

# The Downs Benefice

## Family Communion During Lockdown

*Please remain seated throughout this service and respect social distancing measures whilst you are in church. A 2 metre gap should be observed between individual household 'bubbles' at all times.*

### ***Welcome and Notices & Banns of Marriage***

### ***The Gathering***

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.**

### ***Introduction to the Service***

***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 Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

### ***Prayers of Penitence***

**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.**

### ***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. **Amen.**

### ***The Collect Prayer***

### ***The Gospel***

Alleluia, Alleluia. I appointed you to go and bear fruit that will last, says the Lord.

**Alleluia.**

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the end of the reading:*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## ***The Sermon***

### ***The Creed***

**All: We believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

### ***The Intercessions***

## ***The Peace***

Peace reigns where God is. As we pray together today,  
May God's gift be ours in abundance,  
That we may share it freely here and everywhere.

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

## ***The Prayer of Consecration***

*The gifts of the people, the bread and the wine are blessed at the Altar:*

With this bread and wine that we bring,  
**We remember Jesus.**

Bread for His body, wine for His blood,  
Gifts from God to His table we bring.  
**We remember Jesus.**

## ***The Eucharistic Prayer***

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

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Father, you made the world and love your creation. You gave your Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Saviour. His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death. And so we gladly thank you, with saints and angels forever praising you and saying:

*We say together:*

**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.**

We praise and bless you loving Father ...

... we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**All: Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

### ***The Lord's Prayer***

*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,  
Forever and ever, Amen.**

### ***The Breaking of the Bread and sharing in Holy Communion***

We break the bread of life

And that life is the Light of the World.

**God here among us, Light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.**

### ***Giving of Communion***

Jesus is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to His supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

*If you wish to receive a Communion wafer, please come forward individually, and the President will drop a wafer into your hand.*

### ***The Post-Communion Prayer***

**All: Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us through 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.**

### ***The Blessing and Dismissal***

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, Son and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

The service has ended. Now our work has begun.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

*Sadly, we are not able to gather for refreshments after the service.*

*Please respect social distancing measures as you leave church.*

### ***Induction Loop and Gluten Free wafers***

*Both these are offered during this service. Please have a word with one of the Sides-people on duty this morning, who will be able to help you.*