



Holy Communion for the season of Trinity

SERVICE TWO

Sunday 4th August 2024
10th Sunday after Trinity

Presiding Canon Simon Stokes
Preaching Revd. Jim Florance



Please feel free to sit or stand as you feel most comfortable. Congregational responses are usually shown in **bold type**, where these are also in *italics* they are normally sung.

WELCOME & Introduction

Family style service

Come, now is the time to worship.
Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come, just as you are, to worship.
Come, just as you are, before your God.
Come.

*One day every tongue will confess
You are God.
One day every knee will bow.
Still the greatest treasure remains for those
Who gladly choose you now.*

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The Lord be with you
And also with you.

Hymn 678 - *In Christ alone*

***In Christ alone my hope is found,
he is my light, my strength, my song;
this Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
here in the love of Christ I stand.***

***In Christ alone! - who took on flesh,
fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
scorned by the ones he came to save:
till on that cross as Jesus died,
the wrath of God was satisfied
for every sin on him was laid;
here in the death of Christ I live.***

***There in the ground his body lay,
light of the world by darkness slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious day
up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory
sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
for I am his and he is mine
bought with the precious blood of Christ.***

***No guilt in life, no fear in death,
this is the power of Christ in me;
from life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
can ever pluck me from his hand;
till he returns or calls me home,
here in the power of Christ I'll stand!***

Stuart Townend (b. 1963) and Keith Getty (b. 1974)

Prayers of Penitence

We are invited to confess what we have done wrong as we listen to words from psalm 51

Confession (please sit or kneel)

1 Have mercy on me, O God, in your great goodness;
according to the abundance of your compassion blot out my offences.

2 Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness
and cleanse me from my sin.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

3 For I acknowledge my faults
and my sin is ever before me.

4 Against you only have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight,

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

7 Behold, you desire truth deep within me
and shall make me understand wisdom
in the depths of my heart.

8 Purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean;
wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

10 Turn your face from my sins
and blot out all my misdeeds.

11 Make me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.

Amen.

THE COLLECT (*Prayer of the week - found on the pew sheet*)

Lord of heaven and earth,
as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent
in prayer, give us patience and courage
never to lose hope, but always to bring our prayers before you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD (Please sit)

BIBLE READING

Old Testament Reading. 2 Samuel 11: 26-12:13a.

Read by Jennifer D

When the wife of Uriah heard that her husband was dead, she made lamentation for him. When the mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife, and bore him a son. But the thing that David had done displeased the Lord, and the Lord sent Nathan to David. He came to him, and said to him, 'There were two men in a certain city, one rich and the other poor. The rich man had very many flocks and herds; but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. He brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children; it used to eat of his meagre fare, and drink from his cup, and lie in his bosom, and it was like a daughter to him. Now there came a traveller to the rich man, and he was loath to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb, and prepared that for the guest who had come to him.' Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man. He said to Nathan, 'As the Lord lives, the man who has done this deserves to die; he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity.' Nathan said to David, 'You are the man! Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: I anointed you king over Israel, and I rescued you from the hand of Saul; I gave you your master's house, and your master's wives into your bosom, and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would have added as much more. Why have you despised the word of the Lord, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and have taken his wife to be your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, for you have despised me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife. Thus says the Lord: I will raise up trouble against you from within your own house; and I will take your wives before your eyes, and give them to your neighbour, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this very sun. For you did it secretly; but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun.' David said to Nathan, 'I have sinned against the Lord.' Nathan said to David, 'Now the Lord has put away your sin; you shall not die.

At the end:

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

All age talk – Revd. Pauline

HYMN 800 - *The Lord's my shepherd*

*The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want.
He makes me lie in pastures green.
He leads me by the still, still waters,
his goodness restores my soul.
And I will trust in you alone.
And I will trust in you alone,
for your endless mercy follows me,
your goodness will lead me home.*

*He guides my ways in righteousness,
and he anoints my head with oil,
and my cup, it overflows with joy,
I feast on his pure delights.
And I will trust in you alone.
And I will trust in you alone,
for your endless mercy follows me,
your goodness will lead me home.*

*And though I walk the darkest path,
I will not fear the evil one,
for you are with me, and your rod and staff
are the comfort I need to know.
And I will trust in you alone.
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for your endless mercy follows me,
your goodness will lead me home.*

Stuart Townend (b. 1963) based on Psalm 23

GOSPEL READING: John 6: 24-35

(Please remain standing)

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.' Then they said to him, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?' Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.' So they said to him, 'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat."' Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from

heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.' Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Revd. Jim

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(If you would like to, please stand)

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world?

We believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION - Led by Pam

(Please sit or kneel)

These responses may be used:

Lord, in your mercy,

Receive our prayer.

At the end:

Merciful Father,

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

CALLING OF BANNES OF MARRIAGE, NOTICES AND TIME OF SHARING

THE PEACE

(If you would like to, please stand)

These words may be used:

Deep peace be in your hearts,
Deep peace with God's good earth,
Deep peace with friend and stranger,
Deep peace with God - Creator, Redeemer and life-giving Spirit.
The deep peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

OFFERTORY HYMN **Bless the Lord, O my soul (Ten Thousand Reasons)**

(During the hymn the altar is prepared]

Chorus: *Bless the Lord, O my soul;
O my soul, Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul,
I'll worship Your holy name.*

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning;
it's time to sing, Your song again.
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me, let me be singing when the evening comes. **[Chorus]**

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger,
Your name is great and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness, I will keep in singing;
ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. **[Chorus]**

And on that day when my strength is failing,
the end draws near and my time has come,
still my soul will sing Your praise unending;
ten thousand years and then for ever more!

Final Chorus: *Bless the Lord, O my soul;
O my soul, Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul,
I'll worship Your holy name.
I'll worship Your holy name.
Yes, I'll worship Your holy name.*

Matt Redman, Steve Angrisano & Jonas Myrin 2013

With this bread that we bring,
we shall remember Jesus.

With this wine that we bring,
we shall remember Jesus.

Bread for his body, wine for his blood,
gifts from God to his table we bring.
We shall remember Jesus.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

(Please sit or kneel)

The Lord is here.
His Spirit is with us.

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.

Almighty God, good Father to us all,
your face is turned towards your world.
In love you gave us Jesus your Son
to rescue us from sin and death.

Your Word goes out to call us home
to the city where angels sing your praise.
We join with them in heaven's song:

***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.***

Father of all, we give you thanks for every gift that comes from heaven.
To the darkness Jesus came as your light.
With signs of faith and words of hope
he touched untouchables with love and washed the guilty clean.

This is his story.

This is our song:

Hosanna in the highest!

The crowds came out to see your Son,
yet at the end they turned on him.
On the night he was betrayed he came to table with his friends
to celebrate the freedom of your people.

This is his story.

This is our song:

Hosanna in the highest!

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food.
He took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said:
This is my body, given for you all.
Jesus then gave thanks for the wine;
He took the cup, gave it and said:
This is my blood, shed for you all for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this in remembrance of me.

This is our story.

This is our song:

Hosanna in the highest!

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup
we celebrate the cross on which he died to set us free.
Defying death he rose again
and is alive with you to plead for us and all the world.

This is our story.

This is our song:

Hosanna in the highest!

Send your Spirit on us now
that by these gifts we may feed on Christ
with opened eyes and hearts on fire.
May we and all who share this food
offer ourselves to live for you
and be welcomed at your feast in heaven
where all creation worships you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

***Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.***

THE LORD'S PRAYER

United as one body we pray for the coming of God's Kingdom in heaven and on earth, using the words our Saviour taught us:

**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 forever. Amen.**

BREAKING OF THE 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.**

The Agnus Dei is sung:

***Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.***

***Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.***

***Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
grant us peace.***

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 are welcome to come forward to receive the bread and the wine or a blessing, it is helpful for us if you say your name when you come to the front.

a **HYMN** is sung during Communion. (Please remain seated)

Hymn 358 - *Be still for the presence of the Lord*

***Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here;
come, bow before him now,
with reverence and fear.
In him no sin is found,
we stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here.***

***Be still, for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around;
he burns with holy fire,
with splendour he is crowned.
How awesome is the sight,
our radiant King of Light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around.***

***Be still, for power of the Lord
is moving in this place,
he comes to cleanse and heal,
to minister his grace.
No work too hard for him,
in faith receive from him;
be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place.***

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Said by a minister and found on the weekly pew sheet.

God of our pilgrimage,
you have willed that the gate of mercy
should stand open for those who trust in you:
look upon us with your favour
that we who follow the path of your will
may never wander from the way of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

**Lord, we have broken your bread and received your life.
By the power of your Spirit, keep us always in your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

HYMN 652 - *Guide me, O thou great redeemer*

***Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand;
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore,
feed me now and evermore.***

***Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fiery cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through;
strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,
be thou still my Strength and Shield,
be thou still my Strength and Shield.***

***When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side;
songs and praises, songs and praises,
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.***

***WILLIAM WILLIAMS (1717-1791
Translated by PETER WILLIAMS (1727-1796)***

THE BLESSING

The Lord bless us and keep us.
The Lord make his face to shine upon us, and be gracious to us.
The Lord lift up his countenance upon us and grant us peace.
And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon us and remain with us,
be upon those we love,
pray for and care for
now and for evermore.
Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

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

or

By the power of the Spirit, we take into our community the peace
and love of God.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Before you go:

We're so glad that you decided to join us today.
If you are new to the church and would like us to keep in touch,
or to arrange a time when we can visit you, please leave your details with us.

You are very welcome to join us for refreshments in the centre following the service.

May the Lord bless you and keep you.
May the Lord make his face to shine upon you,
and be gracious to you.
May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you,
and give you peace.

ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH
LOWESTOFT

