

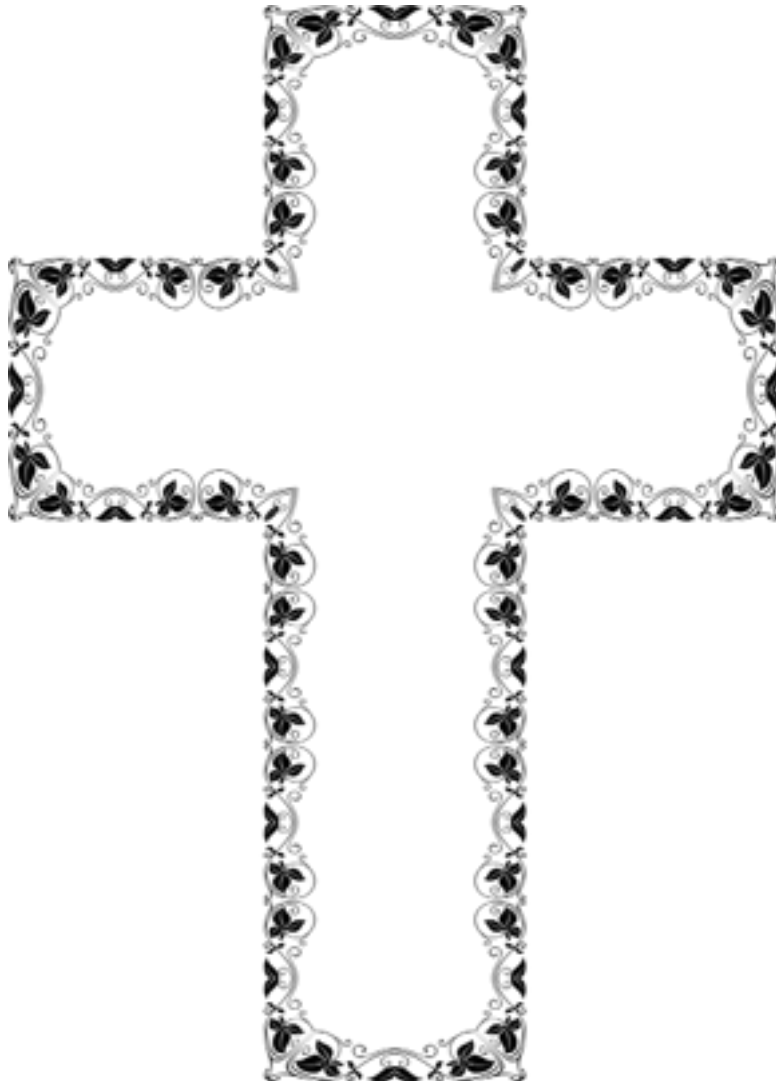


St. Nicholas Church



St Michael and
All Angels' Church

**The United Benefice of Newport with
Longford and Chetwynd**



**A Service of Holy
Communion at Home - Easter
Day**

Welcome to this Service has been designed to be said at home by one or two people for occasions when it is not possible to come to church or to be used in conjunction with a service streamed to Facebook or Youtube.

Here are some suggestions to help you use this order of service:-

- Find a quiet comfortable place where you won't be disturbed or distracted.
- If you can, light a candle to remind you of Jesus, the light of the world who always scatters the darkness of the world and our lives.
- If you have a small cross or crucifix place it where you can see it or hold it in your hand.
- On a separate sheet are the readings, the collect prayer and a hymn suggestion. If you know the hymn sing it to yourself/ together, listen to it online or simply read the words and reflect on them.
- Take your time and leave space for some silence, to sit in the presence of God.

It may feel like you are praying alone, miss the fellowship of other Christians and that it somehow feels less holy than being in church but the words of the hymn 'The day thou gavest Lord has ended' remind us of the power and strength of prayers uttered in every time and place across the world:-

'We thank thee that thy Church unsleeping, while earth rolls onward into light, through all the world her watch is keeping, and rests not now by day or night.

As o'er each continent and island, the dawn leads on another day, the voice of prayer is never silent, nor dies the strain of praise away.'

Preparation on Easter Day

President Christ yesterday and today,
All the beginning and the end,
President Alpha and Omega,
all time belongs to him,
All and all ages; to him be glory and power,
through every age and for ever. Amen.

President This is the day when our Lord Jesus Christ passed from death to life. Throughout the world Christians celebrate the awesome power of God. As we hear his word and proclaim all that God has done, we can be confident that we shall share his victory over death and live with him forever.

President lights a candle -

May the light of Christ, rising in glory banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.

President The light of Christ
All Thanks be to God

Each person lights a candle in recognition that the light of Christ is risen in the world.

Welcome

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

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.

Hymn - Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia

Confession

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.

Hear now the words of Jesus for all who are truly sorry and seek to renew their lives:

President - 'Your sins are forgiven. Go in peace; come and follow me.'

Collect - All say together

God of Glory by the rising of your son,
you have broken the chains of death and hell:
fill your church with faith and hope;
for a new day has dawned
and the way to life stands open
in our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

First Reading

The New Testament Reading is taken from Acts chapter 10 verses 34-43

Reader This is the word of the Lord
All Glory to you, O Lord.

Hymn - 10,000 Reasons

Gospel Reading

Reader Hear the Gospel of our lord Jesus Christ according to
 Matthew chapter 28 verses 1-10

All Glory to Christ our Lord.

Reader This is the Gospel of the Lord,

All Praise to you, O Christ.

The Nicene Creed - All join together to say

All 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

You might like to pray for:-

- *Specific situations in the world*
- *Christians throughout the world*
- *Your local community*
- *People who need healing and wholeness*
- *Those who have died and those who mourn*
- *Any place, person or concern that is on your heart.*

The Peace

President The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples
and said,
 'Peace be with you.'
Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

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

Hymn - When I Survey the wondrous cross (755)

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here
His Spirit is with us

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 and all respond

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.

The president recalls the Last Supper,

Great is the mystery of faith:

All Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

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.

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed
are those who are called to his supper.

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

All 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.

Music during communion - Choir sing - I am the bread of life

Post Communion

God of life, who for our redemption gave your only Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

All Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us spiritually 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 - Thine be the Glory (689)

Conclusion - Blessing

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.

All Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

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