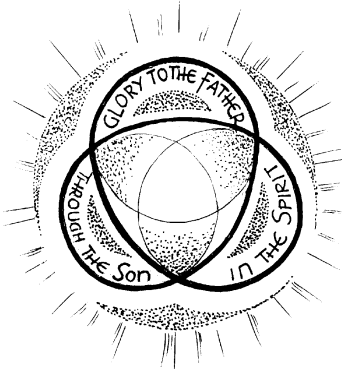


# St Edburg's Church Bicester



Lighting the way for  
generations to come



## Holy Communion for Trinity Sunday and 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Mothers' Union

Services at St Edburg's Bicester & via Zoom

## The Gathering

### Hymn

*The president greets the people*

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

*All*      **Amen.**

### The Greeting

The Lord be with you

*All*      **and also with you.**

*Words of welcome or introduction may be said.*

## What is the Mothers' Union

*Charlotte Kingston, Branch Leader of Bicester Area Branch*

### 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.**

## Invitation to confession

We have too often exchanged the worship of the living God for idols of our own imagining.  
As we gather to offer our praises to the holy and undivided Trinity,  
and to worship him in spirit and in truth,  
let us call to mind our sins.

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;  
the whole earth is full of his glory:  
Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Woe is me, for I am lost: I am a person of unclean lips:

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Your guilt is taken away, and your sin forgiven:

Lord, have mercy.

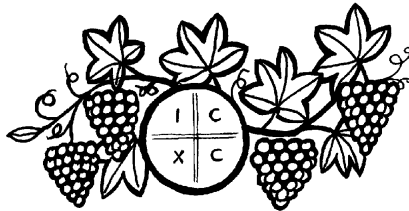
**Lord, have mercy.**

*The president says*

May the God of love  
bring you back to himself,  
forgive you your sins,  
and assure you of his eternal love  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All*

**Amen.**



## **Gloria in Excelsis**

**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**

*The Collect is said.*

## **The Liturgy of the Word**

### **Reading**

*Janette Hathaway MU member of St Edburg's Branch*

*At the end the reader may say*

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

## Hymn

### Gospel Reading

Alleluia, alleluia.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

one God, who was, and who is, and who is to come, the Almighty.

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

*When the Gospel is announced the reader says*

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

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

*and at the end*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

### Address

*After the address there will be a short period of silence*

### The Creed

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,  
source of all being and life,  
the one for whom we exist?

*All* **We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,  
who took our human nature,  
died for us and rose again?

*All* **We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
who gives life to the people of God  
and makes Christ known in the world?

*All* **We believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

*All* **This is our faith.  
We believe and trust in one God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

## **Prayers of Intercession**

*Janet Puddick MU member of Bicester Area Branch*

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ,  
let us pray to the Father.

*The following response may be used*

Jesus, Lord of life,  
**in your mercy, hear us.**

*We end with the Mothers' Union Prayer*

Loving Lord,  
**We thank you for your love so freely given to  
us all.  
We pray for families around the world.  
Bless the work of the Mothers' Union as we  
seek to share your love through the  
encouragement, strengthening and support of  
marriage and family life.  
Empowered by your Spirit, may we be united  
in prayer and worship, and in love and service  
reach out as your hands across the world.  
In Jesus' name.  
Amen**

# The Liturgy of the Sacrament

## The Peace

Peace to you from God our heavenly Father.  
Peace from his Son Jesus Christ who is our peace.  
Peace from the Holy Spirit, the life-giver.  
The peace of the triune God be always with you.

*All* The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

## Preparation of the Table

## Taking of the Bread and Wine

## Hymn

Holy God,  
holy and strong,  
holy and immortal,  
give us the bread of everlasting life,  
and make us branches of the true vine.  
**Amen.**

*The president takes the bread and wine.*

## The Eucharistic Prayer

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

Lift up your hearts.  
*All* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*All* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.  
For with your only-begotten Son and the Holy Spirit  
you are one God, one Lord.  
All that you reveal of your glory,  
the same we believe of the Son  
and of the Holy Spirit, without any difference or  
inequality.  
We, your holy Church, acclaim you,  
Father of majesty unbounded,  
your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,  
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.  
Three Persons we adore,  
one in being and equal in majesty.  
And so with angels and archangels,  
with cherubim and seraphim,  
we say for ever of your glory:

*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 Mary Sumner, the  
Blessed Virgin Mary 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**

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us, let  
us pray in faith and trust:

*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.**

## 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

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 Holy Communion.*

*Please come forward, as directed by the wardens, to  
receive communion or a blessing. If you are a  
communicant in any Christian church you are welcome to  
receive the bread and wine.*

## **Prayer after Communion**

*Silence is kept.*

*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.

## **Notices**

### **Reaffirmation of Commitment to the Mothers' Union**

*Members of the Mothers' Union stand and say*

**God of the past, the present, and the future,**  
we celebrate and give thanks  
for your faithfulness through the years.  
**We commit ourselves afresh**  
**to your purposes for the future.**  
**May we continue to enrich family life**  
**for future generations.**  
Amen.

**Heavenly Father,**  
**As members of the Mothers' Union we**  
**commit its life to you;**  
**we seek your blessing in all we do:**  
**your presence in our fellowship,**  
**your inspiration in our activities;**  
**your strength in our service to the Church and**  
**to the community.**

**Help us to be faithful in prayer and worship  
and outgoing in our witness to the gospel,  
that we may advance your kingdom,  
and glorify your name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **Rededication of the banners**

*The banners are collected.*

We rededicate these banners to the glory of God in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

May they be a symbol, visible to all who come to our churches, of your commitment to provide Christian care for families and communities.

We ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

## **Blessing**

God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love, defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace;

and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

*All* **Amen.**

## **Hymn**

## **Dismissal**

*The president says*

Go in the peace of Christ.

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

*The ministers and people depart.*



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