

For the sacramental breaking,
for the honour of partaking,
for your life our lives remaking,
young and old, we praise your name.

From the service of this table
lead us to a life more stable;
for our witness make us able;
blessing on our work we claim.

Through our calling closely knitted,
daily to your praise committed,
for a life of service fitted,
let us now your love proclaim.

Still standing all say

**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.**

THE BLESSING

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

All are invited to drinks at the back of the church after the service. You are very welcome to take this service sheet away with you, but please leave the communion service book.

St. Peter's Church, Bridge

**EUCCHARIST with
CONFIRMATION**

**Celebrant & Preacher:
The Bishop of Dover**

SUNDAY, 12th JULY, 1998

To be confirmed

LUKE WILLIAM BRODIE
TONI REBECCA LATHAM
GEMMA ROSE O'BRIEN
RACHEL LOUISE WATSON
SALLY ROSANNA WEBB

O living bread from heaven,
Jesu, our Saviour good,
who thine own self hast given
to be our souls' true food;
for us thy body broken
hung on the cross of shame:
this bread its hallowed token
we break in thy dear name.

O stream of love unending,
poured from the one true vine,
with our weak nature blending
the strength of life divine;
our thankful faith confessing
in thy life-blood outpoured,
we drink this cup of blessing
and praise thy name, O Lord.

May we, thy word believing,
thee through thy gifts receive,
that, thou within us living,
we all to God may live;
draw us from earth to heaven
till sin and sorrow cease,
forgiving and forgiven,
in love and joy and peace.

The Eucharist continues on the righthand centre page of the service book.

HYMN AFTER THE COMMUNION

Father, who in Jesus found us,
God, whose love is all around us,
who to freedom new unbound us,
keep our hearts with joy aflame.

Blessed be the name of Lord
All now and for ever. Amen.

After a prayer for the gift of the Holy Spirit the Bishop lays his hand on the head of each candidate, saying Confirm, O Lord, your servant N with your Holy Spirit. and each one answers Amen.

After confirmation, the Bishop invites the people to join with him and say

Defend, O Lord, your servants with your heavenly grace, that they may continue yours for ever, and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more, until they come to your everlasting kingdom. Amen.

THE PEACE

During the next HYMN there will be a collection for The Diocesan Ministry Training Fund.

We hail thy presence glorious,
O Christ our great high Priest,
o'er sin and death victorious,
at thy thanksgiving feast:
as thou art interceding
for us in heav'n above,
thy Church on earth is pleading
thy perfect work of love.

Through thee in ev'ry nation
thine own their hearts upraise,
off'ring one pure oblation,
one sacrifice of praise:
with thee in blest communion
the living and the dead
are joined in closest union,
one Body and one head.

ENTRY HYMN

Stand up, and bless the Lord,
ye people of his choice;
stand up, and bless the Lord your God
with heart and soul and voice.

Though high above all praise,
above all blessing high,
who would not fear his holy name,
and laud and magnify?

O for a living flame
from his own altar brought,
to touch our lips, our mind inspire,
and wing to heaven our thought.

God is our strength and song,
and his salvation ours;
then be his love in Christ proclaimed
with all our ransomed powers.

Stand up, and bless the Lord,
the Lord your God adore;
stand up, and bless his glorious name
henceforth for evermore.

The Bishop begins the service with a SENTENCE & GREETING.

The Lord be with you
All and also with you.

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our

Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Heavenly Father, by the power of your Holy Spirit you give to your faithful people new life in the water of baptism. Guide and strengthen us by that same Spirit, that we who are born again may serve you in faith and love, and grow into the full stature of your Son Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Sit OLD TESTAMENT READING: Ezekiel 37 vv. 1 - 14

HYMN

Holy Spirit, come, confirm us
in the truth that Christ makes known;
we have faith and understanding
through your promised light alone.

Holy Spirit, come, console us,
come as Advocate to plead;
loving Spirit from the Father,
grant in Christ the help we need.

Holy Spirit, come, renew us,
come yourself to make us live;
holy through your loving presence,
holy through the gifts you give.

Holy Spirit, come, possess us,
you the love of Three in One,
Holy Spirit of the Father,
Holy Spirit of the Son.

THE GOSPEL: John 20 vv. 19 - 23

THE SERMON: The Bishop of Dover

THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

The candidates stand before the Bishop; he says

You have come here to be confirmed. You stand in the presence of God and his Church. With your own mouth and from your own heart you must declare your allegiance to Christ and your rejection of all that is evil. Therefore I ask these questions:

Do you turn to Christ?

Answer I turn to Christ.

Do you repent of your sins?

Answer I repent of my sins.

Do you renounce evil?

Answer I renounce evil.

You must now declare before God and his Church that you accept the Christian faith into which you were baptized, and in which you will live and grow.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, who made the world?

Answer I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ, who redeemed mankind?

Answer I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in his Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God?

Answer I believe and trust in him.

The Bishop turns to the congregation and says

This is the faith of the Church.

All This our faith.

**We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

THE CONFIRMATION

Our help is in the name of the Lord

All who has made heaven and earth.