



The Blyth Valley
Team Ministry

EUCHARIST
of the
CHRISTMAS
SEASON
Covid 19 adapted



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.

We hope you will find this order of service helpful in y. Incidentally, there are no reserved seats in church! You can follow or join in as you wish when the words are in **bold**.

There are instructions in the text for people to sit, stand or kneel. They may not always be announced. You can follow them or just stay seated. You must feel free not to do something that makes you uncomfortable. No one is watching and no one will mind

COMMUNION

We turn no-one away from receiving the Lord Jesus 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.

Gathering

Silence is kept.

The Deacon may say a Sentence.

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.**

Words of welcome or introduction may be said.

Prayers of Penitence

These or other suitable words are used:

Deacon: Christ the Light of the world has come
to dispel the darkness of our hearts.
Let us turn to the light and confess our sins
in penitence and faith:

There is a time of silence before these or similar words are used:

Deacon: God our Father,
you sent your Son full of grace and truth:
forgive our failure to receive him.
Lord, have mercy.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Deacon: Jesus our Saviour,
you were born in poverty and laid in a manger:
forgive our greed and rejection of your ways.
Christ, have mercy.

People: **Christ, have mercy.**

Deacon: Spirit of Love,

your servant Mary responded joyfully to your call:
forgive the hardness of our hearts.

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.**

The Collect of the Day

Priest: . . . one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

Please sit.

Non-biblical readings may sometimes be used.

The Old Testament Reading

Silence follows, or these words may be used:

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The New Testament Reading

Silence follows, or these words may be used:

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks .**

The Gospel Acclamation

Deacon: Alleluia, alleluia . . .

People: **Alleluia.**

The Gospel Reading

Deacon: The Lord be with you.

People: **and also with you.**

Deacon: Hear the Gospel ☩ of our Lord Jesus Christ according to ____ .

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

After the Gospel reading:

Deacon: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

Please sit after the introduction.

Silence follows the Sermon.

The Creed

Please stand to say the Creed. There may be words of introduction.

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;
and 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.

The Prayers of Intercession

Please kneel or sit.

The Intercessor announces the response to be used.

The Priest may conclude with a Collect.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Please stand.

These or other suitable words are said:

Priest: Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given,
 and his name shall be called the Prince of Peace.

Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: **And also with you.**

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

The Preparation of the Altar

Priest: Word made flesh, life of the world,
in your incarnation you embraced our poverty:
by your Spirit may we share in your riches.

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: All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,
mighty creator, ever-living God.
We give you thanks and praise for your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who for love of our fallen race humbled himself,
was born of the Virgin Mary by the power of your Spirit,
and lived as one of us.
In this mystery of the Word made flesh
you have caused his light to shine in our hearts,
to give knowledge of your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.
In him we see our God made visible
and so are caught up in the love of the God we cannot see.
Therefore with all the angels of heaven
we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name
and sing our joyful hymn of praise:

People: **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!**

Priest: Lord God, you are the most holy one,
enthroned in splendour and light,
yet in the coming of your Son Jesus Christ
you reveal the power of your love
made perfect in our human weakness.

Embracing our humanity,
Jesus showed us the way of salvation;
loving us to the end,
he gave himself to death for us;
dying for his own,
he set us free from the bonds of sin,
that we might rise and reign with him in glory.

On the night he gave up himself for us all
he 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 we proclaim the death that he suffered on the
cross,
we celebrate his resurrection, his bursting from the tomb,
we rejoice that he reigns at your right hand on high

and we long for his coming in glory.

As we recall the one, perfect sacrifice of our redemption,
Father, by your Holy Spirit let these gifts of your creation
be for us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
form us into the likeness of Christ
and make us a perfect offering in your sight.

Look with favour on your people
and in your mercy hear the cry of our hearts.
Bless the earth,
heal the sick,
let the oppressed go free
and fill your Church with power from on high.

Gather your people from the ends of the earth
to feast with Our Lady [*N and*] all the saints
at the table in your kingdom,
where the new creation is brought to perfection
in Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

People: **Amen.**

Please kneel or sit.

The Lord's Prayer

Silence is kept.

Priest: As we look for the coming of the Kingdom, 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.

Breaking of the Bread

The priest breaks the consecrated bread.

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

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

The Invitation to Spiritual Communion (*said by the priest and those at home*)

Father of all,

**We thank you for the gift of the holy body and precious blood
of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.**

**Since at this time we cannot receive him in the holy sacrament,
may he come spiritually into our hearts.**

**May the body of my Lord Jesus Christ which was broken for us,
keep our bodies and souls in eternal life.**

**May the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ which was shed for us,
keep our bodies and souls in eternal life**

**And may we feed on him whom we have received in our hearts,
by faith with thanksgiving. Amen.**

The Communion

These words of invitation are said:

Priest: Christ is the true bread which has come down from heaven.

People: **Lord, give us this bread always.**

The People come to the Altar in turn to receive Communion.

After Communion

The Deacon may say a Sentence.

The Priest says the Prayer after Communion, to which the People respond:

Amen.

The Dismissal

Please stand.

The Blessing

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **and also with you.**

These or other words may be used:

Priest: Father of all,
you have given us your Son
to be the Saviour of the world.
Welcome us your children into your kingdom
to enjoy your presence for ever. **Amen.**
and the blessing ✠ of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

People: **Amen.**

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **In the name of Christ. Amen.**



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