

Holy Communion

Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity 19 September 2021

We continue to observe **social distancing rules** in our church.

Please use the **hand sanitiser** stations when you arrive, before and after communion, and when you leave.

Remain in the seat the steward directed you to. At the distribution of communion and at the end of the service please wait there until the steward directs you to move.

Face masks are mandatory when you are moving around in church. You may remove your mask whilst sitting in your pew, and also for a brief period when receiving communion.

Please take this service sheet home with you.

Sadly, there will be no gathering afterwards.

Personal photographs you take in our church, with children other than your own in them, are not to be published on social media sites (Instagram, Facebook etc.)

HYMN

- All hail the power of Jesus' name!
 Let angels prostrate fall;
 bring forth the royal diadem,
 and crown him, crown him, crown him, crown him Lord of all.
- Crown him, ye martyrs of your God,
 who from his altar call;
 extol the stem of Jesse'r rod,
 and crown him, crown him, crown him, crown him Lord of all.
- Ye seed of Israel's chosen race, ye ransomed of the fall, hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him, crown him, crown him, crown him Lord of all.
- Let every kindred, every tribe,
 on this terrestrial ball,
 to him all majesty ascribe,
 and crown him, crown him, crown him, crown him Lord of all.
- O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall,

join in the everlasting song, and crown him, crown him, crown him, crown him, crown him, crown him, crown him Lord of all.

Edward Perronet (1726-92) alt. John Rippon (1751-1836) and others, HymnQuest ID: 50254

GREETING

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.

Words of welcome may be said.

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.

CONFESSION

The gospel calls us to turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ.

As we offer ourselves to him in penitence and faith, we renew our confidence and trust in his mercy.

We confess to you our selfishness and lack of love: fill us with your Spirit.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

We confess to you our fear and failure in sharing our faith: fill us with your Spirit.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

We confess to you our stubbornness and lack of trust: fill us with your Spirit.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

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

- 1 Glory in the highest
 to the God of heaven!
 Peace to all your people through the earth be given!
 Mighty God and Father,
 thanks and praise we bring,
 singing alleluias
 to our heavenly king.
- Jesus Christ is risen, God the Father's Son: With the Holy Spirit, you are Lord alone! Lamb once killed for sinners, all our guilt to bear, show us now your mercy, now receive our prayer.
- 3 Christ the world's true Saviour, high and holy One, seated now and reigning from your Father's throne:
 Lord and God, we praise you!
 Highest heaven adores:
 in the Father's glory,
 all the praise be yours!

Christopher Idle after Gloria in Excelsis © Christopher Idle/Jubilate Hymns Ltd HymnQuest ID: 53183

COLLECT

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

Lord of creation, whose glory is around and within us: open our eyes to your wonders, that we may serve you with reverence and know your peace at our lives' end, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

FIRST READING Jeremiah 11.18-20

It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew; then you showed me their evil deeds. But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. And I did not know it was against me that they devised schemes, saying, 'Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, so that his name will no longer be remembered!' But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously, who try the heart and the mind, let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

At the end the reader may say

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

Silence may be kept.

PSALM 54

- 1 Save me, O God, by your name and vindicate me by your power.
- 2 Hear my prayer, O God; give heed to the words of my mouth.
- For strangers have risen up against me, and the ruthless seek after my life; they have not set God before them.
- 4 Behold, God is my helper; it is the Lord who upholds my life.
- May evil rebound on those who lie in wait for me; destroy them in your faithfulness.
- 6 An offering of a free heart will I give you and praise your name, O Lord, for it is gracious.
- For he has delivered me out of all my trouble, and my eye has seen the downfall of my enemies.

SECOND READING James 3.13-4.3,7-8a

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom.

But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

At the end the reader may say:

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

Silence may be kept.

GOSPEL READING Mark 7.24-37

The Lord be with you, and also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark. Glory to you, O Lord.

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, 'The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the way?' But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, 'Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.' Then

he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, 'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

After the Sermon silence may be kept.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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

We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high. We believe in one God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Silence may be kept.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, and let us thank God for his goodness.

This response may be included:

Lord, hear us. Lord, graciously hear us.

And at the end:

Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

PEACE

God will speak peace to his people, to those who turn to him in their hearts.

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

HYMN

I danced in the morning when the world was begun, And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun, And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth, At Bethlehem I had my birth.

Refrain Dance, then, wherever you may be,
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
And I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he.

- I danced for the scribe and the pharisee,
 But they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me.
 I danced for the fishermen, for James and John They came with me, and the Dance went on.
- I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame;
 The holy people said it was a shame.
 They whipped and they stripped and they hung me on high,
 And they left me there on a cross to die.
- I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black It's hard to dance with the devil on your back.
 They buried my body and they thought I'd gone, But I am the Dance, and I still go on.
- They cut me down and I leapt up high;
 I am the life that'll never, never die;
 I'll live in you if you'll live in me I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

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PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Blessed be God, by whose grace creation is renewed, by whose love heaven is opened, by whose mercy we offer our sacrifice of praise. Blessed be God for ever.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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.

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:

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.

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.

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

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 [N and] all the saints to 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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray.

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.

(Or) 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.

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

O Lamb of God, come cleanse our hearts and take our sin away.
O Lamb of God, your grace impart, and let our guilty fear depart, have mercy, Lord, we pray, have mercy, Lord, we pray.

[Repeat once from the beginning.]

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GIVING OF COMMUNION

Draw near with faith.

Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ
which he gave for you,
and 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.

WORDS OF DISTRIBUTION said to all here

The body of Christ keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Please wait to be directed forward to receive communion in one kind only.

HYMN

- Bread of the world in mercy broken, wine of the soul in mercy shed, by whom the words of life were spoken, and in whose death our sins are dead:
- 2 look on the heart by sorrow broken, look on the tears by sinners shed; and be thy feast to us the token that by thy grace our souls are fed.

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- Lord of all power, I give you my will,
 in joyful obedience your tasks to fulfil.
 Your bondage is freedom, your service is song,
 and, held in your keeping, my weakness is strong.
- 2 Lord of all wisdom, I give you my mind, rich truth that surpasses my knowledge to find; what eye has not seen and what ear has not heard is taught by your Spirit and shines from your Word.
- 3 Lord of all bounty, I give you my heart; I praise and adore you for all you impart, your love to inspire me, your counsel to guide, your presence to shield me, whatever betide.
- Lord of all being, I give you my all;
 If I e'er disown you I stumble and fall;
 but, sworn in glad service your word to obey,
 I walk in your freedom to the end of the way.

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

We thank you, Lord, that you have fed us in this sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet prepared for all peoples. Amen.

NOTICES

HYMN

1 God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy pow'r; now fulfil thy Church's story; bring her bud to glorious flow'r. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour.

- 2 Lo, the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways; from the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days.
- 3 Cure thy children's warring madness, bend our pride to thy control; shame our wanton selfish gladness, rich in goods and poor in soul. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.
- 4 Set our feet on lofty places, gird our lives that they may be armoured with all Christlike graces as we set your people free.
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we fail the world or thee.

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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. Amen.

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

The people depart from the building, followed by the ministers.

OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR

Those who suffer in body, mind or spirit, among them Sue P, Richard H, Tim C, Kay G, Oliver D, Veronica D, Fred R, Jonathan, Diane J, Fr Stephen S, Ron W, Wendy S.

The housebound and those in residential homes: Diana B, Cedric G.

If you would like to add a name to our prayer list, please first obtain the consent of the person you wish us to pray for. Then tell Rev Christine whom to pray for and the reason why.

REMEMBER THE DEPARTED

Those whose anniversary falls on this week: Colin Tuplin, James Ward, Robert Stapleton, Pam Smith, Winifred Leedham, Eileen Baldock, Catherine Boag, Donna Warner, Robert Orton, Richard Wigglesworth, Lillian Florence Fuller, June Lock, Ellen Cornwell, Joan Gwendoline Chapman, Robert Newcombe, Gladys Winifred Fairbain, Margaret Manning, Albert Webber

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