# St Cuthberts Croxteth Park and All Saints Stoneycroft Communion



A Live Eucharist Service for the season of Lent during Corvid-19

# The people gather via Facebook Welcome and introduction

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

All Amen.

### The Greeting

### The president greets the people

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

All and also with you.

# Prayer of Preparation

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.

### **Confession and Forgiveness**

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: The first commandment is this: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.'

The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

### All Amen.

Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion, and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith.

All Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy
forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly,
love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.
Amen.

The president says

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.** 



Let us pray for grace to keep Lent faithfully. **Silence is kept.** 



Scripture readings.

The Liturgy of the Word

Readings

At the end the reader may say

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**Gospel Reading** 

When the Gospel is announced the reader says

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

### Sermon

### **Affirmation of Faith**

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

All Though he was divine, he did not cling to equality with God, but made himself nothing. Taking the form of a slave, he was born in human likeness. He humbled himself and was obedient to death, even the death of the cross. Therefore, God has raised him on high, and given him the name above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Amen

cf Philippians 2.6-11



Reflecting on our sermon and bringing our prayers as a community together we sit for our intercessions.

Merciful father accept our prayers...

### THE PEACE

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us access to his grace.

cf Romans 5.1,2

The peace of the Lord be always with you

### All and also with you.

May we pray for peace to be upon our world.

The table is prepared, and bread and wine are placed upon it.

God of our journey, as we walk with you on your path of obedience, sustain us on our way and lead us to your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



### The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

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 and good to give you thanks and praise, almighty God and everlasting Father, through Jesus Christ your Son.

For in these forty days you lead us into the desert of repentance, that through a pilgrimage of prayer and discipline we may grow in grace and learn to be your people once again.

Through fasting, prayer and acts of service you bring us back to your generous heart.

Through study of your holy word you open our eyes to your presence in the world and free our hands to welcome others into the radiant splendour of your love.

As we prepare to celebrate the Easter feast with joyful hearts and minds, we bless you for your mercy and join with saints and angels for ever praising you and saying:

All: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord, holy is the Lord God almighty: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord, holy is the Lord God Almighty: Who was, and is, and is to come, holy, holy, holy is the Lord.

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 to 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 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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died:

**Christ is risen:** 

Christ will come again.

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:

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



As part of our Rule of life, and with all of Liverpool Diocese we pray together boldly at this time of uncertainty.

All Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that 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 minister breaks the bread

Jesus says, I am the bread of life, whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

All Lord, our hearts hunger for you; give us this bread always.

### 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.



The president says this invitation to communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin 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.

The minister and the people receive bread and wine.

At home we receive as a spiritual communion



### The Invitation

Only the minsters may take communion, however while the Priest takes the bread and wine those of you who have downloaded a copy of the order of service may like to say the Act of spiritual communion. On page 11.

### Act of Spiritual Communion

In union, dear Father, with Christian people throughout the world and across the centuries gathered to make Eucharist, hearing your holy Word and receiving the Precious Body and Blood, I offer you praise and thanksgiving. Even though I am exiled from tasting the Bread of Heaven and drinking the Cup of Life I pray that you will unite me with all the baptised and with your Son who gave his life for us.

Come Lord Jesus, dwell in me and send your Holy Spirit that I may be filled with your presence. O LORD and heavenly Father, we your humble servants entirely desire your fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching you to grant, that by the merits and death of your Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all your whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

## Prayer after Communion

God has called us to journey for a season through the wilderness places and so, as Jesus did before us, we will set out once more to wander in an uncomfortable landscape and wrestle with its challenges, that through the tempering action of the Spirit, we may emerge ready to do the work of the Kingdom.

Post Communion
Loving God,
as a mother feeds her children at the breast
you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of
eternal life:

help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Those who have taken communion

All 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.



Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him; and the blessing...

All Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.