## C:\WINDOWS\TEMP\\msotw9_temp0.jpgTHE GATHERING

Priest: God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

We meet in the name of Jesus Christ, who died and was raised to the glory of God the Father. Grace and mercy be with you

All: and also with you.

*The priest introduces the service*

#### Prayers of Penitence

Priest: As children of a loving heavenly Father, let us ask his forgiveness, for he is gentle and full of compassion.

(After a period of silent reflection)

All: 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

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. **Amen.**

**Collect:** Merciful Father, hear our prayers and comfort us; renew our trust in your Son, whom you raised from the dead; strengthen our faith that John and all who have died in the love of Christ will share in his resurrection; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

#### THE GOSPEL

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John *(Jn 14. 1-6)*

All: Glory to you, O Lord

“Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'”

Priest: This is the Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, O Christ

#### A simple eulogy for John

#### The Prayers

## THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

#### The Peace *(please stand)*

Priest: Jesus says: Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give you. Do not let your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

The peace of the risen Lord be always with you

All: and also with you.

Priest: Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Everyone is invited to share the peace with one another.

#### EUCHARISTIC PRAYER E *(please kneel)*

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.

Priest: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth, giver of life, and conqueror of death. By his death on the cross, your Son Jesus Christ offered the one true sacrifice for sin, breaking the power of evil and putting death to flight. With all your saints

All: we give you thanks and praise.

Priest: Through his resurrection from the dead you have given us new birth into a living hope, into an inheritance which is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading. With all your saints

All: we give you thanks and praise.

Priest: The joy of resurrection fills the universe, and so we join with angels and archangels, with John and all your faithful people, evermore 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: Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

All: Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life:

Lord Jesus, come in glory.

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 St Andrew and all the saintsto 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. **Amen.**

Priest: Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour taught us

All: 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.

## Prayer After Communion:

Priest: Let us pray: Gracious God, we thank you that in your great love you have fed us with the spiritual food and drink of the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ and have given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet: grant that this sacrament may be to us a comfort in affliction and a pledge of our inheritance in that kingdom where there is no death, neither sorrow nor crying, but fullness of joy with all your saints; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen**

All: Heavenly Father, in your Son Jesus Christ you have given us a true faith and a sure hope. Strengthen this faith and hope in us all our days, that we may live as those who believe in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins and the resurrection to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## The Commendation

Priest:Let us commend John to the mercy of God our maker and redeemer.

God our creator and redeemer, by your power Christ conquered death and entered into glory. Confident of his victory and claiming his promises, we entrust Johnto your mercy in the name of Jesus our Lord, who died and is alive and reigns with you, now and for ever. **Amen**

May God, in his infinite love and mercy, bring the whole Church, living and departed in the Lord Jesus, to a joyful resurrection, and the fulfilment of his eternal kingdom. **Amen.**

Priest: Let us pray

Leader: God of mercy, Lord of life, you have made us in your image to reflect your truth and light: we give you thanks for John, for the grace and mercy he received from you, for all that was good in his life and for the memories we treasure today.

Leader: Lord in your mercy

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: Heavenly Father, you promised eternal life to those who believe. Remember for good this your son Johnas we also remember him. Hear all our prayers for those who have died and especially those those who come to mind at this time. Bring all who rest in Christ into the fullness of your kingdom where sins have been forgiven and death is no more.

Leader: Lord in your mercy

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: Loving Father, your mighty power brings joy out of grief and life out of death. Look in mercy on Tony, Philip and Andrew, their families and all who mourn at this time. Give them patient faith in times of darkness. Strengthen them with the knowledge of your love.

Leader: Lord in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: Father, you are tender towards your children and your mercy is over all your works. Heal the memories of hurt and failure. Give us the wisdom and grace to use aright the time that is left to us here on earth, to turn to Christ and follow in his steps in the way that leads to everlasting life.

Leader: Lord in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

All: God of mercy, entrusting into your hands all that you have made

and rejoicing in our communion with all your faithful people,

we make our prayers through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.