

***Please, when you come to the priory at the present time, respect social distancing, avoid physical contact, use hand gel on arrival, do not exchange the Peace physically. There will not be any singing, though we shall use recorded music, and Holy Communion will be given in just one kind. Please pay careful attention to directions from the 'Sidesmen', and to marked routes in the church.***

*Organ music is played before the service begins. When the sacristy bell is rung, please stand. We hear the choir singing*

O Lord, give thy Holy Spirit into our hearts, and lighten our understanding, that we may dwell in the fear of thy Name, all the days of our life, that we may know thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent. – *Music by Thomas Tallis*

*The CELEBRANT greets the people*

+ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**  
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

*The CELEBRANT welcomes the people and introduces the Confession.*

Lord Jesus, you came into the world to save sinners. Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Our sin has brought sorrow and hurt to you, to others, and to ourselves. Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Forgive what we have been, amend what we are, and direct what we shall be. Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

*The CELEBRANT pronounces the Absolution. All sit as the choir sings, in Latin, (Missa a 4 – Monteverdi)*

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.

*When the Gloria ends, all stand for the special prayer of the Day called the Collect.*

Let us pray

**M**erciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*All sit for The First Reading: Wisdom 12:13,16-19*

**T**here is no god, other than you, who cares for every thing, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly; Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all. You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose

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the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience, for you have only to will, and your power is there. By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance. · This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Remain seated for the Responsorial Psalm. Please remember not to join in verbally.*

**Responsorial Psalm**

*Psalm 85(86):5-6,9-10,15-16*

**(R) O Lord, you are good and forgiving.**

O Lord, you are good and forgiving,  
full of love to all who call.  
Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer  
and attend to the sound of my voice. **(R)**

All the nations shall come to adore you  
and glorify your name, O Lord:  
for you are great and do marvellous deeds,  
you who alone are God. **(R)**

But you, God of mercy and compassion,  
slow to anger, O Lord,  
abounding in love and truth,  
turn and take pity on me. **(R)**

**Second reading: Romans 8:26-27**

**T**he Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. (Alleluia...)*

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind,  
so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.  
*(Alleluias as before)*

**The Gospel: Matthew 13: 24-30**

The Lord be with you : **and also with you.**

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew:

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**J**esus put another parable before the crowds: ‘The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner’s servants went to him and said, “Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?” “Some enemy has done this” he answered. And the servants said, “Do you want us to go and weed it out?” But he said, “No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn.” · This is the gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

¶ *SIT. A SERMON is preached, and then STAND for the Creed. (Remember just to listen and reflect. Do not sing)*

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible; And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, the Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church; I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

*The CELEBRANT introduces the Intercessions.*

*The CELEBRANT introduces the Peace, and then says*

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

*Sit. (Please stand to be censed.) The choir sings*

Rejoice in the Lord alway - Purcell

Pray, my sisters and brothers, that my sacrifice, and yours, may be acceptable to God the almighty Father.

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

*The CELEBRANT says the Prayer over the gifts* .....Amen.

All stand for the Eucharistic Prayer. (Remain seated if necessary)

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 thanks and praise.**

*The Eucharistic Prayer continues... All say*

**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.**

*The Eucharistic Prayer continues...*

Great is the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*The Eucharistic Prayer continues... At the conclusion all say* **Amen!**

*All kneel or sit. The Priest introduces the Lord's Prayer*

**O**ur 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

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

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

*¶ The choir sings, in Latin*

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.

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away

the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*The Church of England welcomes regular communicants from other main Christian Churches (who are in good standing with their own Church) to receive Holy Communion at this service. Those who are not communicants are most welcome to come forward to receive a blessing. All should follow the directions of the stewards*

*During communion the choir sings*

*Tantum ergo sacramentum – Durufle (Therefore we before him bending, this great sacrament revere.....)*

*Stand. The Celebrant says the Post-Communion prayer, and all then say*

**A**lmighty 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.

*All sit for the notices and stand for the Blessing and Dismissal.*

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** .....Amen.

Go in the peace of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

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