**Holy Communion in a Celtic style for 6th May 2020 Service Sheet**

**Welcome and Introduction**

Let’s begin our time together with a moment of quiet.

*(A moment of quiet)*

We recall that we are in the presence of God

It is not that God has just arrived,  
but rather that we have just noticed His presence.   
God is present within us,   
in the creation that surrounds us,   
and in all those whom we see and hear from,  
even in this time of isolation and social distancing.

*[Together we say]*

**In the name of the Father,**

**and of the Son,**

**and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**Confession**

Lord, we thank you for your faithful presence with us.

Thank you because you are the Creator of all good things.

Lord, send forth your Spirit

to enlighten my mind and my heart to your presence.

And now, Lord, forgive me when I did not live in your Spirit today.

*[We pause for a few moments to reflect]*

Lord, help me to live a more fruitful and joyful life.

**Absolution**

May almighty God,

who sent his Son into the world to save sinners,

bring you his pardon and peace, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

**Collect for the Day**

**Reading: John 12.44-end**

**44**Then Jesus cried out, “Whoever believes in me does not believe in me only, but in the one who sent me. **45**The one who looks at me is seeing the one who sent me. **46**I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness.

**47**“If anyone hears my words but does not keep them, I do not judge that person. For I did not come to judge the world, but to save the world. **48**There is a judge for the one who rejects me and does not accept my words; the very words I have spoken will condemn them at the last day. **49**For I did not speak on my own, but the Father who sent me commanded me to say all that I have spoken. **50**I know that his command leads to eternal life. So whatever I say is just what the Father has told me to say.”

**Talk**

**Prayers**

In this time of epidemic,  
even as we begin to think about moving out of our isolation  
let us pray to God,  
who alone makes us dwell in safety:

For all who are affected by coronavirus,  
through illness or isolation or anxiety,  
that they may find relief and recovery:  
Lord, hear us,  
**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For those who are guiding our nation at this time,  
and shaping national policies,  
that they may make wise decisions:  
Lord, hear us,  
**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For doctors, nurses and medical researchers,  
that through their skill and insights  
many will be restored to health:  
Lord, hear us,  
**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For the vulnerable and the fearful,  
for the gravely ill and the dying,  
that they may know your comfort and peace:  
Lord, hear us,  
**Lord, graciously hear us.**

We commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray,  
to the mercy and protection of God.  
**Merciful Father,  
accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
Amen.**

**Eucharistic Prayer**

As we come to our sharing of the bread and wine, I hope you have bread and wine or juice ready. Let us pray:

For us you were born,

for us you healed,

preached, taught

and showed the way to heaven;

for us you were crucified,

and for us, after death,

you rose again.

Lord Jesus Christ,

present with us now,

for all that you have done

and all that you have promised,

what have we to off?

Our hands are empty,

our hearts are sometimes full of wrong things.

We are not fit together at the crumb

from under your table.

But with you his mercy

and the power to change us.

So as we do in this place

what you did in an upstairs room,

send down your holy spirit on us

and on these gifts of bread and wine

that they may become for us your body,

healing, forgiving,

and making us whole;

and that we may become,

for you,

your body,

loving and caring in the world

until your kingdom comes.

On the night on which Jesus was betrayed,

he sat at supper with his disciples.

While they were eating, he took some bread,

said a blessing, *[Holding up the bread to bless it,]*

broke it *[Breaking the bread]*

and gave it to them with the words,

‘This is my body. It is broken for you.

Do this to remember me.’

*[Holding up the cup/glass]*

Later, he took a cup of wine, saying,

‘This cup is God’s new covenant food,

sealed with my blood.

Drink from it, all of you, to remember me.’

So now, following Jesus’ example and command,

We take this bread and this wine,

the ordinary things of the world

which Christ will make special.

And as he said a prayer before sharing,

let us do so too.

**The Lord’s Prayer**

Let us say together the prayer that Jesus taught us,

in your preferred language or format:

**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.**

**Invitation to receive** *[All receive the bread and the wine]*

**Payer after Communion**

**Blessing**

*The Liturgy has been adapted from a range of resources, including ‘A Wee Worship Book’ (Wild Goose) and The Yellow House of Highland Communion Liturgy*