



An Opportunity
to Worship
Together as
One
Community

Introduction of Service with Holy Communion

We live in an extraordinary time. The Government has asked Churches not to gather so the spread of COVID 19 (the coronavirus) is checked. While this is difficult, we must be sensitive to the reality that many of our people are in the vulnerable age group, and we do not want to be the cause of their infection.

As a church, therefore, we cannot gather together to hear the Word proclaimed and participate in the presence of our Lord through the Lord's supper.

To get around this restriction, we are going to try something that may appear radical. We are inviting you to participate in Worship with us at [9.30am Sunday morning from your homes](#). You can do this alone, or with everyone in your house. You may be able to do this with neighbours, but be prepared that we may be completely locked down.

We understand some may feel uncomfortable with this, and will not wish to join us. That's OK, you are still part of our community, and we include you in our thoughts as we worship together in this way.

For those who wish to join us we ask you to set up on a table with crucifix or cross, a candle, a Bible, a small plate with the consecrated wafers we have provided, and a cup with the wine you will use (if you have no wine then use grape juice or red cordial). If your with others, choose who will lead the service and who will read the lessons.

We have provided you with the lectionary readings up to 31st May 2020 and a prayer on a business card, which we invite you to pray every day at 10.00am, but especially on Sunday as the prayer of the church. We will try and post on our website a video and/or written sermon for you to use. We are working on music, and will try to get you something when we have them. If you need material, contact the church office and we will try and get it to you.

At [9.30am on Sunday morning](#) we will begin the following service – in this way we will be one church community, even if we are not physically with each other.

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St Luke's Lutheran Church
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DISMISSAL

P: The body of our Lord Jesus Christ and his precious blood strengthen and preserve us in body and soul to life eternal. Go in peace. †

R: Amen.

POST-COMMUNION SONG

R: **LORD, NOW let your servant depart in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all people; a light to reveal you to the nations, and the glory of your people Israel. Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forevermore. Amen.**

THANKSGIVING VERSE

P: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. Hallelujah!

R: For his love endures forever. Hallelujah!

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Let us pray.

R: **We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through this healing gift; and we pray that through it you would graciously strengthen us in faith toward you and in love toward one another; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

LET US BLESS

P: Let us bless the Lord.

R: God be praised forevermore.

BLESSING

P: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all

R: Amen.

HOLY HOLY HOLY

R: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts; 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.

LORD'S PRAYER.

R: 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 forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION.

(take the wafer and hold it up between you and say)

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, and said, Take and eat; this is † my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

(take the wine and hold it up between you and say)

In the same way he took the cup, after the supper, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, Drink of it, all of you; this is † my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

R: Amen.

DISTRIBUTION

(each person takes a wafer and offers it to the other saying "take and eat this is the body of Christ given for you,

then the cup and say "this is the blood of Christ given for you")

Service with Holy Communion

OPENING PRAYER

L: Lord Jesus, pour your Spirit upon our community of St Luke's as we gather in our homes and celebrate together as one community your presence in your Word and Sacrament.

R: Amen.

L: In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

R: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

L: Friends in Christ: Let us draw near to God our Father with a true heart to confess our sins and ask him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

R: **Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor helpless sinner, confess to you all my sins, and repent of all the evil I have done. I have deeply displeased you and deserve your punishment in time and in eternity. But I am sorry for my sins, and I ask you, for the sake of the holy innocent sufferings and death of your dear Son Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me. Amen.**

L: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy on us, and has given his only Son to die for us, and for his sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in his name he has given the right to become children of God and has given them his Holy Spirit. Whoever believes and is baptised will be saved. Grant this, Lord, to us all. Peace be with us.

R: Amen.

PSALM *(see Lectionary Sheet)*

The Psalm is read.

R: **Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forevermore. Amen.**

READING *(see Lectionary Sheet)*

L: The reading is written in chapter _____ of _____, beginning at verse _____.

The reading is read.

L: This is the word of the Lord.

R: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN OF THE DAY *(see sermon sheet)*

GOSPEL *(see Lectionary Sheet)*

L: The holy gospel is written in chapter ____ of the Gospel according to St _____, beginning at verse _____.

R: **Glory be to you, O Lord.**

The gospel is read.

L: This is the gospel of the Lord.

R: **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

NICENE CREED

R: **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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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.

** This means: us human beings*

† or: Christian; 'catholic' here means 'universal'

SERMON *(we will provide this either through our website, or in paper form for those who don't have access to our website)*

OFFERING & OFFERTORY SONG

R: **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and uphold me with a willing spirit.**

PRAYER *(pray together the "Intercessory Prayer in exceptional times" – business card)*

HYMN

PREFACE

L: The Lord be with you.

R: **And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

R: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord.

R: **For that is fitting and right.**

P: It is truly fitting and right, and for our lasting good, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we adore and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and saying: