



# Service of Holy Communion

(Alternative Service)



Sunday 31 August  
11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

## Before the service

### HYMN 789 - *Teach me to dance to the beat of your heart*

*Teach me to dance to the beat of your heart,  
teach me to move in the power of your Spirit,  
teach me to walk in the light of your presence,  
teach me to dance to the beat of your heart.  
teach me to love with your heart of compassion,  
teach me to trust in the word of your promise,  
teach me to hope in the day of your coming,  
teach me to dance to the beat of your heart.*

1. You wrote the rhythm of life,  
created heaven and earth;  
in you is joy without measure.  
So, like a child in your sight,  
I dance to see your delight,  
for I was made for your pleasure,  
pleasure.

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teach me to dance to the beat of your heart.*

2. Let all my movements express  
a heart that loves to say 'yes,'  
a will that leaps to obey you.  
Let all my energy blaze  
to see the joy in your face,  
let my whole being praise you,  
praise you.

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Graham Kendrick born 1950 & Steve Thompson

**WELCOME & Introduction** (please remain seated)

Deacon Sarah

Presiding & Preaching Canon Simon

The Lord be with you

**And also with you.**

**HYMN 716 - Lord, I lift your name on high**

***Lord, I lift your name on high,  
Lord, I love to sing your praises;  
I'm so glad you're in my life,  
I'm so glad you came to save us.  
You came from heaven to earth  
to show the way,  
from the earth to the cross  
my debt to pay,  
from the cross to the grave,  
from the grave to the  
sky:  
Lord, I lift your name on high.***

RICK FOUNDS

## Prayers of Penitence

We come to God from whom no secrets are hidden,  
and ask for forgiveness and peace.  
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)

Father, you come to meet us when we return to you:  
Restore us when we are lost.  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

Jesus, you died on the cross for our sins:  
Forgive us when our lives don't reflect your love.  
Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

Spirit, you give us life and peace:  
Free us from the turmoil of our hearts.  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

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 PERUVIAN GLORIA (please stand)

*Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father!*  
***Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father!***

*To Him be glory for ever!*  
***To Him be glory for ever!***

*Alleluia. Amen.*  
***Alleluia. Amen. Alleluia. Amen. Alleluia. Amen.***

*Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to Christ Jesus...*  
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*To Him be glory for ever!*  
***To Him be glory for ever!***

*Alleluia. Amen.*  
***Alleluia. Amen. Alleluia. Amen. Alleluia. Amen.***

*Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to the Spirit...*  
***Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to the Spirit...***

*To Him be glory for ever!*  
***To Him be glory for ever!***

*Alleluia. Amen.*  
***Alleluia. Amen. Alleluia. Amen. Alleluia. Amen.***

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

God of glory,  
the end of our searching,  
help us to lay aside  
all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom,  
and to give all that we have  
to gain the pearl beyond all price,  
through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD (please sit)

all age talk

### BIBLE READING

#### **New Testament: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 Read by Margaret**

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.' So we can say with confidence, 'The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?' Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

For the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN 639 - Give thanks with a grateful heart**

***Give thanks with a grateful heart.  
Give thanks to the Holy One.  
Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son.  
Give thanks with a grateful heart.  
Give thanks to the Holy One.  
Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son.***

***And now let the weak say, 'I am strong!'  
Let the poor say, 'I am rich!'  
because of what the Lord has done for us.  
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because of what the Lord has done for us.  
Give thanks.***

Henry Smith (b.1952) 639 Words and Music: © 1978, Integrity Music.

## GOSPEL READING Luke 14:1, 7-14

(please remain standing)

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

***Glory to you, O Lord.***

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. 'When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place", and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.' He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**SERMON Canon Simon**



## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (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 Sue (please sit or kneel)

Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear 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 (please stand)

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 557 - *Beauty for brokenness.*

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

***1 Beauty for brokenness, hope for despair,  
Lord, in your suffering world this is our prayer.  
Bread for the children, justice, joy, peace,  
sunrise to sunset your kingdom increase!***

***2 Shelter for fragile lives, cures for their ills,  
work for the craftsmen, trade for their skills.  
Land for the dispossessed, rights for the weak,  
voices to plead the cause of those who can't speak.***

***God of the poor, friend of the weak,  
give us compassion, we pray:  
melt our cold hearts, let tears fall like rain.  
Come, change our love from a spark to a flame.***

***3 Refuge from cruel wars, havens from fear,  
cities for sanctuary, freedoms to share.  
Peace to the killing fields, scorched earth to green,  
Christ for the bitterness, his cross for the pain.***

***4 Rest for the ravaged earth, oceans and streams,  
plundered and poisoned: our future, our dreams.  
Lord, end our madness, carelessness, greed;  
make us content with the things that we need.***

***God of the poor, friend of the weak,  
give us compassion, we pray:  
melt our cold hearts, let tears fall like rain.  
Come, change our love from a spark to a flame.***

***5 Lighten our darkness, breathe on this flame,  
until your justice burns brightly again;  
until the nations learn of your ways,  
seek your salvation and bring you their praise.***

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give us compassion, we pray:  
melt our cold hearts, let tears fall like rain.  
Come, change our love from a spark to a flame.***

Graham Kendrick (b. 1950)

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 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.**

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, Hosanna, Hosanna, in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, Hosanna, 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.

**Sing**

***Blessèd assurance, Jesus is mine:  
O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation purchase of God;  
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood:***

***This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Saviour, all the day long.  
This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Saviour, all the day long.***

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.

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food.  
He took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said:  
This is my body, given for you all.  
Do this in remembrance of me.  
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.

**Sing**

***Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
visions of rapture burst on my sight;  
angels descending bring from above  
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.***

***This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Saviour, all the day long.  
This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Saviour, all the day long.***

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.

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:

***Sing***

***Perfect submission, all is at rest,  
I in my Saviour am happy and blest;  
watching and waiting, looking above,  
filled with his goodness, lost in his love***

***This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Saviour, all the day long.  
This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Saviour, all the day long.***

**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.***

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.

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.

**HYMN** (please remain seated)

***247 - Holy Spirit, gift bestower.***

**1 Holy Spirit, gift bestower,  
breathe into our hearts today.  
Flowing water, dove that hovers,  
Holy Spirit, guide our way.  
Love inspirer, joy releaser,  
Spirit, take our fears away.  
Reconciler, peace restorer,  
move among us while we pray.**

**2 Holy Spirit, Christ proclaimer,  
wisdom bringer, light our way.  
Fire that dances, wind that whispers,  
Holy Spirit, come today.  
Ease disturber, comfort bearer,  
move among us while we pray.  
Truth revealer, faith confirmer,  
rest within our hearts today.**

**Author unknown**

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

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

Lord of all mercy,  
we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice  
which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace:  
by our communion  
keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel  
and preserve us from all sin;  
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 394 - *Tell out my soul***

**1 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!  
Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;  
tender to me the promise of his word;  
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.**

**2 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his Name!  
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;  
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;  
his holy Name, the Lord, the Mighty One.**

**3 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!  
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.  
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,  
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.**

**4 Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!  
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.  
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord  
to children's children and for evermore!**

## 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.***