### ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH

LOWESTOFT



# Holy Communion for Trinity and Ordinary time SERVICE ONE

### Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2024 Bible Sunday, Last after Trinity

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** 

Deacon & Preacher: Sarah

Presiding: Canon Simon

We meet in the presence of God who knows our needs, feels our pain, and shares our joy.
This is the day that the Lord has made.
We will rejoice and be glad in it.

Ye holy angels bright, who wait at God's right hand, or through the realms of light fly at your Lord's command, assist our song, for else the theme too high doth seem for mortal tongue.

Ye blessed souls at rest, who ran this earthly race and now, from sin released, behold the Saviour's face, his praises sound, as in his sight with sweet delight ye do abound.

Ye saints, who toil below, adore your heavenly King, and onward as ye go some joyful anthem sing; take what he gives and praise him still, through good and ill, who ever lives!

My soul, bear thou thy part, triumph in God above: and with a well-tuned heart sing thou the songs of love! Let all thy days till life shall end, whate'er he send, be filled with praise!

The Lord be with you **And also with you.** 

Let us worship the Lord. Thanks be to God.

#### **Prayers of Penitence**

We are invited to confess what we have done wrong using these or other suitable words

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ to save us from our sins, to be our advocate in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life.

Therefore let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace with all.

#### Confession (please sit or kneel)

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.

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

#### THE GLORIA

(If you are able, please stand to sing the Gloria)

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.

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.

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. Amen.

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

Merciful God, teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty, that trusting in your word and obeying your will we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD (Please sit)

all age talk Sarah

New Testament Reading: 2 Timothy 3: 14 – 4: 5 Read by Amelia

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong, a perfect plea:
a great High Priest, whose name is Love,
whoever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on his hands,
my name is written on his heart;
I know that while in heaven he stands
no tongue can bid me thence depart,
no tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within, upward I look, and see him there who made an end of all my sin. Because the sinless Saviour died, my sinful soul is counted free; for God, the Just, is satisfied to look on him and pardon me, to look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there! the risen Lamb! my perfect, spotless Righteousness, the great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace!
One with my Lord, I cannot die; my soul is purchased by his blood; my life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Saviour and my God, with Christ, my Saviour and my God.

Charitie Lees De Chenez (1841-1923)\*

GOSPEL READING: John 5: 36b - end

(Please remain standing)

These words may be used

Alleluia, alleluia!
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
one God, who was, and who is, and who is to come, the Almighty. **Alleluia!** 

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

But I have a testimony greater than John's. The works that the Father has given me to complete, the very works that I am doing, testify on my behalf that the Father has sent me. And the Father who sent me has himself testified on my behalf. You have never heard his voice or seen his form, and you do not have his word abiding in you, because you do not believe him whom he has sent. 'You search the scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that testify on my behalf. Yet you refuse to come to me to have life. I do not accept glory from human beings. But I know that you do not have the love of God in you. I have come in my Father's name, and you do not accept me; if another comes in his own name, you will accept him. How can you believe when you accept glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the one who alone is God? Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father; your accuser is Moses, on whom you have set your hope. If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote about me. But if you do not believe what he wrote, how will you believe what I say?'

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

SERMON Sarah

#### **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

(If you would like to, please stand as we affirm our faith)

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 led by Charles (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.

#### **NOTICES AND TIME OF SHARING**

#### THE PEACE

(If you would like to, please stand)

These words may be used:

We are the body of Christ, by one spirit we were all baptised into one body. Let us pursue all that makes for peace and builds up our common life.

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

**DEACON:** Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

#### OFFERTORY HYMN Amazing grace. (My chains are gone) - On separate sheet

(During the hymn the bread & wine are brought forward and the altar is prepared)

Amazing grace
How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now I'm found
Was blind, but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear And grace my fears relieved How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed

My chains are gone I've been set free My God, my Saviour has ransomed me And like a flood His mercy reigns Unending love, amazing grace

The Lord has promised good to me His word my hope secures He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures

My chains are gone I've been set free My God, my Saviour has ransomed me And like a flood His mercy reigns Unending love, amazing grace

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow The sun forbear to shine But God, Who called me here below, Will be forever mine.

My chains are gone
I've been set free
My God, my Saviour has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love, amazing grace

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.

# EUCHARISTIC PRAYER (please sit or kneel) [The Choir may remain standing]

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!

Lord of all life, you created the universe where all living things reflect your glory. You give us this great and beautiful earth to discover and to cherish.

You sent your Son to live among us, Jesus our Saviour, Mary's child. He suffered on the cross; he died to save us from our sins; he rose in glory from the dead, and we share his risen life.

You send your Spirit to bring new life to the world, and clothe us with power from on high. And so we join the angels to celebrate and sing:

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, on the night before he died,
Jesus shared a meal with his friends.
He took the bread and thanked you.
He broke it, and gave it to them, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.

After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine.
He thanked you, and gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you.
This is my blood, the new promise of God's unfailing love.
Do this in remembrance of me.

Father, as we bring this bread and wine, and remember his death and resurrection, send your Holy Spirit, that we who share these gifts may be fed by Christ's body and his blood.

Pour your Spirit on us that we may love one another, work for the healing of the earth, and share the good news of Jesus, as we wait for his coming in glory.

**DEACON:** Great is the mystery of faith.

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

#### 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:

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us. Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us. Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your 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.

An anthem is usually sung by the Choir and then a **HYMN** is also sung during Communion. (Please remain seated)

Anthem: Lamb of God (Webb)

Hymn: 421 - All for Jesus

All for Jesus, all for Jesus, this our song shall ever be; for we have no hope, nor Saviour, if we have not hope in thee.

All for Jesus, thou wilt give us strength to serve thee, hour by hour; none can move us from thy presence while we trust thy love and power.

All for Jesus, at thine altar thou wilt give us sweet content; there, dear Lord, we shall receive thee in the solemn sacrament.

All for Jesus, thou hast loved us; all for Jesus, thou hast died; all for Jesus, thou art with us; all for Jesus crucified.

All for Jesus, all for Jesus, this the church's song must be, till, at last, we all are gathered one in love and one in thee.

W.J. Sparrow- Simpson (1859-1952)\*

#### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

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

God of all grace, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

#### THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Father of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### **HYMN 475 - Forth in the peace of Christ**

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.

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.

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. 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.

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)

#### THE BLESSING

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

May the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you, be upon those you love, pray for and care for now and for evermore. **Amen.** 

#### THE DISMISSAL

Deacon: 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.

