

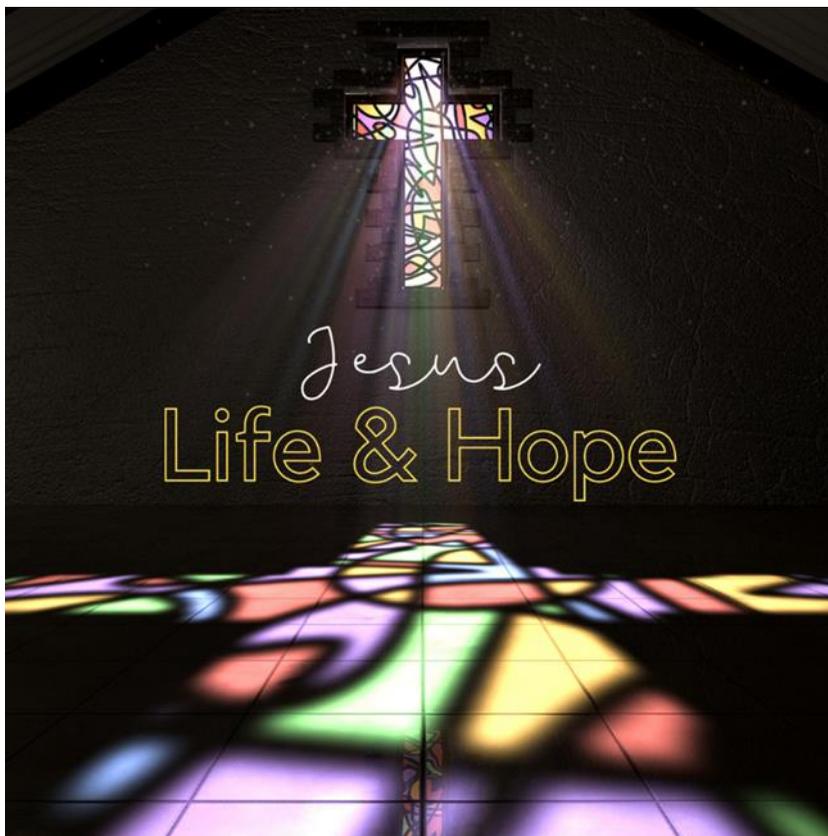


Walton-on-Thames  
**St Mary's and St John's**

**St. Mary's and St. John's On-line and In-person**

# **Holy Communion**

**Easter to Pentecost 2021**



***Welcome***

(We remain seated) WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

*Minister* Alleluia. Christ is risen  
*All* **He is risen indeed. Alleluia**  
Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ  
*All* **He has given us new life and hope**  
**by raising Jesus from the dead**  
God has claimed us as his own  
*All* **He has made us a light to the world**  
Alleluia. Christ is risen  
*All* **He is risen indeed. Alleluia**  
*All* **Faithful one, whose word is life,**  
**come with saving power to free our praise,**  
**inspire our prayer and shape our lives**  
**for the kingdom of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.**  
**Amen**

*Or*

*Minister* Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you  
*All* **and also with you.**

*Words of welcome or introduction may be said*

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

*This prayer may be said*

*All* **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

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

*All* For when we have lived by our own strength, and not  
by the power of your resurrection. In your mercy, forgive us.  
**Lord, hear us and help us.**

*All* For when we have lived by the light of our own eyes,  
as faithless and not believing. In your mercy, forgive us.  
**Lord, hear us and help us.**

*All* For when we have lived for this world alone, and  
doubted our home in heaven. In your mercy, forgive us.  
**Lord, hear us and help us.**

*OR*

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.

*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.**

#### ABSOLUTION

*Minister* 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.

*All* **Amen.**

*or*

*Minister* May the God of love and power  
forgive *you* and free *you* from your sins,  
heal and strengthen *you* by his Spirit,  
and raise *you* to new life in Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

*If you are able to, please stand as we say the Gloria together*

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 Collect is said, and all respond: Amen.*

*Please sit*

***The Liturgy of the Word***

FIRST READING

*At the end of the reading*

This is the word of the Lord.

*All*        **Thanks be to God.**

*If you are able to, please stand for the Gospel reading*

GOSPEL READING

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *N.*

*All*        **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*After the Gospel*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please sit for the sermon*

SERMON

*If you are able to, please stand*

THE CREED

*We say either*

*The Nicene Creed*

*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.**

*or*

*The Apostles' Creed*

*All*        **I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only 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.**

**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.**

*Please sit or kneel*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*In the intercessions, these responses may be used*

<i>All</i>	Jesus, Lord of life	<i>or</i>	Lord, in your mercy
<i>All</i>	<b>In your mercy, hear us</b>	<i>All</i>	<b>hear our prayer</b>
	<i>or</i>		
<i>All</i>	Lord, hear us, <b>Lord, graciously hear us</b>	<i>or</i>	Your Kingdom come, <b>Your will be done</b>

*After the final petition*

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

# ***The Liturgy of the Sacrament***

*We remain seated*

*Whilst we are unable to move around and shake hands to share the peace, after we have said 'and also with you', we will pause either to look around us, perhaps wave and offer the peace and/or think of those who have not been able to join us at this service or those closest to us*

## ***THE PEACE***

*The minister may introduce the Peace using these or other suitable words:*

Christ is our peace. He has reconciled us to God  
in one body by the Cross.

*or*

We are the body of Christ. In the one Spirit we were all  
baptized into one body. Let us then pursue all that makes  
for peace and builds up our common life.

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

*There is no OFFERTORY at this point in the service.  
Thank you to those who honour the Lord in your giving in one or  
more of the many different ways that are available.  
There will be offertory boxes available for a retiring collection  
at the end of the service.*

*We may say together:*

*All*     **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.**

*We may remain seated and will follow*

*either*   **Eucharistic Prayer E** on page 8

*or*       **Eucharistic Prayer H** on page 10

*or*       **Eucharistic Prayer D** on page 12

*Minister* The Lord is here.  
*All* **His Spirit is with us.**

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

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

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
always and everywhere,  
to give you thanks, almighty and eternal Father;  
and 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 us the image of your glory.  
And so we gladly thank you,  
with saints and angels praising you, and saying:

*All* **Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
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.

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

*or*

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

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 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 be yours, almighty Father,  
for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

*Please sit or kneel for prayer. A short period of silence follows.*

*The service continues with the Lord's Prayer on page 14.*

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*All* **His Spirit is with us.**

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

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

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;  
in your love you made us for yourself.  
When we turned away  
you did not reject us,  
but came to meet us in your Son.  
*All* **You embraced us as your children  
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life  
that we might live in him and he in us.  
*All* **He opened his arms of love upon the cross  
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed,  
at supper with his friends,  
he took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to them, saying:  
take, eat; this is my body which is given for you:  
do this in remembrance of me.  
*All* **Father, we do this in remembrance of him:  
his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,  
he gave you thanks, and said:  
Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins;  
do this in remembrance of me.  
*All* **Father, we do this in remembrance of him:  
his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory,  
send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine  
may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

*All*

**As we eat and drink these holy gifts  
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world  
we offer you this sacrifice of praise  
and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

*All*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

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Almighty God, good Father to us all, your face is turned towards your world. In love you gave us Jesus your Son to rescue us from sin and death. Your Word goes out to call us home to the city where angels sing your praise. We join with them in heaven's song:

*All* **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Father of all, we give you thanks for every gift that comes from heaven.

To the darkness Jesus came as your light. With signs of faith and words of hope he touched untouchables with love and washed the guilty clean.

This is his story.  
*All* **This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.**

The crowds came out to see your Son, yet at the end they turned on him. On the night he was betrayed he came to table with his friends to celebrate the freedom of your people.

This is his story.  
*All* **This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.**

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food; he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said: This is my body, given for you all.

Jesus then gave thanks for the wine;  
he took the cup, gave it and said:  
This is my blood, shed for you all for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this in remembrance of me.

This is our story.

*All* **This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.**

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup,  
we celebrate the cross on which he died to set us free.  
Defying death he rose again  
and is alive with you to plead for us and for all the world.

This is our story.

*All* **This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.**

Send your Spirit on us now that by these gifts we may feed on  
Christ with opened eyes and hearts on fire.

May we and all who share this food offer ourselves to live for  
you and be welcomed at your feast in heaven where all creation  
worships you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

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

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## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Minister* As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:  
*All* **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

*Minister* 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.**

*Minister* Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
*All* **Alleluia! Let us keep the feast.**

*Minister* The body of Christ, broken for you  
*All* **Amen**

*We say these words now, as when communion is brought to you in the pews, which will be in one kind only (just the wafer), it will be given in silence. Please stand or sit to receive. Please have your hands open flat, so the priest can place the wafer onto your hand, without touching you.*

*You are encouraged to use your own sanitizer before and after you have removed your face mask to consume the wafer.*

*If you do not wish to receive Holy Communion, when the Priest comes to you, please keep your hands by your side. The Priest will be delighted to pray a silent prayer of blessing over you.*

*Please do listen to all instructions.*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*The minister says the post-communion prayer.*

*All may then say*

**God of life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*or*

**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.**

## NOTICES AND BANNS

### THE BLESSING

*The minister may use the following or another suitable blessing:*

*Minister* May the love of the Lord Jesus draw you to himself,  
may the power of the Lord Jesus strengthen you in his service,  
and may the joy of the Lord Jesus fill your hearts;

*or*

May 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 among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

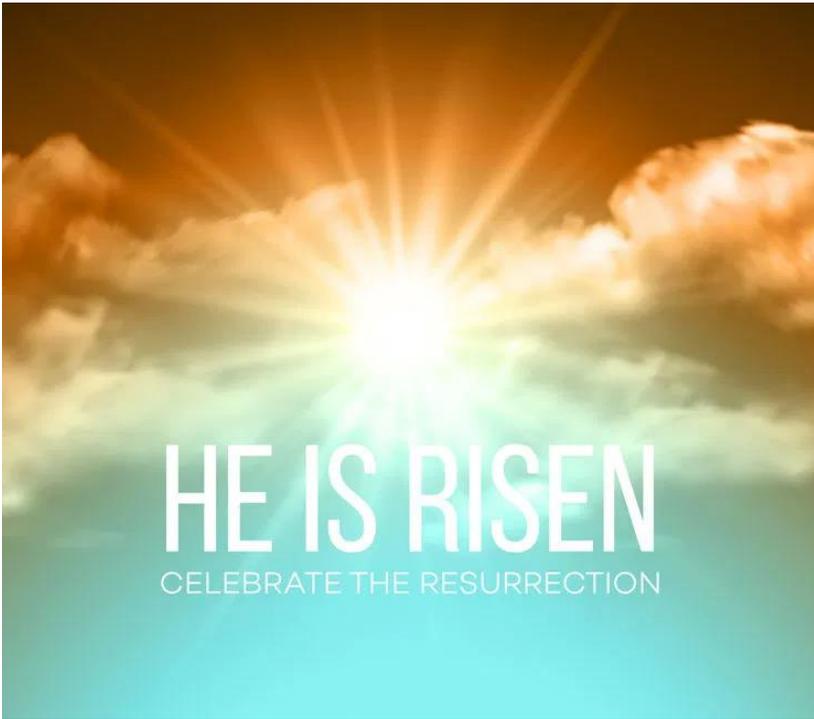
*Minister* We go into the world:

*All* **To take our next steps towards deeper faith in Christ  
welcome and belonging and shining God's light. Amen.**

*or*

*Minister* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*All* **In the name of Christ. Amen.**



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