

Christ in our Homes on Sunday - Altar

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

All Amen

The Lord be with you

All And also with you

We are sorry

Lord Jesus, you have shown us the way to the Father:

Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, your word is a light to our path:

Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you are the good shepherd,

leading us into everlasting life:

Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

God forgives us

May the Father forgive us

by the death of his Son

and strengthen us

to live in the power of the Spirit

all our days.

All Amen.

We sing a song of praise - The Gloria ...

Glory to God, glory to God – glory to the Father ...

Glory to God, glory to God, son of the Father ...

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit ...

We pray to God

The Priest uses the collect for the day

God of wisdom and love,
Source of all good,
Send your Spirit to teach us your truth and guide our actions
In your way of peace
Amen

We listen to God's word

We hear a reading from the 1st Book of Kings

Ahab sent to all the Israelites, and assembled the prophets at Mount Carmel. Elijah then came near to all the people, and said, 'How long will you go limping with two different opinions? If the LORD is God, follow him; but if Baal, then follow him.' The people did not answer him a word. Then Elijah said to the people, I, even I only, am left a prophet of the LORD; but Baal's prophets number four hundred and fifty. Let two bulls be given to us; let them choose one bull for themselves, cut it in pieces, and lay it on the wood, but put no fire to it; I will prepare the other bull and lay it on the wood, but put no fire to it. Then you call on the name of your god and I will call on the name of the LORD; the god who answers by fire is indeed God.' All the people answered, 'Well spoken!' Then Elijah said to the prophets of Baal, 'Choose for yourselves one bull and prepare it first, for you are many; then call on the name of your god, but put no fire to it.' So they took the bull that was given them, prepared it, and called on the name of Baal from morning until noon, crying, 'O Baal, answer us!' But there was no voice, and no answer. They limped about the altar that they had made. At noon Elijah mocked them, saying, 'Cry aloud! Surely he is a god; either he is meditating, or he has wandered away, or he is on a journey, or perhaps he is asleep and must be awakened.' Then they cried aloud and, as was their custom, they cut themselves with swords and lances until the blood gushed out over them. As midday passed, they raved on until the time of the offering of the oblation, but there was no voice, no answer, and no response. Then Elijah said to all the people, 'Come closer to me'; and all the people came closer to him. First he repaired the altar of the LORD that had been thrown down; Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, to whom the word of the LORD came, saying, 'Israel shall be your name'; with the stones he built an altar in the name of the LORD. Then he made a trench around the altar, large enough to contain two measures of seed. Next he put the wood in order, cut the bull in pieces, and laid it on the wood. He said, 'Fill four jars with water and pour it on the burnt-offering and on the wood.' Then he said, 'Do it a second time'; and they did it a second time. Again he said, 'Do it a third time'; and they did it a third time, so that the water ran all around the altar, and filled the trench also with water. At the time of the offering of the oblation, the prophet Elijah came near and said, 'O LORD, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, let it be known this day that you are God in Israel, that I am your servant, and that I have done all these things at your bidding. Answer me, O LORD, answer me, so that this people may know that you, O LORD, are God, and that you have turned their hearts back.' Then the fire of the LORD fell and consumed the burnt-offering, the wood, the stones, and the dust, and even licked up the water that was in the trench. When all the people saw it, they fell on their faces and said, 'The LORD indeed is God; the LORD indeed is God.'

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

After the Gospel acclamation all say

Alleluia, alleluia

Make me grasp the way of your precepts,

And I will muse on your wonders.

Alleluia.

We hear the Gospel

The Lord be with you

All And also with you

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples

‘Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets;

I have come not to abolish but to fulfil.

For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter,
not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished.

Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments,
and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven;
but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

All Praise to you, O Christ.

A short reflection *is offered on the readings by one of the Ministry Team – this will be posted on Facebook and streamed on the You Tube channel (and our website) around 12.30pm*

We affirm our Faith

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,

source of all being and life,

the one for whom we exist?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,

who took our human nature,

died for us and rose again?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,

who gives life to the people of God

and makes Christ known in the world?

I believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

We believe and trust in one God,

Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

We pray to God

We share Christ's love and peace

Christ is our peace.

He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross.

We meet in his name and share his peace.

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.

May the God of peace make you perfect and holy,
that you may be kept safe and blameless
in spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Blessed are the peacemakers:
they shall be called children of God.

We meet in the name of Christ and share his peace.

God is love and those who live in love live in God and God lives in them.

We are all one in Christ Jesus.

We belong to him through faith,
heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.

God has called us to live in peace.

Jesus said: 'Love one another.

As I have loved you, so you are to love one another.'

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All: And also with you.

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

Blessed be God for ever.

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

All Blessed be God for ever.

Wise and gracious God,
you spread a table before us;
nourish your people with the word of life
and the bread of heaven.

Amen.

We thank God

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.

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:

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.**

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 has 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 Our Lady, Faith, Wilfrid 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.

We pray as Jesus taught us

**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.
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.**

We break the bread

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

**All God here among us,
light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**

**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.**

Jesus is the Lamb of God,
who takes away the sins of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to His supper

**All Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

We are blessed

As those at the Vicarage receive communion those elsewhere pray that you may be aware of Christ's presence with you and that you will be blessed and comforted by it

We say thank you

God of glory, you nourish us with your Word
which is the bread of life.

Fill us with your Holy Spirit,
that through us the light of your glory
may shine in all the world.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ.

All Amen

We are blessed

The Lord be with you

All **And also with you**

The Priest gives God's blessing

The God of all grace,
who called you to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus,
establish, strengthen and settle you in the faith;
and the blessing ...

Or

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing;
and the blessing ...

Or

May God, who in Christ gives us a spring of water
welling up to eternal life,
perfect in you the image of his glory;
and the blessing ...

Or

May God keep you in all your days.
May Christ shield you in all your ways.
May the Spirit bring you healing and peace.
May God the Holy Trinity drive all darkness from you
and pour upon you blessing and light.
And the blessing . . .

Or

May Christ's holy, healing, enabling Spirit be with you
and guide you on your way at every change and turn;
and the blessing ...

Live in the peace of Christ.

All **Thanks be to God.**