**HOLY**

**COMMUNION**

**in the**

**SEASON OF EASTER**

**St Mary’s**

**with**

**St Michael’s and All Angels**

**REEPHAM**

Christ has no body now on earth but yours,

no hands but yours,

no feet but yours;

yours are the eyes through which

to look at Christ’s compassion to the world,

yours are the feet

with which he is to go about doing good.

And yours are the hands

with which he is to bless us now.

*St Teresa of Avila (1515-1582)*

**THE GATHERING**

**Hymn**

**Opening Greeting**

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.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

 **He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

**Prayer of Preparation**

 **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.**

**Prayers of Penitence**

*These or similar words of introduction are used*

In baptism we died with Christ,

so that as Christ was raised from the dead,

we might walk in the newness of life.

Let us now receive new life in him

as we confess our sins in penitence and faith.

**Confession**

Jesus Christ, risen Master and triumphant Lord,

 we come to you in sorrow for our sins,

 and confess to you our weakness and unbelief.

 We have lived by our own strength,

 and not by the power of your resurrection.

In your mercy, forgive us.

 **Lord, hear us and help us.**

 We have lived by the light of our own eyes,

as faithless and not believing.

In your mercy, forgive us.

**Lord, hear us and help us**

 We have lived for this world alone,

 and doubted our home in heaven.

 In your mercy, forgive us.

 **Lord, hear us and help us.**

Almighty God,

 who forgives all who truly repent,

 have mercy upon *you,*

 pardon and deliver *you* from *your* sins,

 confirm and strengthen *you* in all goodness,

and keep *you* in life eternal;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**Gloria in Excelsis**

 ***Glory to God, Glory to God***

 ***Glory to God in the highest***

**Glory to God in the highest,**

**And peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,**

**almighty God and Father,**

**we worship you and we give thanks,**

**we praise you for your glory.**

 ***Glory to God, Glory to God***

 ***Glory to God in the highest***

 **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.**

***Glory to God, Glory to God***

 ***Glory to God in the highest***

 **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.**

***Glory to God, Glory to God***

 ***Glory to God in the highest***

**The Collect**

**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**Old or New Testament Reading**

*After each reading the response is:*

This is the word of the Lord.

 **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm**

**Hymn**

**Gospel Reading**

 Alleluia, Alleluia.

 Jesus said to them, ‘I am the bread of life.

 Whoever comes to me will never be hungry,

 and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.’

 **Alleluia**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,

 according to……

 **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the end the reader says:*

This is the Gospel of the Lord

 **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**The Sermon**

**The 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 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 believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**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 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.**

**Prayers of Intercession**

*The response may be or*

Jesus, Lord of Life, Lord, in your mercy

 **in your mercy hear us. hear our prayer.**

*And at the end*

 Merciful Lord,

 **accept these prayers**

 **for the sake of your Son,**

 **our saviour, Jesus Christ.**

**Amen.**

**THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT**

**The Peace**

*Introduced with these or other words*

The risen Christ came and stood among the disciples

 and said, “Peace be with you.”

 Then were they glad when they saw the Lord.

 Alleluia!

 The peace of the Lord be always with you.

 **And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

**Hymn**

 *During this hymn our gifts are received, the table is prepared,*

 *and bread and wine are placed upon it.*

Risen Lord Jesus Christ,

 we believe you, and all we have heard is true.

When you break bread

 may we recognize you as the fire that burns within us,

that we may bring light to your world.

**Amen**

**Eucharistic Prayer**

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.**

Father, we give you thanks and praise

through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word,

through whom you have created all things;

who was sent by you in your great goodness

to be our Saviour.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh;

as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin,

he lived on earth and went about among us;

he opened wide his arms for us on the cross;

he put an end to death by dying for us;

and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life;

so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you

because you raised him gloriously from the dead.

For he is the true paschal lamb who was offered for us,

and has taken away the sin of the world.

By his death he has destroyed death,

and by his rising to life again

he has restored to us everlasting life.

Therefore with angels and archangels,

and with all the company of heaven,

we proclaim your great and glorious name,

for ever praising you and saying:

**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.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;

grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,

and according to your holy will,

these gifts of bread and wine

may be to us the body and blood

of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,

took bread and gave you thanks;

he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;

do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper

he took the cup and gave you thanks;

he gave it to them, saying:

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

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,

his perfect sacrifice made once

for the sins of the whole world;

rejoicing in his mighty resurrection

and glorious ascension,

and looking for his coming in glory,

we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise

and thanksgiving,

we bring before you this bread and this cup

and we thank you for counting us worthy

to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people

and gather into one in your kingdom

all who share this one bread and one cup,

so that we, in the company of all the saints,

may praise and glorify you for ever,

through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,

for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

*Silence*

As our Saviour taught us,

so we pray.

**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 from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power**

**and the glory are yours**

Let us pray with confidence

as our Saviour taught us:

**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.**

**Now and for ever.**

**Amen.**

**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 one bread.**

 **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.**

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**Alleluia! Let us keep the feast.**

*The president and people receive communion.*

*If you would prefer to receive a blessing,*

*please bring this service book with you.*

**Hymn**

*Seated – all are invited to join the singing*

*Silence*

**Prayer after Communion**

*followed by:*

**Father of all,**

**we give thanks and praise**

**that when we were still far off**

**you met us in your Son and bought 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 live;**

**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.**

**DISMISSAL**

**Hymn**

**Blessing**

*These or similar words are used:*

God the Father,

 by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead,

strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life;

and the blessing of God almighty,

the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,

be among you, and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

**Thanks be to God**

**Alleluia. Alleluia.**