

## ST MARTIN'S DALRY

Holy Communion AT HOME during the period when services at church are suspended

### **Introduction:**

*This service is for use at home during the time when normal services at church are suspended. It is to be used in conjunction with the pew sheet that gives the words of the collect and lectionary readings for the day. Ideally, it is best to use it at the same time as your normal Sunday service, i.e. at 10.30am.*

*If possible, you are encouraged to read the service out loud, including the readings. Instead of a sermon you are invited to spend a few moments in silent reflection on the passages given. Some instruction on how to do this is given, though you are free to just reflect in any way that you find helpful. You may also find it helpful to write some of your thoughts or reflections down.*

*One of those ordained and ministering at St Martins will be celebrating the Eucharist on your behalf using the normal Eucharistic liturgy for the season. The main difference in the service used at home is that you will not be using the usual Eucharistic Prayer, but one based on a service using reserved sacrament. And, in this instance, there is no reserved sacrament either. Instead you may use ordinary bread and wine in what is a symbolic act, knowing that you are doing so in fellowship with the priest who is presiding on your behalf. The liturgy has been adjusted to take account of this fact.*

**THE PREPARATION:** *we open ourselves to God*

### **Lenten Chant:**

Take, O take me as I am;  
Summon out what I shall be;  
set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

### **Greeting**

Grace and peace to you from God our Creator  
and the Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

### **Hymn:**

#### **Collect for Purity**

**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 and Absolution**

God is love and we are his children.  
There is no room for fear in love.  
We love because he loved us first.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith.

*Silence*

**God our Father, we confess to you**

**and to our fellow members in the Body of Christ  
that we have sinned in thought, word and deed,  
and in what we have failed to do.**

**We are truly sorry.**

**Forgive us our sins,  
and deliver us from the power of evil,  
for the sake of your Son who died for us,  
Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen**

God, who is both power and love,  
forgive us and free us from our sins,  
heal and strengthen us by his Spirit,  
and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Kyrie: Lord, have mercy; Christ have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

**Silent prayer:** *when we can bring any matters of personal concern to God*

**Collect of the day:** *a prayer that collects our silent prayers together*

**LITURGY OF THE WORD:** we listen and respond to God

**Readings**

***Old Testament***

The word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God**

**Psalm** *(if not used elsewhere)*

*Concluded by saying together:*

**Glory to God, Source of all being, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit, as it  
was in the beginning, is now and shall be for ever. Amen**

***Epistle:***

The word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God**

***Hymn:***

**Gospel:** *(we remain standing)*

*When it is announced:* **Glory to Christ our Saviour.**

*At end:* Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

**Praise to Christ our Lord.**

**Reflection:** *You are invited to spend a few moments in silence reflecting on the word. If any word or phrase has struck you from the readings, dwell on that, let the spirit of that word sink into your heart, feel its impact. Or you may choose to read the story in the gospel and use your imagination to put yourself in the story but in your context today and ask what the Lord might be saying to you through it. Let a conversation develop between you and Jesus.*

***Affirmation of Faith***

*Either the Nicene Creed*

**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 substance with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate of 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. With the Father and the Son, he is worshipped and glorified. He 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.**

**Or:**

**We believe in God  
who takes our smallest moment of hope  
and grows it forth like a tree  
with spreading branches  
for the sheltering of new life.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ  
who walks tall among us,  
Seen in our faces, felt in our hearts,  
bedded deep in the longing of our souls  
for all that is true, just and full of hope.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit  
Who waits on our moments of openness  
and springs into the unknowns  
with joy and delight,  
that we might be called on  
beyond where we thought we could go  
where every step is walked on holy ground.**

*Dorothy McRae-McMahon (Australian writer and theologian)*

### **Intercessions**

*You are invited, in your own way, to pray for or bring to mind*

- the world and its people,*
- those who suffer and those in need,*
- the Church and its members.*

**Peace** *(if you are sharing this with your family you can offer each other the sign of peace. But even if you are on your own, we are sharing that peace with others who are with us in spirit. Simply imagine yourself greeting others in the congregation. In either case offer them a sign using the Namaste gesture—palms together, fingers pointing up, in front of your heart with a slight bow.)*

We meet in Christ's name  
**Let us share his peace**

## THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

### **Offertory Hymn:**

**Offering** *(As suggested at the beginning, you may choose to have a piece of bread and small amount of wine or red grape juice. In this instance it will be just the symbol rather than the actual sacrament. But I believe doing it in a symbolic sense, knowing that the prayer is being said over the elements on your behalf, may be helpful.)*

In fellowship with the whole Church of God, with all from St Martin's who are meeting in their homes and with the ordained sacramental minister who is celebrating the Eucharist on our behalf, let us rejoice that we are called to be part of the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.**

We thank you, Lord our God,  
for this world which you have  
given us; you never cease  
to make it new, and you call  
us to work with you; you accept  
the work of our hands.

**Glory to you for ever**

You have made humankind in your  
image; each one of us is fashioned  
in your likeness, and we are able to  
recognise your face in the faces of  
our brothers and sisters.

**Glory to you for ever**

You have never desired to live apart  
from us, and you have taught us to  
know you through the Law and the  
Prophets, the Apostles and Evangelists,  
who told us the marvellous story  
of your love.

**Glory to you for ever**

And you have come to us  
in your Son, Jesus Christ.  
In him you have walked along our roads,  
looked at us with human eyes,  
done the kind of things that we do,  
and shared with us the joy that  
can never be lost.

**Glory to you for ever**

As you have given us his Body and Blood,  
we give ourselves to you.  
Through the death and resurrection  
of your Son, through the Holy Spirit  
who has been given to us, we can  
make you our eternal home.

**R. Glory to you for ever**

So, with all Christians who are  
gathered together today

everywhere, throughout the world,  
and with the great procession of  
your Saints, as brothers and sisters  
we pray to you,  
as our Saviour has taught us:

**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.  
Do not bring us to the time of trial  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

### ***Breaking of The Bread***

The living bread is broken for the life of the world.  
**Lord, unite us in this sign.**

### ***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 this day our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive  
those who sin against us.  
Do not bring us to the time of trial  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom  
The power and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen**

### ***Communion Song***

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
grant us peace.

### **THANKSGIVING AND SENDING OUT**

***Response:*** *(sometimes following a sentence of scripture)*

We give thanks to the Lord, for he is gracious.  
**And his mercy endures for ever.**

### ***Post Communion Prayer***

**Father of all, we give you thanks and praise that when we were still far off  
you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared  
your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share**

**Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***Blessing***

***Final Hymn:***

***Dismissal:*** Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**