**The Alde River Benefice**





**Holy Communion for All Ages**

**On Mothering Sunday**

**¶ The Gathering**

**Welcome and Notices**

**Hymn**

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

*All* **Amen.**

**The Greeting**

We are all part of the rhythm of life, we are born, we give birth.

We live in relationships, we search for meaning, we make choices,

we face endings. We suffer the loss of those we love.

As we celebrate this day of our journey together, peace be with you.

*All* **and also with you.**

**Prayer of Preparation**

*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.**

**Making Ready**

God who speaks

*All* **Help us to listen**

God who listens

*All* **Help us to pray**

God who sees

*All* **Help us to act**

God who acts

*All* **Help us to share. Amen.**

**The Collect**

*The president introduces a period of silent prayer with the words ‘Let us pray’.*

God of love, passionate and strong,

tender and careful:

watch over us and hold us all the days of our life;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

**¶ The Liturgy of the Word**

**Readings**

*At the end the reader say’s*

This is the word of the Lord.

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

**Hymn**

**The Gospel Reading**

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

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

*At the end the reader say’s*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon**

**The Creed**

Let us declare our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

*All* **We believe in God the Father,  
 from whom every family  
 in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,  
who lives in our hearts through faith,  
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
who strengthens us  
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
Amen.**

**Prayers of Intercession**

*The prayers include the following response*

Lord, in your mercy

*All* **Hear our prayer**

*The prayers may end with*

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

**Saying Sorry**

Let us call to mind our sin, our failure to value the love of others

and our failure to love as Christ has loved us.

Your love gives us life from the moment of conception.

We fail to live as your children.

Lord, have mercy.

*All* **Lord, have mercy**

You call us to do good.

We seek our own good.

Christ, have mercy

*All* **Christ, have mercy**

You hear us when we cry for help.

We ignore the cries of others.

Lord, have mercy

*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

*The president says*

May the Father of all mercies cleanse us from our sins,

and restore us in his image to the praise and glory of his name,

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

**¶ The Liturgy of the Sacrament**

**The Peace**

God makes peace within us – let us claim it.

God makes peace between us – let us share it

The peace of the Lord be with you.

*All* **And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*All may exchange a sign of peace.*

**Preparation of the Table**

**Taking of the Bread and Wine**

**Hymn**

*The gifts of the people may be gathered and presented.*

*The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.*

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:  
through your goodness we have this bread to offer,  
which earth has given and human hands have made.  
It will become for us the bread of life.

*All* **Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:  
through your goodness we have this wine to offer,  
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.  
It will become for us the cup of salvation.

*All* **Blessed be God for ever.**

*The president takes the bread and wine.*

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation.

Of your goodness we have ourselves to offer,

fruit of the womb and available for your service.

*All* **Blessed be God for ever.**

**The Eucharistic Prayer**

The Lord be with you

*All* **and also with you.**

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.**

Blessed are you, Lord God, our light and our salvation;  
to you be glory and praise for ever.

From the beginning you have created all things  
and all your works echo the silent music of your praise.  
In the fullness of time you made us in your image,  
the crown of all creation.

You give us breath and speech, that with angels and archangels  
and all the powers of heaven we may find a voice to sing your praise:

*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.**

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord.  
As a mother tenderly gathers her children,  
you embraced a people as your own.  
When they turned away and rebelled  
your love remained steadfast.

From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary,  
to be the living bread,  
in whom all our hungers are satisfied.

He offered his life for sinners, and with a love stronger than death  
he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died, he came to supper with his friends  
and, taking bread, he gave you thanks.  
He broke it and gave it to them, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,

he gave you thanks, and said:  
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith:

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

Father, we plead with confidence  
his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross;  
we remember his dying and rising in glory,  
and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.

Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you  
these gifts of your creation;  
may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence,  
form us in the likeness of Christ,  
and build us into a living temple to your glory.

Remember, Lord, your Church in every land.  
Reveal her unity, guard her faith,  
and preserve her in peace.

Bring us at the last with all the saints  
to the vision of that eternal splendour  
for which you have created us;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
by whom, with whom, and in whom,  
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,  
we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

*All* **Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

Trusting in the compassion of God,

as our Saviour taught us, so we pray.

*All* **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 for ever.   
Amen.**

**Breaking of the Bread**

*The president breaks the consecrated bread.*

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**

*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 Communion**

*The president says the invitation to communion*

God’s holy gifts  
for God’s holy people.

*All* **Jesus Christ is holy,  
Jesus Christ is Lord,**

**to the glory of God the Father.**

*The president and people receive communion.*

The body of Christ broken for you and The blood of Christ shed for you

*If you are visiting us this morning and it is your normal practice to receive the*

*bread and wine of communion then we invite you to come forward and*

*receive the Sacrament today. If it is not and you would prefer to*

*receive a blessing then we welcome you to come forward,*

*but ask you to please bring this service sheet with you so we know.*

*During the distribution of communion hymns and songs may be sung.*

**Prayer after Communion**

*Silence is kept.*

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast

you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life:

help us who have tasted your goodness

to grow in grace within the household of faith;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

*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.**

**¶ The Dismissal**

**Blessing of the Flowers**

*A minister says*

For the love of mothers, and all who show a mother’s love;

*All* **Loving God, we give you thanks.**

For patience, understanding, hope and joy given without limit;

*All* **Loving God, we give you thanks.**

For those who welcome us home; for those who become our family;

and for the mothering of the church;

*All* **Loving God, we give you thanks.**

For these flowers, lovingly made, lovingly given. Bless them that they may be a sign of God’s great parent love, holding each of us in the heart of eternity.

*All* **Loving God, we give you thanks. Amen.**

**Hymn**

*During the singing of this Hymn the children are invited to come and give out the posies of flowers.*

**Blessing**

May the Father from whom every family  
in earth and heaven receives its name  
strengthen you with his Spirit in your inner being,  
so that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

*All* **Amen.**

Go in the light and peace of Christ

*All* **Thanks be to God**

*The ministers and people depart.*

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