



## Holy Communion

Eighth Sunday after Trinity

7 August 2022

*A warm welcome to our worship this morning. Whether a regular or a visitor, it is good to have you here.*

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***We stand as the bell sounds** to mark the beginning of our worship. As we sing our first hymn the altar party and choir process into church.*

### HYMN

- 1 Living God, your word has called us,  
summoned us to live by grace,  
make us one in hope and vision,  
as we gather in this place.  
Take our searching, take our praising,  
take the silence of our prayer,  
offered up in joyful worship,  
springing from the love we share.
- 2 Living God, your love has called us  
in the name of Christ your Son,  
forming us to be his body,  
by your Spirit making one.  
Working, laughing, learning, growing,  
old and young and black and white,  
gifts and skills together sharing,  
in your service all unite.
- 3 Living God, your hope has called us  
to the world that you have made,  
teaching us to live for others,  
humble, joyful, unafraid.  
Give us eyes to see your presence,  
joy in laughter, hope in pain.

In our loving, in our living,  
give us strength that Christ may reign.

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## **GREETING**

Minister In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

Minister The Lord be with you,  
All and also with you.

*Words of welcome may be said.*

## **PRAYER OF PREPARATION**

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.

## **CONFESSION**

Deacon We come to God  
as one from whom no secrets are hidden,  
to ask for his forgiveness and peace.

*Silence may be kept.*

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.

## ABSOLUTION

Minister May the God of love  
bring you back to himself,  
forgive you your sins,  
and assure you of his eternal love,  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

All Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.  
Glory to God in the highest and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.  
Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, receive our prayer.  
Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.  
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.  
Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.

## COLLECT

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

Deacon Lord God,  
your Son left the riches of heaven  
and became poor for our sake:  
when we prosper save us from pride,  
when we are needy save us from despair,  
that we may trust in you alone;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

## FIRST READING Isaiah 1.1,10-20

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

Hear the word of the LORD, you rulers of Sodom! Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah! What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the LORD; I have had enough of burnt-offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats.

When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your hand? Trample my courts no more; bringing offerings is futile; incense is an abomination to me. New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation – I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity. Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates; they have become a burden to me, I am weary of bearing them. When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood. Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow.

Come now, let us argue it out, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land; but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

*At the end the reader may say*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

*Silence may be kept.*

## PSALM 50.1-8,23,24

- 1 The Lord, the most mighty God, has spoken  
and called the world from the rising of the sun to its setting.
- 2 Out of Zion, perfect in beauty, God shines forth;  
our God comes and will not keep silence.
- 3 Consuming fire goes out before him  
and a mighty tempest stirs about him.
- 4 He calls the heaven above, and the earth, that he may judge his people:
- 5 'Gather to me my faithful  
who have sealed my covenant with sacrifice.'

- 6 Let the heavens declare his righteousness,  
for God himself is judge.
- 7 Hear, O my people, and I will speak:  
'I will testify against you, O Israel; for I am God, your God.
- 8 'I will not reprove you for your sacrifices,  
for your burnt offerings are always before me.
- 23 'You that forget God, consider this well,  
lest I tear you apart and there is none to deliver you.
- 24 'Whoever offers me the sacrifice of thanksgiving honours me  
and to those who keep my way will I show the salvation of God.'

## **SECOND READING** Hebrews 11.1-3,8-16

Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old – and Sarah herself was barren – because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, 'as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.'

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

*At the end the reader may say*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

## HYMN

- 1 Ye servants of the Lord,  
each in his office wait,  
observant of his heavenly word,  
and watchful at his gate.
- 2 Let all your lamps be bright,  
and trim the golden flame;  
gird up your loins as in his sight,  
for awful is his name.
- 3 Watch!'tis your Lord's command,  
and while we speak, he's near;  
mark the first signal of his hand,  
and ready all appear.
- 4 O happy servant he  
in such a posture found!  
he shall his Lord with rapture see,  
and be with honour crowned.
- 5 Christ shall the banquet spread  
with his own royal hand,  
and raise that faithful servant's head  
amid the angelic band.

*Philip Doddridge (1702-1751)*

## GOSPEL READING Luke 12.32-40

**All Alleluia! [x4]**  
Cantor Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.  
You have the words of eternal light.

*1 Samuel 3.9; John 6.68*

**All Alleluia! [x4]**  
Deacon Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
**All Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to his disciples, 'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.'

Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

*After the Sermon silence may be kept.*

## **CREED**

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

**All 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.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Minister In the power of the Spirit  
and in union with Christ,  
let us pray to the Father.

*This response may be included:*

**All Lord, in your mercy,  
hear our prayer.**

*And at the end:*

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

## **PEACE**

Minister 'Where two or three are gathered together in my name,'  
says the Lord, 'there am I in the midst of them'.

The peace of the Lord be with you.

**All** And also with you.

## **PREPARATION OF THE TABLE**

### **HYMN**

1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,  
there is no shadow of turning with thee;  
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not,  
as thou hast been thou for ever wilt be.

Chorus *Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!*  
*Morning by morning new mercies I see;*  
*all I have needed thy hand hath provided,*  
*great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.*

2 Summer and winter, and spring-time and harvest,  
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

*Thomas O. Chisholm (1866–1960)*

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## **TABLE PRAYER**

Minister Wise and gracious God,  
you spread a table before us;  
nourish your people with the word of life  
and the bread of heaven.



All            Amen.

## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

Minister    The Lord be with you,

All            **and also with you.**

Minister    Lift up your hearts.

All            **We lift them to the Lord.**

Minister    Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All            **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Minister    Living God, Father of light,  
                  hope of nations, friend of sinners,  
                  builder of the city that is to come:  
                  your love is made visible in Jesus Christ,  
                  you bring home the lost, restore the sinner  
                  and give dignity to the despised.

                  In the face of Jesus Christ your light shines out,  
                  flooding lives with goodness and truth,  
                  gathering into one a divided and broken humanity.

                  With people from every race and nation,  
                  with the Church of all the ages,  
                  with apostles, evangelists and martyrs  
                  we join the angels of heaven  
                  in their unending song:

**Choir/All    Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
                  heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
                  Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
                  Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
                  Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

Minister    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.

Deacon Great is the mystery of faith.

**Choir/All Christ has died; Christ is risen;  
Christ will come again.**

Minister 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.

**All Amen.**

*Silence may be kept.*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Minister As our Saviour taught us, so we pray.

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.

## BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*The president breaks the consecrated bread.*

Minister 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.

## AGNUS DEI

Choir/All 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.

## GIVING OF COMMUNION

Minister 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.

All        **Amen.**

*Please wait to be directed forward to receive communion.*

## **ANTHEM** T Brian Coleman: As water to the thirsty

As water to the thirsty, as beauty to the eyes,  
as strength that follows weakness, as truth instead of lies,  
as song-time and springtime and summer-time to be,  
so is my Lord, my living Lord, so is my Lord to me.

Like calm in place of clamour, like peace that follows pain,  
like meeting after parting, like sunshine after rain,  
like moonlight and starlight and sunlight on the sea,  
so is my Lord, my living Lord, so is my Lord to me.

As sleep that follows fever, as gold instead of grey,  
as freedom after bondage, as sunrise to the day,  
as home to the traveller and all we long to see.  
So is my Lord, my living Lord, so is my Lord to me.

## **HYMN**

- 1        Let all mortal flesh keep silence  
          and with fear and trembling stand;  
          ponder nothing earthly-minded,  
          for with blessing in his hand  
          Christ our God to earth descendeth,  
          our full homage to demand.
- 2        King of kings, yet born of Mary,  
          as of old on earth he stood,  
          Lord of lords, in human vesture —  
          in the body and the blood —  
          he will give to all the faithful  
          his own self for heavenly food.
- 3        Rank on rank the host of heaven  
          spreads its vanguard on the way,  
          as the Light of light descendeth  
          from the realms of endless day,  
          that the powers of hell may vanish  
          as the darkness clears away.

- 4 At his feet the six-winged seraph;  
cherubim with sleepless eye  
veil their faces to the Presence,  
as with ceaseless voice they cry,  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
alleluia, Lord most high.

*Sigisato pasa sarx broteia, Cherubic Hymn from the Liturgy of St James versified by Gerard Moultrie (1829-1885)  
based on the translation of J. M. Neale and R. F. Littledale*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Minister Strengthen for service, Lord,  
the hands that have taken holy things;  
may the ears which have heard your word  
be deaf to clamour and dispute;  
may the tongues which have sung your praise  
be free from deceit;  
may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love  
shine with the light of hope;  
and may the bodies which have been fed with your body  
be refreshed with the fullness of your life;  
glory to you for ever.

All **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.**

## NOTICES

### HYMN

- 1 Forth in the peace of Christ we go;  
Christ to the world with joy we bring;  
Christ in our minds, Christ on our lips,  
Christ in our hearts, the world's true king.
- 2 King of our hearts, Christ reigns in us;  
kingship with him his servants gain;  
with Christ, the Servant-Lord of all,  
Christ's world we serve to share Christ's reign.

- 3 Priests of the world, Christ sends us forth  
this world of time to consecrate,  
our world of sin by grace to heal,  
Christ's world in Christ to re-create.
- 4 Prophets of Christ, we hear his word:  
he claims our minds, to search his ways;  
he claims our lips, to speak his truth;  
he claims our hearts, to sing his praise.
- 5 We are his Church, he makes us one:  
here is one hearth for all to find;  
here is one flock, one Shepherd-King;  
here is one faith, one heart, one mind.

*James Quinn, SJ (1919–2010)*

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## **BLESSING**

Minister 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.**

## **DISMISSAL**

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*The people and ministers depart.*

**ORGAN VOLUNTARY** Norman Cocker: Tuba Tune

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## OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR

Those who suffer in **body, mind or spirit**, among them Richard H, Kay G, Jonathan, Ron W, Kath T, June M, Jenny A, Andrew E, Clive F, Doreen J, John W.

**The housebound** and those in residential homes: Shirley C, Diana B.

*If you would like to add a name to our prayer list, please obtain the consent of the person you wish us to pray for. Then tell either Canon Paula or Pat Thomas whom to pray for and the reason why.*

## REMEMBER THE DEPARTED

**Those whose anniversaries fell on this past week:** Charles Bruce Brown, Doris Ena Bues, Betty Soames, Kenneth Frederick Byers, Beryl Nora Maudsley, Frederick Coles, May Smart, Wilfred Clayton, Mary Tutt, Mary Blackmore, Annie Catanding, William Newcombe, Peter Ryland Griffin, Emily Mary Dickens, Betsy Carnelly, Ada Thoroughgood, Doris Bues, Marjorie Grove, Margaret Rainbow, Paul Gatenby, Nellie Betts, Kathleen Stapleton, Mary Blackmore, Vera Toyer, Eunice Taylor, Vera Laurence, Yvonne Taylor.

## NOTICES

**Tea @2** Tuesday 9 August 14:00, St Andrew's Hall.

**Choral Evensong** Sunday 14 August 18:00, All Hallows. Please do come along and take part in this wonderful service from the 1662 Book of Common Prayer. We will sing traditional hymns, and hear other music by Wesley, Lloyd and Brewer. Refreshments will be served after the service.

**All Hallows' Coffee Morning** Thursday 25 August 10:00-12:00, 16 Cherry Avenue. In aid of the Church Flower Fund and a new choir advertising banner. Tickets £5 (includes a free raffle) available from Ann Harrison.

**Confirmation:** Bishop Donald will be coming to our Patronal Festival on 30 October. We hope that he will also conduct confirmations. If you would like to explore confirmation please speak to Rev Paula or Pat Thomas.

## DIARY

<b>Mon 8 Aug</b>	<b>Dominic</b>	
<b>Tues 9 Aug</b>	<b>Mary Sumner</b>	
8:30 - 9:00	Zoom	Morning Prayer
9:30 - 12:00	All Hallows' Hall	coffee shop
14:00 - 15:00	St Andrew's Hall	Tea @2
<b>Wed 10 Aug</b>	<b>Laurence</b>	
9:30 - 12:00	All Hallows' Hall	coffee shop
10:30 - 12:30	All Hallows	open to the public
12:15 - 13:00	All Hallows	Midweek Eucharist
19:00 - 20:00	All Saints	AS choir practice
<b>Thurs 11 Aug</b>	<b>Claire of Assisi</b>	
8:30 - 9:00	Zoom	Morning Prayer
10:00 - 10:30	All Saints	Holy Communion
<b>Fri 12 Aug</b>		
9:30 - 12:00	All Hallows' Hall	coffee shop
19:00 - 20:30	All Hallows	AH choir practice
<b>Sat 13 Aug</b>	<b>Jeremy Taylor</b>	
9:30 - 12:00	All Hallows' Hall	coffee shop
10:30 - 12:30	All Hallows	open to the public
<b>Sun 14 Aug</b>	<b>Trinity 9</b>	
9:15 - 10:30	All Saints	Eucharist
11:15 - 12:30	All Hallows	Eucharist
18:00 - 19:00	All Hallows	Choral Evensong

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