Parish of Mottingham St Andrew with St Alban

Agape Recollection of Our Lord's Last Supper

This Service provides a Home Liturgy for an Agape Recollection of Our Lord Jesus Christ's Institution at the Last Supper of the practice of sharing bread and wine in remembrance of His Body and Blood, given for our salvation. This service is not Holy Communion or the Eucharist in the full sense, as the bread and wine/grape juice are not consecrated. Nonetheless, this liturgy helps us to unite with loved ones and friends in fellowship in the safety of our homes when we cannot meet in church, and to remember that we are called to be Christ's Body in the world, at this critical time of global pandemic and always.

When two or more are gathered together, it would be helpful if one person could take the role of worship leader.

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.**

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.

In penitence and faith let us humbly confess our sins.

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.

(Together) May Almighty God who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Collect of the week and Gospel reading (to be sent out each week).

<u>Open Prayers of Intercession are offered, as desired, for the church, the world, the sick</u> and dying and the departed.

Response: Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

The Peace

We are the Body of Christ, through the one Spirit we were all baptised into one body, let us then pursue all that makes for peace, and builds up our common life. The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of Peace.

Greetings shared, observing distancing as may be appropriate.

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.

The Church of God, of which we are members, takes bread and wine in remembrance of our Lord's command. We recall that He gave his Body and Blood for our Salvation, that we might share in His gift of eternal life. We now receive these gifts of creation, so we may recall that the Church is called to be Christ's Body in the world. For we who are many are one body, because we all join in the sharing of bread.

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.

Let us draw near with faith and remember that our Lord Jesus Christ gave His Body and Blood for us. Let us share this bread and wine, in remembrance that Christ died and lives for us. And let us give thanks that through faith and the power of Holy Spirit, Jesus Christ lives in our hearts. Amen.

The Lord is with His faithful people! Let us receive, rejoice and be thankful. All who wish share in receiving the bread and wine.

Prayer after receiving:

Almighty God, we thank you for this remembrance of your Son Jesus Christ's giving of himself for us. 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 - said together.

May the peace of God which passes all understanding, keep our hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. And may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the

Holy Spirit be with us all, and all for whom we pray, this day, and always. Amen.

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