An order of service

for a virtual (streamed)

HOLY COMMUNION
This service book contains the words for the service that will be used in our short on-line service.

You are encouraged to join in the communal responses / prayers at home

WELCOME

Priest Let us worship God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
All Amen.

THE GREETING

Priest The Lord be with you.
All and also with you.

From Easter Day to Pentecost

Priest Alleluia. Christ is risen.
All He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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.
PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

A seasonal invitation to confession or the following:

Priest  God so loved the world
        that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ
        to save us from our sins,
        to be our advocate in heaven,
        and to bring us to eternal life.

        Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,
        firmly resolved to keep God’s commandments
        and to live in love and peace with all.

All  God of mercy,
        we acknowledge that we are all sinners.
        We turn from the wrong that we have thought
        and said and done,
        and are mindful of all that we have failed to do.
        For the sake of Jesus, who died for us,
        forgive us for all that is past,
        and help us to live each day
        in the light of Christ our Lord.
        Amen.

ABSOLUTION

The priest declares God’s forgiveness in the words in these or similar words:

Priest  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.

All  Amen
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS
(not during Advent and Lent)

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.

KYRIE ELEISON
(during Advent and Lent)

Priest Lord, have mercy.
All Lord, have mercy.

Priest Christ, have mercy.
All Christ, have mercy.

Priest Lord, have mercy.
All Lord, have mercy.
THE COLLECT

The president may introduce a period of silent prayer with the words ‘Let us pray’ before ‘collecting’ our prayers together using the prayer appointed for the day or season known as the ‘Collect’.

BIBLE READINGS

A reading from the Old Testament and/or New Testament.

At the end of each the reader may say:

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

THE GOSPEL

A reading from a GOSPEL will be announced by the reader:

Priest    Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N.
All       Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end:

Priest    This is the Gospel of the Lord.
All       Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

A sermon / thought for the day may be preached
AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Priest Let us declare our faith in God.

All 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:

Reader Lord, in your mercy

All Hear our prayer.

And at the end:

Reader Merciful Father,

All accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.
THE PEACE

The president may introduce the Peace with a suitable sentence, and then says:

Priest The Peace of the Lord be always with you
All and also with you.

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Priest Yours, Lord is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.
All All things come from you, and of your own do we give you.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Priest The Lord is here.
All His Spirit is with us.

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

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

Here follows an Extended Preface or the following

Priest 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 praising you, and saying:
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.

Priest
We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:
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.
So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Priest  Great is the mystery of faith:
All  Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Priest  Lord of all life,
help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with [N and] all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever.

All  Amen.
THE LORD’S PRAYER

Priest As our Saviour taught us, so we pray.

All 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

Priest 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 Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world: grant us peace.

GIVING OF COMMUNION

Priest Gods 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 now receives communion
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The president may say a Post Communion prayer.

All may say the following prayer:

All  We thank you, Lord,
that you have fed us in this sacrament,
united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of
the heavenly banquet prepared for all peoples.
Amen.

DISMISSAL

The president prays for God’s BLESSING on the people.

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