Meon Bridge Benefice

Corhampton & Meonstoke, Droxford, Exton with Preshaw



Service Booklet for the

Morning Service On-Line

with

Spiritual Communion

followed by an optional

The Eucharist

(Order One - Eucharistic Prayer B)

In Time of Pandemic







VESTRY PRAYER

Heavenly Father,

you called us to your service in the ministry of praise:

Grant us grace to serve you faithfully:

for you have given us minds to know you,

hearts to love you,

and voices to show forth your praise.

Help us to worship you with understanding,

with reverence, and with joy;
for the glory of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Father, grant that, with pure hearts and hallowed lives, we may show forth your praise.

Let our participation in these holy mysteries be for us both
a foretaste of that heavenly city
which you have prepared for us,
and may it also revive of our zeal to remain true to our vocation.

As watchmen look for the morning, so do we look for you, O Christ; come with the dawning of the day, and make yourself known to us in the breaking of the bread; for you are our God for ever and ever. **Amen**

O God, who hast given us
minds to know thee,
hearts to love thee,
and voices to show forth thy praise:
give us grace, we beseech thee,
to dedicate ourselves freely to thy service,
that we may reverently fulfil the worship of thy sanctuary,
and beautify the praises of thy house;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



A FORM OF PERSONAL PREPARATION

for personal use before the service if you wish

COMFORTABLE WORDS

Hear the words of comfort our Saviour Christ says to all who truly turn to him:

Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Matthew 11.28

God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

John 3.16

Hear what Saint Paul says:

This saying is true, and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

1 Timothy 1.15

Hear what Saint John says:

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father,

Jesus Christ the righteous;

and he is the propitiation for our sins.

1 John 2.1,2

or

THE BEATITUDES

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

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Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5.1-12

CONFESSION

A public and collective confession is made in the service; this is a personal act of contrition in readiness for the service and going out into the world

Father eternal, giver of light and grace,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour,
in what we have thought, in what we have said and done,
through ignorance, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault.
We have wounded your love and marred your image in us.
We are sorry and ashamed, 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 lead us out from darkness to walk as children of light. Amen.

RECEIVING GOD'S FORGIVENESS

ATTENDING TO THE SAVIOUR'S PRESENCE

Here and in all your churches in the Benefice and beyond, we adore you, O Christ, and we bless you, because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world. Amen.

Christ was manifested in the body, vindicated in the spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed in throughout the world, glorified in high heaven. Amen.

THE COMMUNION: REFLECT ON BEING PART OF SOMETHING GREATER

Was ever another command so obeyed?

For century after century, spreading slowly to every continent and country and among every race on earth, this action has been done, in every conceivable human circumstance, or every conceivable human need from infancy and before it to extreme old age and after it, from the pinnacles of earthly greatness

to the refuge of fugitives in the caves and dens of the earth.

And the best of all, week by week and month by month, on a hundred thousand successive Sundays, faithfully, unfailingly, across all the parishes of Christendom, the pastors have done this just to make the holy common people of God.

An extract from *The Shape of the Liturgy*, Dom Gregory Dix (1945)

INTROIT HYMN

THE GATHERING

The president may say

We gather before God and we meet in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

THE GREETING

The president greets the people

The Lord be with you

and also with you.

Or

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

and also with you.

Words of welcome or introduction may be said.

Welcome.

So let us now prepare to meet God in Praise and Prayer and in Word and Sacrament.

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.

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

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.

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.

Or the Kyrie may be said or sung

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy

The president gives 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.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS may be said or sung

R

(Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest)

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.

R

(Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest)

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.

D

(Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest)





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.

R

(Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest)

THE COLLECT

The president introduces a period of silent prayer with the words 'Let us pray' or a more specific bidding.

The Collect is said.

Amen.

COLLECT FOR OUR TIMES

Dear Lord
anoint us with the Holy Spirit,
as we share in Christ's suffering and victory
that we may bear witness to the gospel of salvation;
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 LITURGY OF THE WORD

READING (S)

A Reading from ...

At the end the reader may say

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

GRADUAL HYMN



GOSPEL READING

Please remain standing.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia.

The Lord be with you and also with you.

When the Gospel is announced the reader says

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.**

AFTER THE GOSPEL

May the words of the gospel wipe away our sins.

SERMON

THE CREED

Let us declare our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father, who is our refuge and stronghold.

After each part of the prayer and a moment of silence Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.



Rejoicing in the fellowship of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Andrew, St Peter and StPaul [,St ...] and all your saints, we commend ourselves and the whole of creation to your unfailing love.

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 when the President says these or other seasonal words:

Christ is our peace. He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross.

cf Ephesians 2.15,16

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

If you have others with you, offer one another a sign of peace.

If not bring to mind those who are on your hearts at this time and hold them before God in peace.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL RECEPTION

The people who are unable to remain for the Eucharist may say:

In union, dear Father, with Christian people throughout the world and across the centuries gathered to make Eucharist, hearing your holy Word and receiving the Precious Body and Blood, I offer you praise and thanksgiving.

Even though I am exiled from tasting the Bread of Heaven and drinking the Cup of Life I pray that you will unite me with all the baptised and with your Son who gave his life for us.

Come Lord Jesus, dwell in me and send your Holy Spirit that I may be filled with your presence.

Amen.

PRAYER OF OBLATION.

O LORD and heavenly Father, we your humble servants entirely desire your fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching you to grant, that by the merits and death of your Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all your whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

Amen.

Go before us, Lord, in all we do with your most gracious favour, and guide us with your continual help, that in all our works begun, continued and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name, and finally by your mercy receive everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All may say:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore.

Amen.

OFFERTORY HYMN

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.

The president takes the bread and wine.

AT THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity of Christ who humbled himself to share in our humanity.

Lord God,

we ask you to receive us and be pleased with the sacrifice we offer you with humble and contrite hearts.

ABLUTIONS

Lord, wash away my iniquity; cleanse me from my sin. Amen

The following may be said

CHERUBIKON

We, who mystically represent the Cherubim, And chant the thrice-holy hymn to the Life-giving Trinity,

Let us set aside the cares of life That we may receive the King of all, Who comes invisibly escorted by the Divine Hosts.

[Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.]

PRAYER AT THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

either

As the grain once scattered in the fields and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside are now reunited on this table in bread and wine, so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together from the corners of the earth into your kingdom. **Amen.**

Or

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation: through your goodness we have this bread to set before you, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation: through your goodness we have this wine to set before you, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become for us the cup of salvation.

Blessed be God for ever.

The following may be said

Pray, my brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father,

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his Church.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The president says

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 praises God for his mighty acts

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

From sunrise to sunset this day is holy, for Christ has risen from the tomb and scattered the darkness of death with light that will not fade.

This day the risen Lord walks with your gathered people, unfolds for us your word, and makes himself known in the breaking of the bread.

And though the night will overtake this day you summon us to live in endless light, the never-ceasing sabbath of the Lord. And so, with choirs of angels and with all the heavenly host, we proclaim your glory and join their unending song of praise:

All respond

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

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:

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

The prayer continues and leads into the doxology

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 the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Andrew, Ss Peter and Paul, [St ...] 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.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Please be seated.
A minister introduces the Lord's Prayer:

Either

Rejoicing in God's new creation, as our Saviour taught us, so we 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.

Or in contemporary language

As Jesus taught us, we say together:

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

The president breaks the consecrated 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.

Agnus Dei

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

The president says one of the invitations to communion

Either

Jesus is 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.

Or

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



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

PRAYER BEFORE COMMUNION

Either

Draw near with faith. (Spiritually) receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and likewise his blood which he shed for you.

Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Amen

or

Most merciful Lord, your love compels us to come in.

Our hands were unclean, our hearts were unprepared; we were not fit even to eat the crumbs from under your table.

But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation, and share your bread with sinners.

So cleanse and feed us with the precious body and blood of your Son, that he may live in us and we in him; and that we, with the whole company of Christ, may sit and eat in your kingdom.

Amen.

YOU MAY CARE TO MAKE SOME

PERSONAL COMMUNION DEVOTIONS

Before Communion

O Son of God, receive me today as a partaker of Your mystical supper.

For I will not speak of the mystery to Your enemies, nor will I give You a kiss, as did Judas. But like the thief, I confess to You: Remember me, Lord, in Your Kingdom. Amen.

Liturgy of St John Chrysostom

Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom.

Luke 23: 42

Lord to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life.

John 6: 58

Come into my heart, Lord Jesus, there is room in my heart for you.

Good Jesus, who gave yourself for me, give me the fullness of your love, so, for all your love and with your love, I may love you always.

After Edward Bouverie Pusey

After Communion

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.

Body of Christ, save me.

Blood of Christ, inebriate me.

Water from the side of Christ, wash me.

Passion of Christ, strengthen me.

O Good Jesus, hear me.

Within your wounds hide me.

Permit me not to be separated from you.

From the wicked foe, defend me.

At the hour of my death, call me

and bid me come to you

That with your saints I may praise you

For ever and ever. Amen.

Attributed to St Ignatius of Loyola

POST-COMMUNION HYMN

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Silence is kept.

Amen.

The Post Communion Prayer is followed by:

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.

HYMN

THE DISMISSAL

BLESSING

The President gives a blessing using these or other seasonal words:

The Lord be with you and also with you.

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

Amen.

A minister says these or other seasonal words of dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

PERSONAL PRAYERS AFTER THE SERVICE

(these can be made before leaving church or at home afterwards)

Now go out into the highways and hedges where not even the Bishops will try to hinder you.

Go out and look for Jesus in the ragged, in the naked,

in the oppressed and sweated, in those who have lost hope, in those who are struggling to make good.

Look for Jesus. And when you see him, gird yourselves with his towel of fellowship,

and wash his feet in the person of his brothers and sisters. Amen.

After Frank Weston,

Bishop of Zanzibar (1908–1924)

Grant, O Lord Almighty God, that the words, which we have heard this day with our outward ears, may through your grace be so grafted inwardly in our hearts, that they may bring forth in us the fruit of good living, to the honour and praise of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

After Eric Milner-White

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things;
may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute;
may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit;
may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope;
and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life;
glory to you for ever. Amen.

Syrian on origin – used in Common Worship

We thank You, heavenly Father, for Your holy name which You caused to dwell in our hearts. We thank you for the knowledge and faith and immortality, which You have made known to us through Jesus Your Servant; to You be the glory now and forever. Amen.

The Didache (Early 2nd Century) Chapter 10

VESTRY PRAYER

The Lord be with you and also with you.

Let us bless the Lord **Thanks be to God.**

For all the departed, eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace, and rise in glory. Amen.

Go before us, O Lord, in all we do with your most gracious favour, and guide us with your continual help; that in all our works, begun, continued and ended in you, we may glorify your holy Name, and finally by thy mercy, receive everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all evermore.

Amen.

PRAYERS DURING THE WEEK

Here is a daily cycle of prayer. Please consider praying for:

Every day

In the morning:

the day and its tasks; the world and its needs; the Church and her life; all the key workers who live in or serve the communities of Corhampton, Droxford, Exton, Hambledon, Meonstoke, Newtown & Soberton

In the evening:

peace; individuals and their needs;

those in fear of death at this time; those who worship here & those have been born, baptised, confirmed, married or laid to rest in our benefices in recent years; our local brothers and sisters of other faiths, other denominations and with a faith known only to God.

Sunday

The universal Church;

Bishops, synods and all who lead the Church;

The leaders of the nations;

The natural world and the resources of the earth;

All who are in any kind of need.

All who are caring for the elderly, vulnerable and sick in all settings;

those searching for treatments or a cure for CoViD-19;

those who advise governments around the world for the making policy to combat the Pandemic justly and equitably and those setting safe procedures for all parts of the economy.

Monday

The media, especially journalists and broadcasters who are providing public service broadcasting, and the arts:

Farming and fishing;

Those involved in food production, processing, distribution, sale and delivery, as well as those essential to the provision of other key goods;

Commerce and industry and not least those who run our local shops and businesses;

Those who are keeping the air, water, road and rail passenger and freight transport modes operating during the COVID-19 pandemic and in our period of recovery;

Those whose work is unfulfilling, stressful or fraught with danger;

All who are unemployed.

Tuesday

All who are sick in body, mind or spirit;

Those in the midst of famine or disaster;

Victims of abuse and violence, intolerance and prejudice;

Those who are bereaved and those who support them;

The Medical and Caring Professions: Doctors, nurses, midwives, paramedics, social workers, care workers, and other frontline health and social care staff including volunteers; the support and specialist staff required to maintain the UK's health and social care sector;

Those working as part of the health and social care supply chain, including producers and distributors of medicines and medical and personal protective equipment;

Those responsible for the care and management of the deceased.

Wednesday

The social services and social workers and other specialist education professionals working in the face of CoViD-19;

All who work in the criminal justice system, especially the Police and support staff, National Crime Agency staff, those maintaining border security, prison and probation staff who have continued to work in the face of the Pandemic;

Victims and perpetrators of crime;

The work of aid agencies throughout the world;

Those living in poverty or under oppression

Thursday

Local government, community leaders;

Those in administrative occupations essential to the effective delivery of the COVID-19 response, or delivering the essential public services, such as the payment of benefits.

All who provide local services including the charities and workers delivering key frontline services to those affected by the Coronavirus;

Those who work with young or elderly people;

Schools, colleges and universities: Support and teaching staff, and other specialist education professionals who have worked throughout the CoViD-19 outbreak;

Armed forces personnel and their families, Ministry of Defence civilians, contractors and other national security roles, including those overseas;

Ambulance and Paramedic personnel; fire and rescue service employees and those who provide 999, 101 and 111 services.

Friday

The Queen, members of parliament;

Peace and justice in the world;

Those who work for reconciliation;

All whose lives are devastated by war and civil;

Prisoners, refugees and homeless people;

Those who continue to work to maintain our infrastructure in the oil, gas, electricity and water and sewerage sectors;

Those who provide information technology and data services, which keep almost all services running; Those working in the telecommunications, postal services and delivery services, not least our local postal staff and post masters/ mistresses;

Those who work in waste disposal sectors, not least our own refuse collectors.

Saturday

Our homes, families, friends and all whom we love;

All those who live in your road, street or lane and in neighbouring streets;

For five others by name;

Those whose time is spent caring for others;

Those who are close to death;

Those who have lost hope;

The worship of the Church and its work in the Pandemic and in the period of recovery that follows.

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