

The North Hampshire Downs Benefice

ASCENSION DAY

THE NORTH HAMPSHIRE
DOWNS BENEFICE



WELCOME AND NOTICES

OPENING HYMN

Please sit or kneel to pray

The Priest says the **LORD'S PRAYER**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

All: Almighty God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee and worthily magnify thy holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord; and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. This is the first commandment. And the second is like, namely this: thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

All: Lord, have mercy upon us and incline our hearts to keep this law.

The Priest says the **COLLECT FOR THE QUEEN**
and the **COLLECT FOR ASCENSION DAY**

THE EPISTLE

HYMN

THE GOSPEL *please stand*

When the Gospel is announced:

All: Glory be to thee O Lord

At the end the reader says:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise be to thee O Christ

THE CREED

All: 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 and 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 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 SERMON

OFFERTORY

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works,
and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

Matthew 5.16

THE OFFERTORY HYMN

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Ye that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: draw near with faith, and take this holy sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to almighty God, meekly kneeling upon your knees.

All: Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: we acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed, by thought, word and deed, against thy divine majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us; the burden of them is intolerable.

Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us most merciful Father. For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honour and glory of thy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him: have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all that truly turn to him:

Come unto me, all that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you.

Matthew 11:28

So God loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

John 3:16

Hear also what Saint Paul saith: This is a true saying and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

1 Timothy 1:15

Hear also what Saint John saith: If any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins.

1 John 2:1,2

THE PREFACE

The Lord be with you.

All: And with thy spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

All: It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right and our bounden duty that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, through thy most dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who after his most glorious resurrection manifestly appeared to all his apostles and in their sight ascended up to heaven to prepare a place for us; that where he is, thither we might also ascend, and reign with him in glory.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name, evermore praising thee, and singing:

All:

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is in a soprano or alto range. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of hosts,
 heav'n and earth are full of thy glo - ry:
 Glo - ry be to thee, O Lord most High.
 Bless - ed is he that com-eth in the Name of the
 Lord: Ho - san - na, Ho - san-na in the High - est.

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

All: We do not presume to come to this thy table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: grant us therefore gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean through 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 priest says the **PRAYER OF CONSECRATION**

We all sing the **AGNUS DEI:**

O Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way___ the
 sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on___ us.

O Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way___ the
 sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on___ us.

O Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way___ the
 sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

GIVING OF COMMUNION

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for you, and his blood, which was shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

All present are invited to come to the altar to receive either communion or a blessing.

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

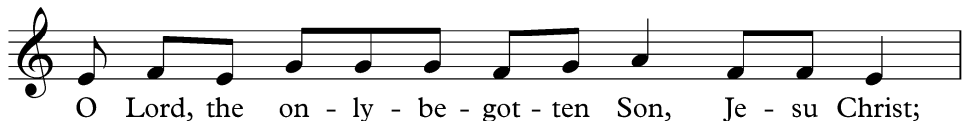
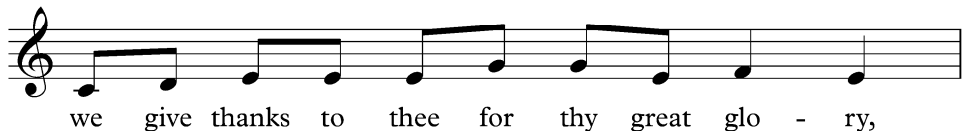
All: Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive them that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The priest says the **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

We sing the **GLORIA IN EXCELSIS:**



All:



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther,
 that takest a-way the sins of the world, have mercy up-on us.
 Thou that takest a-way the sins of the world, have mercy up-on us.
 Thou that takest a-way the sins of the world, re-ceive our prayer.
 Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.
 For thou on - ly art ho - ly; thou on - ly art the Lord;
 thou on - ly, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,
 art most high in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

HYMN

THE BLESSING

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