to God for failing to live out his commandments of love—for the times we have failed God, each other, and ourselves.*

*After each section respond as follows, three times:*

*All* Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

*All* Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

*All* Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

*The president pronounces the absolution*

*You make like to make the sign of the cross as you receive Christ's forgiveness*

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.**

## **Gloria in Excelsis**

*All* **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 special prayer for the day)**

Let us pray that we may walk the risen life of Christ in glory

*The President says the Collect. It is customary to stand for this prayer.*

*All respond*

*All*      **Amen.**

## **¶ The Liturgy of the Word**

### **Readings**

*There may be one or two readings*

*At the end of each reading:*

This is the word of the Lord.

*All*      **Thanks be to God.**

### **Gospel Reading**

*It is customary to stand for the gospel*

*There is a gospel acclamation before the reading of the gospel*

*At the end all respond*

*All*      **Alleluia**

*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 *N*.

*All*      **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the end of the gospel reading*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*All*      **Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **Talk**

*It is customary to stand for the Creed*

*The president says*

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

*All*

**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

*The president introduces the prayers using these or other words*

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

*The prayers include this response*

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

*After a short period of silent prayer the president concludes with a short prayer*

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

## The Liturgy of the Sacrament

### The Peace

*The president gives the Peace*

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

### Taking of the Bread and Wine

*The table is prepared and the president takes the bread and wine.*

All Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:  
through your goodness we have this bread to offer,  
which earth has given and human hands have made.  
It will become for us the bread of life.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

All Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:  
through your goodness we have this wine to offer,  
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.  
It will become for us the cup of salvation.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

*The president says a special prayer over the gifts of bread and wine*

*All respond*

All **Amen.**

## The Eucharistic Prayer

*All* The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

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

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

*The president prays the Preface, a special prayer praising God*

*All join in the Sanctus and Benedictus*

*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 president recalls the Last Supper as the bread and wine are blessed*

*All* Great is the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died:  
Christ is risen:  
Christ will come again.**

*All* *The president continues the pray and at the end all say*  
**Amen**

## The Lord's Prayer

*All* As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:  
**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 for ever.  
Amen.**

## Breaking of the Bread

*The president breaks the consecrated bread.*

We break this bread  
to share in the body of Christ.

*All*      **Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

## Agnus Dei

*All*      **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

*The president says the invitation to communion*

*All*      Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

## Receiving Communion - Make a Spiritual Communion

*If you have bread and wine ready, then use them at this point.*

*The bread and wine you have at home aren't consecrated, but as you use them know that Jesus comes to you.*

*You may find this prayer useful at this point*

Dear Lord Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you in my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there, and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

## Prayer after Communion

*After communion the president says a special prayer*

*All then join in this 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.**

## The Dismissal

### Blessing and Dismissal

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

*All* Alleluia. Christ is risen!  
**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

*It is customary to stand for the blessing.*

*The president gives a blessing, concluding with*

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

*All* Go in the peace of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*The ministers and people depart.*