ORDER OF SERVICE FOR HOLY COMMUNION

1. Welcome, introduction, and notices – Vicar

2. Greeting
Minister: Grace, Mercy, and peace from God, our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you

3. Hymn

4. The Collect (the special prayer for the day) (See Notice Sheet)

5. **Vicar**: Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve, we praise and thank you for the many blessings of this wonderful life you have given us. As we remember and celebrate your perfect love for us, help us, we pray, in heart and mind, to welcome and embrace your loving Holy Spirit, and, with him, live out the 'good news' of Christ. Pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, save through the merits and mediation of him who came to save us and to reconcile us to you. **Amen.**

5. The Summary of the Law – Vicar

6. Confession (said by all) Father God, you are the one who leads us from darkness into light, from captivity into freedom, from anxiety into peace, from despair into joy. Yet we long to break free, choosing independence, convinced of our own wisdom, forgetting your love and grace. Forgive us, we pray, and draw us closer to you, embrace us once again in your loving arms, and enable us to follow you in grateful and graceful service each day of our lives. Amen.

7. Absolution

Minister: Hear then this Good News of God's forgiveness of us in Christ! In the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, we are assured that there is no sin so terrible God cannot forgive, no hurt so terrible He cannot heal. No one can stray so far from God that they cannot be forgiven; no one may consider themselves so close to Him that they do not need His forgiveness. God forgives and God sets free. Receive, therefore, His forgiveness. Believe this Good News and live for Him hereafter in His peace and in His joy. **All: Amen**.

8. Hymn

9. The Apostles' Creed (said by all)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

10. Old Testament Reading

11. New Testament Reading

12. Gospel

13. The Sermon

14. **Hymn**

15. Intercessions followed by The Lord's Prayer

16. Holy Communion

Minister: The Lord be with you **All: And also with you**
Minister: Lift up your hearts **All: We lift them to the Lord**

Minister: (From Saint Paul's Letter to the Corinthians)
[23] For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, [24] and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." [25] In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." [26] For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Minister: Come to this table not because you are strong, but because you are weak. Come not because any goodness of your own gives you a right to come but because you need his mercy and grace. Come because you love the Lord a little and would like to love him more. Come not because you are worthy to approach him, but because he died for you. Come because he loves you and gave his life for you. **All: Amen**.

(For the taking of Communion or a Blessing see '*Notes*' below)

16.(**Said by all**) **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 are Christ's body on earth live his risen life and bring his 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.**

17. Hymn

18. Sharing of the Grace together:

'May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all, now and for ever. Amen.'

19. Final Blessing – Minister

20. Minister: 'Alleluia! Alleluia! Go and make disciples of all nations, says the Lord; and remember, I am with you always to the end of the age.'

All: We go in peace and joy to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Notes

a. **Until we receive the 'all clear' regarding Covid we will continue to take Communion in two kinds - by wafer and wine in individual small biodegradable cups. Please come to The Lord's Table as the Sidesmen direct, keeping a short distance from the person in front of you unless you are a 'bubble'. Take the wafer and cup and return to your seat, continuing in a clockwise direction, and consume them there.**

b. **For those, especially children, who wish to receive a blessing, please come to the communion rail behind The Lord's Table.**

c. **FOR THOSE STILL SHIELDING. If you still prefer to 'shield' and wear a mask, we have reserved the North Aisle for you. Please speak to a Sidesman or Churchwarden should you have any questions.**

d. **STREAMING OF SERVICES. Our services are 'streamed' for external viewing. If you do not wish to be seen on screen, the camera will not cover the North Aisle at any time. Also, during the taking of Communion the camera will not be covering any communicants.**