

## ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, PLATT - FAMILY COMMUNION

### GIVING OF COMMUNION

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

**Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

### MAKING A SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

*A time of silent prayer where these words may be helpful.*

*Jesus said, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'*

*Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits you have given me, for all the pains and insults you have borne for me. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen.*

### RESPONDING TO THE GIFT OF COMMUNION

**Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### GOING OUT TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE

#### BLESSING

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

### GATHERING TOGETHER

We meet in the name of God:  
**Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**



### OPENING PRAYER

#### ASKING FOR GOD'S FORGIVENESS

As sisters and brothers in God's family, we come together to ask our Father for forgiveness.

*A time to bring our sins to mind....*

You made us to be one family, yet we have divided humanity.  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

You were born to reconcile all people, yet we have brought disharmony.

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

You love us all, yet we limit our love.

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

*We are assured of God's forgiveness...*

### LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

*A reading is shared, ending...* This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

#### ADDRESS

## WE SHARE OUR FAITH

**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

*These responses may be used*

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

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

## SHARING GOD'S PEACE

*An introduction ends...* The peace of the Lord be always with you **and also with you.**

*We share the peace in our usual way with those of our own household and a wave or British Sign language peace to others.*

*This is a good time to use sanitiser if you are receiving communion.*

## SHARING IN COMMUNION

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.**

*We praise God for his mighty acts ending with*

*... 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.**

*We recall the Last Supper ending...* Great is the mystery of faith:

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

*We offer ourselves, ending ...* in songs of everlasting praise:

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER... 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 us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.**

## BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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.**