**Order of Service for Midweek Holy Communion April 29th 2020**

**Welcome and Introductory Prayer**

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

**Confession**

As we gather I invite you now  
to join with me in the confession  
and acknowledgement of our sins  
and our commitment to turn from them*.*

Lord Jesus, You call us to follow  
and our footsteps falter,  
Lord, have mercy.   
**Lord, have mercy.**  
Lord Jesus, you whisper our name  
and we simply ignore you.  
Christ, have mercy.   
**Christ, have mercy.**  
  
Lord Jesus, you reach out your hand  
and we treat you as stranger,  
Lord, have mercy.   
**Lord, have mercy.**  
  
Gracious Lord,  
slow to anger,  
swift to bless,  
forgive us,  
restore us.  
Grant us hearts that stand firm,  
a faith that is strong  
and a hope that endures. Amen

**Absolution**

Almighty God,  
who in Jesus Christ has given us  
a kingdom that cannot be destroyed,  
forgive you your sins,  
open your eyes to God’s truth,  
strengthen you to do God’s will  
and give you the joy of his kingdom,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.   
**Amen.**

**A Collect Prayer  
  
A Reading from John’s Third letter to churches, verses 2-8**

2 Beloved, I pray that all may go well with you and that you may be in good health, just as it is well with your soul. 3I was overjoyed when some of the friends arrived and testified to your faithfulness to the truth, namely, how you walk in the truth. 4I have no greater joy than this, to hear that my children are walking in the truth.

5 Beloved, you do faithfully whatever you do for the friends, even though they are strangers to you; 6they have testified to your love before the church. You will do well to send them on in a manner worthy of God; 7for they began their journey for the sake of Christ, accepting no support from non-believers.8Therefore we ought to support such people, so that we may become co-workers with the truth.

**A Reading from John’s Gospel 6.35-40**35 Jesus said to them, ‘I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. 36But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. 37Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; 38for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me.39And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. 40This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day.’

**Reflection**  
**The Prayers,** *finishing with* **The Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

**Eucharistic Prayer**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**  
Father, almighty and ever-living God,  
it is right to give you thanks and praise  
at all times and in all places.  
With angels and archangels  
and with all your people on earth and in heaven,  
we proclaim your glorious name,  
evermore praising you and saying:  
 **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 you, Lord God,  
creator and sustainer of the universe.  
Grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit  
these gifts of bread and wine may be to us  
the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who on the night that he was betrayed,  
took bread, gave thanks, broke it,  
and gave it to his disciples, saying,  
  
‘Take, eat; this is my body which is broken for you.   
Do this in remembrance of me.’  
  
In the same way, after supper,  
he took the cup and gave you thanks,  
and gave it to them, saying,  
  
‘This is my blood of the new covenant  
poured out for you and for many,  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, whenever you drink it,  
in remembrance of me.’  
  
Send down your Holy Spirit  
that these gifts of bread and wine  
may be for us the body and blood of Christ.  
Unite us with him for ever  
and bring us with the whole creation to your eternal kingdom.  
**Amen.**

**Breaking of the Bread**

*The Minister breaks the consecrated bread.*

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.   
**Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

**The Spiritual Communion Prayer**

*The spiritual communion prayer is said by those who are unable to receive the bread and the wine whilst communion is received*

**Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ,  
for all the benefits you have given me,  
for all the pains and insults you have borne for me.  
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,  
I ask you to come spiritually into my heart.  
O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,  
may I know you more clearly,  
love you more dearly,  
and follow you more nearly,  
day by day. Amen.**

*All those who are able, receive the bread and the wine.*

**Prayer Said After Communion**

**We thank you Lord,  
that you have fed us in this sacrament,  
united us with Christ,  
and given us a foretaste  
of the heavenly banquet prepared for all people**.  
**Amen.**

**Blessing**

**Dismissal**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**