

**Welcome to St Oswalds Lower Peover on this the 10th Sunday after Trinity
16th August 2020**

Covid awareness while in church.

As we gather together for worship this morning you will be aware that the service may feel slightly different to usual. To keep everyone as safe as possible the Church of England in partnership with the National Government has issued strict guidelines on how to conduct worship services during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Antiseptic Gels: *On entry to the church you would have been directed to use antibacterial gels if you have not used these on your hands, you will find a dispenser on the pew you are sitting in.*

Our priest Fr Murray and Ann our reader will be using these gels at certain points during the communion service to further protect you as you come to receive Communion or a blessing.

Face Coverings: *Unless you are in the group of persons legally permitted not to wear a mask, this includes Fr Murray and Ann for certain parts of the service. **All** other persons must wear a face covering while in the church building.*

If you have omitted to bring a mask or face covering this morning please don't worry, the church has a small supply which you may use. You will find one by the main door, please take used face coverings away with you after the service.

Social Distancing: *Whilst in the church building we ask that everybody adheres to the social distancing measures in place: Please only use the pews that are open. Keep to your 'social bubbles' or at least two metres apart from others.*

Service booklets: *To prevent the spread of Covid, we are not using our published service booklets, but instead one-use service sheets. Please also take these home with you.*

Hymns: *Unfortunately current guidelines continue to prohibit congregational singing. Apart from the priest chanting (While socially distanced from others) all services remain Said Services.*

The Peace: *During services of Holy Communion It is the usual custom to share God's Peace with one another by shaking hands. To avoid Covid spread, please resist the urge to do this. The peace may be offered and received by a simple nod.*

The Offertory: *There will be no collection taken during this service. There are however collection plates available near the doors of the church should you wish to leave an offering.*

Track and Trace: *Our churchwardens will be recording your names in order to assist 'track and trace' and these will be kept for 21 days according to government guidance.*

Receiving Holy Communion or a Blessing: *All who are confirmed, for whom it is your usual practice and who are in good standing in other churches are invited to receive Holy Communion at this service. If you do not wish to receive communion but would like to receive a blessing, please come forward bringing your service booklet with you.*

Fr Murray will receive both elements the bread and the wine after the consecration. During the distribution of Holy Communion we would ask that you come to the Altar rail socially distanced and in single file.

Please remain standing while receiving Holy Communion or a blessing.

Holy Communion at this time will be given in one kind only. This means that you will be offered the bread/wafer but not the wine. This remains a valid and full reception of Holy Communion.

Please note that Fr Murray will not speak to you at the Altar rail, rather he will simply place the Host (Bread) in your hand for you to consume. If you come for a blessing Fr Murray will silently pray a Blessing over you whilst making the sign of the cross.

After receiving Holy Communion or a Blessing. Please return to your seat by turning Right and exiting the chancel via the chapel area.

It is our hope that one day we will be able to return to a more recognisable service with singing. But for now we do ask that we care for one another to the best of our abilities by adhering to these guidelines. Thank you for your understanding.

The Gathering

The president 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 Reader:

Words of welcome, introduction and invitation to prepare our hearts for Holy Communion.

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The Prayer of Preparation is said.

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.

Prayers of Penitence

The President offers an invitation to all to confess their sins.

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ save us from our sins, to be our advocate in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace with all.

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.

The president proclaims God's forgiveness in the absolution.

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **All Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis: Please Stand

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 is said:

Let Us Pray: Lord of Heaven and Earth, as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer, give us patience and courage never to lose hope, but always bring our our prayers before you: Through Jesus Christ our Lord . **All Amen.**

Readings:

A Reading taken from Isaiah 56.1, 6-8.

Thus says the Lord Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed.

And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant—these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. Thus says the Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

This is the word of the Lord. **All Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading (Please Stand)

The President: The Lord be with you. **All And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. (15: 21-28)

All Glory to you, Oh Lord.

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

At the end

The President: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **All Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Sermon (Please be seated)

The Creed (Please Stand)

All 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 (Please be seated)

The Intercession response is:

Lord, in your mercy *All* **hear our prayer.**

And at the end

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

The Peace

The President: We are the body of Christ in the one spirit we were all baptised into one body. Let us then pursue all that makes for peace and builds up our common life. The peace of the Lord be always with you *All* **and also with you.**

Preparation of the Altar and Reception of the Elements

The President: Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation: through your goodness we have this bread to set before you, 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 set before you, 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 Priest's Prayer

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

All: May the Lord accept this sacrifice from your hands, for the praise and glory of His name, for our good and for the benefit of His holy Church.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The president says: 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.**

The president praises God for his mighty acts in the Eucharistic Prayer:

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. 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:

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.

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:

All 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 the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Oswald, St Lawrence and 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. **All Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

The President:

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

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, for ever and 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.

The Agnus Dei is said:

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 one of these invitations to communion

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.

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.

Prayer before the distribution:

All We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

The president and people receive communion.

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.

The Post Communion prayers are said:

The president: God of our pilgrimage, you have willed that the gate of mercy should stand open for those who trust in you: Look upon us with favour that we who follow the path of your will may never wander from the way of life: through Jesus Christ our Lord. **All Amen**

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 share Christ's body live his risen life; 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.

The Final Blessing and Dismissal

The president: Please Stand For God's Blessing:

The Lord be with you: **All And also with you.**

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, remain with you, and all those you love, today and always. **All Amen.**

The Reader: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

The ministers and people depart.