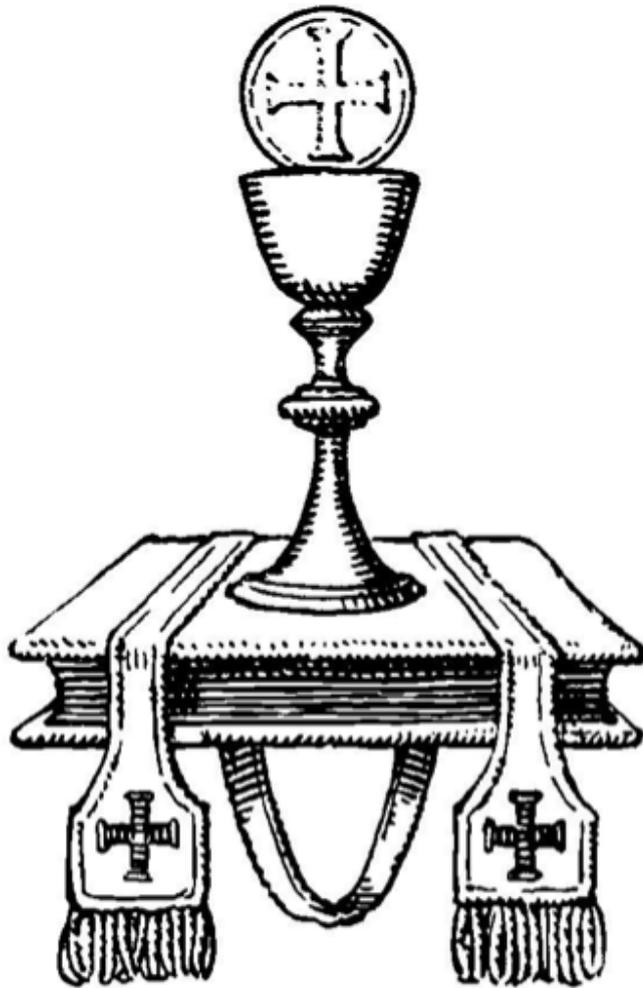


The Parish of  
**St John the Apostle &  
Evangelist**  
Watford



**The Holy Eucharist**

Christ the King  
Ordinary Time



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## Welcome to St John's

Welcome to the Parish of St John the Apostle and Evangelist, here in the heart of Watford. God has been worshipped by the offering of the Holy Eucharist (also called the Mass or Holy Communion) in this building since its Consecration in 1893. You are most welcome today and always, to be part of the living and worshipping body of Christ in our town.

With the current COVID-19 situation you will find that our worship arrangements are slightly different.

Ordinarily we would be offering Sunday School activities for a variety of age groups, however, for now we have to offer our services online. The LOOK activity sheets are available for younger members of the congregation on our website.

If you have any questions or comments for us, please do speak to the Vicar or one of our Churchwardens. You can reach them at the following email addresses:

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Online you can find out a whole lot more about our parish on our website [www.saintjohnswatford.org.uk](http://www.saintjohnswatford.org.uk) and Facebook page. Both these sites contain contact details, information for Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals and much more.

Our pew sheet with the appointed readings for the day are available electronically on our website.

Full details of our arrangements in response to the COVID-19 pandemic situation can be found on our website and we would encourage you to read these particularly relevant for when we can hopefully return to visiting Church for worship.



# The Gathering

*When the bell rings, all stand as the clergy and ministers enter.*

## Introit Hymn

### **All people that on earth do dwell (357)**

All people that on earth do dwell,  
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;  
him serve with fear, his praise forth tell,  
come ye before him, and rejoice.

The Lord, ye know, is God indeed;  
without our aid he did us make;  
we are his folk, he doth us feed,  
and for his sheep he doth us take.

O enter then his gates with praise,  
approach with joy his courts unto;  
praise, laud, and bless his name always,  
for it is seemly so to do.

For why? the Lord our God is good;  
his mercy is for ever sure;  
his truth at all times firmly stood,  
and shall from age to age endure.

To Father, Son and Holy Ghost,  
the God whom heaven and earth adore,  
from men and from the angel-host  
be praise and glory evermore.

William Kethe (fl 1559 - died 1594)



## Antiphon & Greeting

*The priest says:*

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

**All Amen**

*The priest greets the people:*

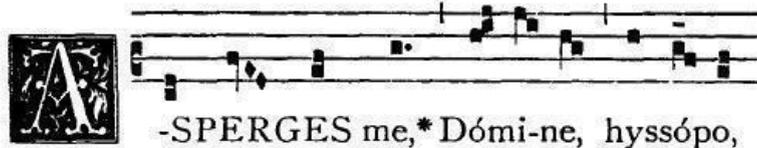
The Lord be with you.

**All and also with you. *or* and with your spirit.**

*Words of welcome or an introduction may be said.*

## Blessing & Sprinkling with Holy Water

*On certain Sundays during the year, the entire **Penitential Rite may be replaced by the blessing of Holy Water and Sprinkling**, while we sing an additional hymn or the choir sings the Asperges Me.*



*'Thou wilt sprinkle me, O lord, with hyssop and I shall be cleansed. Thou wilt wash me, and I shall be washed whiter than snow. Pity me, O God, according to Thy great mercy.'* Psalm 50.

## Prayer of Preparation

*Standing, we say together:*

**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.**

**Amen**



## Words and Prayers of Penitence

*Standing or kneeling, the priest invites us to reflect on the Word of God and confessing our sins.*

- The Exhortation (Book of Common Prayer 1662)
- The Ten Commandments (Exodus 20:1-17)
- The Great Commandment (Matthew 22:35-40)
- The Beatitudes (Matthew 5:3-12)
- The Comfortable (Various Holy Scripture)

*or*

*All* **Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed.**

**Through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault.**

**We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name.**

**Amen**

*or*

*All* **I confess to Almighty God, and you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my most grievous fault:**

**therefore I ask Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.**



## Kyrie

*The Kyrie responses may be sung by the cantor or said.*

Lord, have mercy. *or* Kyrie eleison.

*All* **Lord, have mercy. Kyrie eleison.**

Christ, have mercy. *or* Christi eleison.

*All* **Christ, have mercy. Christi eleison.**

Lord, have mercy. *or* Kyrie eleison.

*All* **Lord, have mercy. Kyrie eleison.**

## The Absolution

*The Absolution is given to which we respond:*

*All* **Amen**

## Gloria in Excelsis

*We all stand and say the Gloria:*

*All* **Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.**

**Amen**



## The Collect

*The priest introduces a period of silent prayer with the words 'Let us pray' and the Collect is said:*

Eternal Father,  
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he  
might rule over all things as Lord and King:  
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of  
peace,  
and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*All* **Amen**



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# The Liturgy of the Word

## Reading

*Ezekiel 34: 11-16. 20-24*

*We sit for the readings. At the end the reader says:*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm

*The appointed psalm may be sung by the Cantor.*

*Psalm 95: 1-7*

## Reading

*Ephesians 1: 15-end*

*At the end the reader says:*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Reading

*We all stand as an acclamation heralds the Gospel reading.*

*Matthew 25: 31-end*

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

**All Glory to you, O Lord.**

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon

*After the sermon, silence is kept for a period of reflection.*



## The Creed

*We all stand to profess the Christian Faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.*

**All We (I) believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We (I) 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 from the Holy Spirit and 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 (I) believe in the Holy Spirit (*Ghost*), 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 (I) believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We (I) acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We (I) look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.**

**Amen**



## Prayers of Intercession

*We may stand, kneel or sit for the prayers. These responses may be used:*

Lord, in your mercy

*All* **hear our prayer.**

*or*

Lord, hear us.

*All* **Lord, graciously hear us.**

*After a period of silence, the priest concludes with a sentence to which we all respond:*

*All* **Amen**

**Hail Mary full of grace, the Lord is with thee, blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus.**

**Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death.**

**Amen**

Merciful Father,

*All* **accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.**

**Amen**





# The Liturgy of the Sacrament

## The Peace

*We stand as the priest introduces the Peace with suitable words and then says:*

The peace of the Lord be always with you

*All* **and also with you *or* and with your spirit.**

*The priest invites us to acknowledge the peace, whilst maintaining appropriate social distancing.*

## Offertory Hymn

*An opportunity to make an offering will be possible as you exit church, either by means of using our card reader facility or leaving cash in the collection plate. For those joining us virtually, please visit our website where you will find a 'Donate' button on our homepage.*

### King of kings, majesty

King of kings, majesty,  
God of heaven living in me,  
gentle Saviour, closest friend,  
strong deliverer, beginning and end,  
all within me falls at your throne.

*Your majesty, I can but bow,  
I lay my all before you now.  
In royal robes I don't deserve  
I live to serve your majesty,  
I live to serve your majesty.*

Earth and heaven worship you,  
love eternal, faithful and true,  
who bought the nations, ransomed souls,  
brought this sinner near to your throne;  
all within me cries out in praise.

*Chorus*

Jarrod Cooper

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## Preparation of the Altar

*The gifts of bread and wine are gathered and placed upon the Altar.*

*All standing, the priest invites the congregation to join with him in offering our Sacrifice of Praise and Thanksgiving saying:*

Pray my brothers and sisters, that this sacrifice, which is both yours and mine, may be acceptable to God the Almighty Father.

**All May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his Church.**

*The priest says a short prayer over the gifts of bread and wine to which we all respond:*

**All Amen**

## The Eucharistic Prayer

*The priest says:*

The Lord be with you

**All and also with you. or and with your spirit.**

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.**

*The priest praises God for his mighty acts and we all respond singing:*

**All 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.**

*It is customary for all to kneel or stand for the remainder of the Eucharistic Prayer.*

*The priest recalls the Last Supper, to which we respond:*

Great is the mystery of faith:

**All Christ has died  
Christ is risen  
Christ will come again.**



*The prayer continues and leads into the doxology, to which we all respond:*

**All Amen**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

*The priest introduces the Lord's Prayer and we all say:*

**All Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
forever and ever.**

**Amen**

## **Breaking of the Bread**

*The priest breaks the consecrated bread and says:*

We break this bread  
to share in the body of Christ.

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





## Agnus Dei

*The Agnus Dei may be said or sung by the Cantor.*

**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.**

## Giving of Holy Communion

*The priest shows the people the consecrated Bread and Wine saying:*

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 priest invites the Baptised to Holy Communion in these or other words:*

Draw near with faith.

Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you,  
and his blood which he shed for you.

Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on  
him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

*The priest and people receive Holy Communion.*

*The priest says:*

The body of Christ.

The blood of Christ.

**All Amen**

*For those in Church please remain at your seat as the host will be brought to you. If you have been baptised and normally receive Holy Communion in your own church you are welcome to receive.*



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*For those joining us virtually, we invite you to make an act of spiritual communion using the following order:*

**Behold, I stand at the door and knock;  
if anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in  
to them and eat with them, and they with me.**

*Revelation 3:20*

**Jesus Christ, True God and True Bread, I believe that you  
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.**

**I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into  
my soul.**

**Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, I  
pray that you come at least spiritually into my heart.**

**I embrace you, and unite myself wholly to you.**

**Never permit me to be separated from you.**

**Amen**

*Prayer of St Alphonsus*

## **Anthem**

*Please use this time for prayer and reflection.*

### **King of Glory (Ives)**

King of glory, King of peace, I will love thee;  
and, that love may never cease, I will move thee.  
Thou hast granted my request, thou hast heard me;  
thou didst note my working breast, thou hast spared me.  
Wherefore with my utmost art I will sing thee,  
and the cream of all my heart I will bring thee.  
Though my sins against me cried, thou didst clear me;  
and alone, when they replied, thou didst hear me.  
Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise thee;  
in my heart, though not in heaven, I can raise thee.  
Small it is in this poor sort to enrol thee;  
e'en eternity's too short to extol thee.

George Herbert (1593 - 1633)



## Prayer after Communion

*Silence is kept.*

*Stand or kneel for the Post Communion Prayer beginning:*

Let us pray ...

*All* **Amen**

*The priest may then lead us in saying this prayer together:*

*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**

*Notices may be given.*



# The Dismissal

## Blessing

*The priest says this or a seasonal blessing:*

The Lord be with you.

*All* **and also with you.** *or* **and with your spirit.**

*The Blessing is given to which we respond:*

*All* **Amen**

## The Dismissal

*The priest dismisses the people in these or similar words:*

The Mass has ended, go in peace.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

*The clergy, ministers and people depart.*

## Recessional Hymn

### Forth in the peace of Christ we go

Forth in the peace of Christ we go;  
Christ to the world with joy we bring;  
Christ in our minds, Christ on our lips,  
Christ in our hearts, the world's true King.

King of our hearts, Christ makes us kings;  
kingship with him, his servants gain;  
with Christ, the Servant-Lord of all,  
Christ's world we serve to share Christ's reign.

Priests of the world, Christ sends us forth  
this world of time to consecrate,  
our world of sin by grace to heal,  
Christ's world of sin by grace to re-create.



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Prophets of Christ, we hear his Word;  
he claims our minds, to search his ways;  
he claims our lips, to speak his truth;  
he claims our hearts, to sing his praise.

We are his Church, he makes us one;  
here is one hearth for all to find;  
here is one flock, one Shepherd-King;  
here is one faith, one heart, one mind.

James Quinn (1919 - 2010)

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