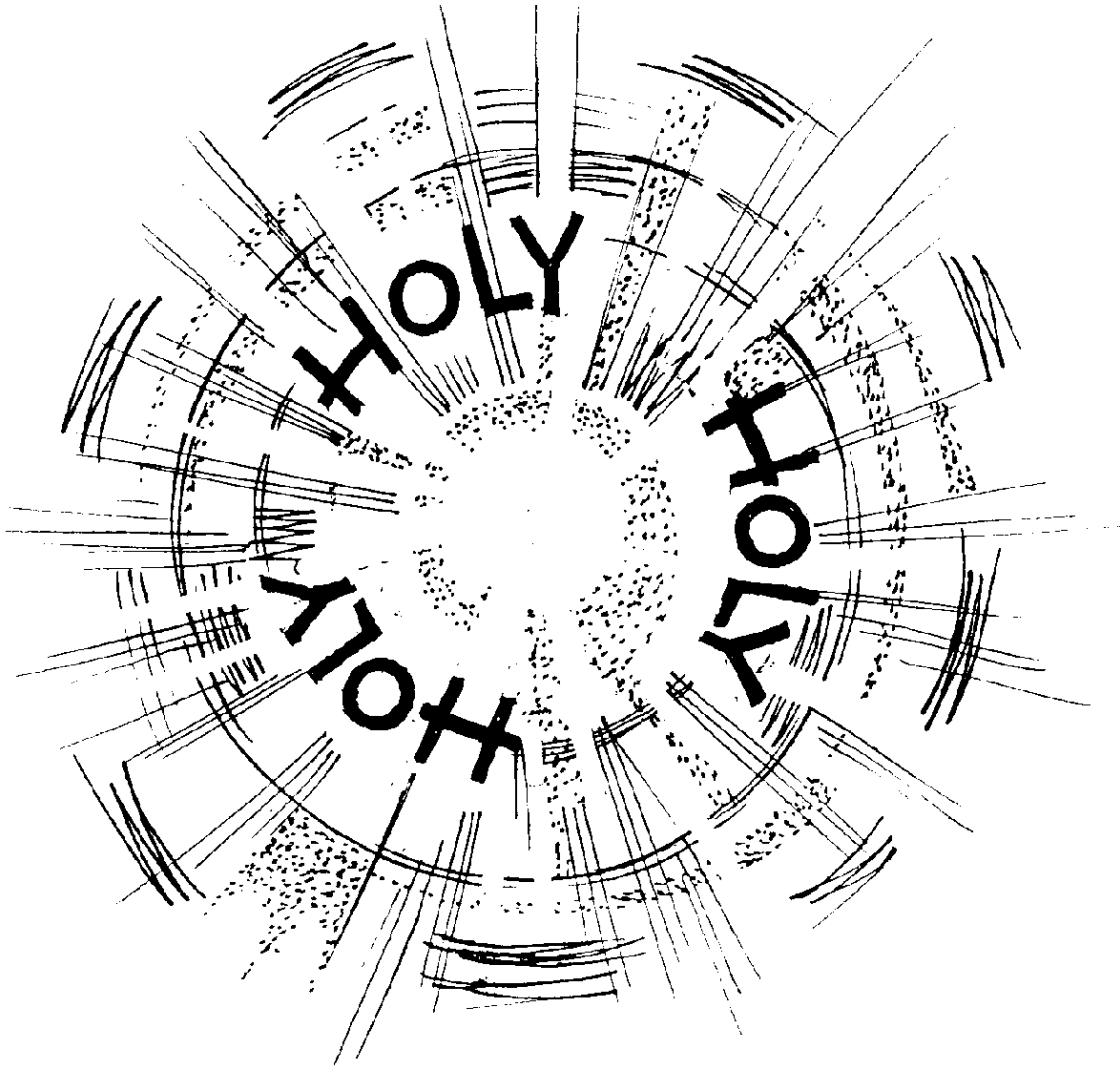


**St John the Evangelist  
East Dulwich**



**10am Parish Sung Eucharist  
Sundays in Lent**

# WELCOME TO ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, EAST DULWICH

We extend a warm welcome to all those worshipping with us, especially visitors. The service follows Order One of *Common Worship*, please join in with the sections in **bold** type. Everyone is warmly invited to receive communion or a blessing so please do come forward at the appropriate time.

*You may find these prayers helpful, to be said silently either before the service begins, or after communion.*

## *The Collect for the first Sunday in Lent*

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

## *The Collect for St John the Evangelist*

Merciful Lord, cast your bright beams of light upon the Church: that, being enlightened by the teaching of your blessed apostle and evangelist Saint John, we may so walk in the light of your truth that we may at last attain to the light of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ your incarnate Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## *The Collect for the Blessed Virgin Mary*

Almighty and everlasting God, who stooped to raise fallen humanity through the child-bearing of blessed Mary: grant that we, who have seen your glory revealed in our human nature and your love made perfect in our weakness, may daily be renewed in your image and conformed to the pattern of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

## *The Prayer of Humble Access*

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.

## *A prayer of St Anselm, (c.1033 - 1109)*

Come now, little one, turn aside for a while from your daily employment, escape for a moment from the tumult of your thoughts. Put aside your weighty cares, let your burdensome distractions wait, free yourself awhile for God and rest awhile in him. Enter the inner chamber of your soul, shut out everything except God and that which can help you in seeking him. And when you have shut the door, seek God. Now, my whole heart, say to God; 'I seek your face, Lord, it is your face I seek.' Amen.

## *Words from the Lenten Eucharistic Preface*

For in these forty days you lead us into the desert of repentance that through a pilgrimage of prayer and discipline we may grow in grace and learn to be your people once again. Through fasting, prayer and acts of service you bring us back to your generous heart. Through study of your holy word you open our eyes to your presence in the world and free our hands to welcome others into the radiant splendour of your love.

## WELCOME AND PRAYER OF PREPARATION

*Words of welcome and introduction are said, and we pray the prayer of preparation*

### THE PRAYER OF PREPARATION

**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.**

*There may be an introit sung by the choir*

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN** *please stand, if you are able*

### THE GREETING

*The priest greets the people*

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

Grace, mercy and peace  
from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you  
**and also with you.**

### INTRODUCTION

*The minister introduces the service*

## PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit;  
a broken and contrite heart God will not despise.  
Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion,  
and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith.

*After a period of reflection*

**Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart.  
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.  
In your mercy forgive what we have been,  
help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be;  
that we may do justly, love mercy,  
and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

## KYRIE ELEISON

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

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

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

## THE ABSOLUTION

*The priest declares God's forgiveness:*

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** *remain standing*

*The Collect, the special prayer for the day, is said or sung, and we respond:*

**Amen.**

## **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

### **READINGS AND PSALM** *please sit*

*at the end the reader says*

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*A Gospel acclamation or Hymn is sung, and we stand and turn to face the gospel*

### **GOSPEL READING**

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you**

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.  
The Lord is a great God,  
O that today you would listen to his voice.  
Harden not your hearts.

**Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*at the end*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **SERMON** *please sit*

*A short period of silence is kept after the sermon.*

## THE APOSTLES' CREED *please stand*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I 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.**

**I 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.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *please be seated*

*If you would like anybody prayed for by name please let the intercessor or priest know before the service. These or another response is used:*

Let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

*our prayers conclude with*

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

# THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

## THE PEACE *please stand*

Since we are justified by faith,  
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who has given us access to his grace.

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

*The deacon invites us to exchange a sign of peace, usually by saying to our neighbours 'peace be with you', replying, 'and also with you' and/or shaking hands*

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

## OFFERTORY HYMN

*A hymn is sung as the bread and wine are brought forward and the altar is prepared.  
A collection is taken and offered at the altar*

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of mercy and compassion,  
your Word calls us home to faith and love.  
accept all we offer you this day;  
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.  
**Amen.**

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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.**

*The president gives thanks for God's goodness*

**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.**

*The president recalls the Last Supper, and one of these acclamations may be used*

Christ is the bread of life.  
**When we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,  
until you come in glory.**

*The president recalls God's mighty acts, and the prayer concludes:*

... for ever and ever. **Amen**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** *please sit*

*Lord Jesus, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.*

**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 priest breaks the consecrated bread and says*

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.**

**AGNUS DEI** *is sung as the ministers receive the bread and wine*

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
grant us peace.**

## **GIVING OF COMMUNION**

*The priest invites the people to receive communion*

Behold the Lamb of God  
who takes away the sin 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.**

## PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

*When our service is live-streamed, we pray with those joining us online:*

**Lord, you stand at the door and knock.  
You wait for me and only I can let you in.  
I believe and trust in you and ask you now to fill me with your presence.  
Feed me with your body and unite me in your blood,  
that I may be your blessing to a world in need. Amen.**

*The people come to the altar rail to receive communion or a blessing. For those who require a gluten free wafer, they are available at the main (nave) altar*

## MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

*An anthem and communion hymn may be sung*

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER** *Silence is kept. We pray together*

**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.**

## NOTICES AND BANNES OF MARRIAGE

**THE RECESSIONAL HYMN** *we stand to sing*

## **THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL** *we remain standing*

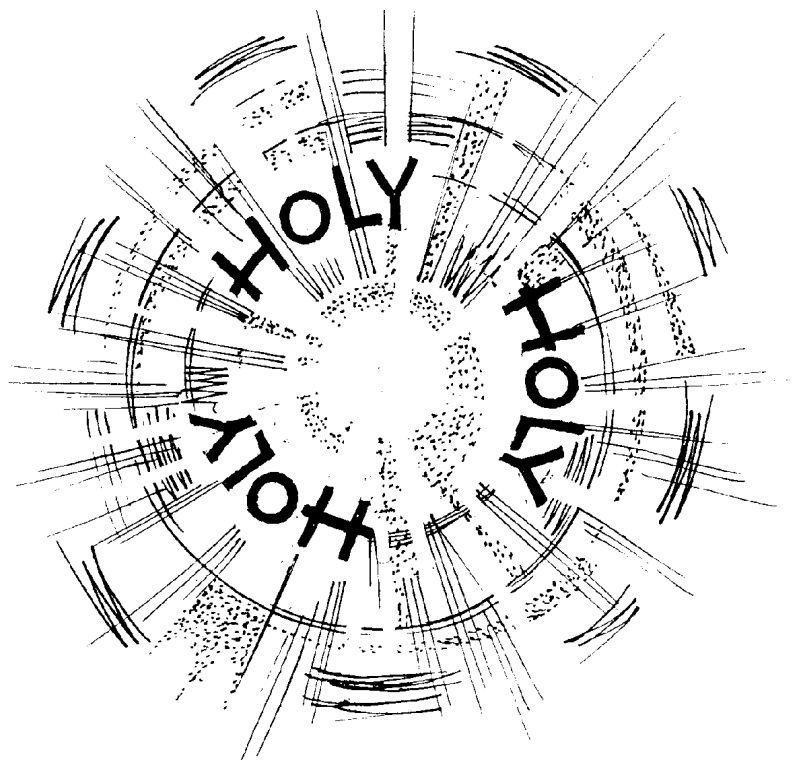
The Lord be with you  
**and also with you**

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,  
to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen**

## **RECESSIONAL VOLUNTARY**

*Music is played as the choir and ministers depart*



*You are warmly invited to stay for refreshments after the service.*