

ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH  
LOWESTOFT



# Service of Holy Communion

For Ordinary Time & Trinity Season



Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September  
14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

Service One  
Mass Setting: St. Thomas (D. Thorne)



# SERVICE ONE

## Holy Communion



**Deacon: Gerda**  
**Preacher: Sarah**  
**Presiding: Rev Pauline**

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

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.**

**HYMN 2** - Christ, whose glory fills the skies.

***1 Christ, whose glory fills the skies,  
Christ the true, the only Light,  
Sun of Righteousness, arise!  
Triumph o'er the shades of night:  
Dayspring from on high, be near;  
Daystar, in my heart appear.***

***2 Dark and cheerless is the morn  
unaccompanied by thee;  
joyless is the day's return,  
till thy mercy's beams I see,  
till they inward light impart,  
glad my eyes, and warm my heart.***

***3 Visit then this soul of mine!  
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief  
Fill me, radiance divine;  
scatter all my unbelief;  
more and more thyself display,  
shining to the perfect day.***

CHARLES WESLEY (1707-1788)

## **Prayers of Penitence**

*We are invited to confess what we have done wrong using these 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, 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.***

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

Merciful God,  
your Son came to save us  
and bore our sins on the cross:  
may we trust in your mercy  
and know your love,  
rejoicing in the righteousness  
that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD *(Please sit)***

all age talk

## **BIBLE READING**

### **New Testament: 1 Timothy 2.1-7 Read by Samuel**

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings should be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all —this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

For the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN 193** - All heaven declares.

***All heaven declares the glory of the risen Lord.  
Who can compare with the beauty of the Lord?  
Forever he will be the Lamb upon the throne;  
I gladly bow the knee and worship him alone.***

***I will proclaim the glory of the risen Lord,  
who once was slain to reconcile the world to God.  
Forever you will be the Lamb upon the throne;  
I gladly bow the knee and worship you alone.***

Noël Richards (b. 1955) and Tricia Richards (b. 1960)

## **GOSPEL READING Luke 16.1-13**

*(Please remain standing)*

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 Luke.

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

Then Jesus said to the disciples, ‘There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, “What is this that I hear about you? Give me an account of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.” Then the manager said to himself, “What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.” So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, “How much do you owe my master?” He answered, “A hundred jugs of olive oil.” He said to him, “Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.” Then he asked another, “And how much do you owe?” He replied, “A hundred containers of wheat.” He said to him, “Take your bill and make it eighty.” And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. ‘Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.’

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 Gerda**

*(Please sit or kneel)*

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 BANNS OF MARRIAGE, NOTICES AND TIME OF SHARING**

### **THE PEACE**

(If you would like to, please stand)

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 489 - From heaven you came.**

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

*From heaven you came, helpless babe,  
Entered our world, your glory veiled;  
Not to be served but to serve,  
And give your life that we might live.  
This is our God, the Servant King,  
He calls us now to follow him,  
To bring our lives as a daily offering  
Of worship to the Servant King.*

*There in the garden of tears,  
My heavy load he chose to bear;  
His heart with sorrow was torn,  
'Yet not my will but yours,' he said.  
This is our God, the Servant King,  
He calls us now to follow him,  
To bring our lives as a daily offering  
Of worship to the Servant King.*

*Come, see his hands and his feet,  
The scars that speak of sacrifice,  
Hands that flung stars into space  
To cruel nails surrendered.  
This is our God, the Servant King,  
He calls us now to follow him,  
To bring our lives as a daily offering  
Of worship to the Servant King.*

*So let us learn how to serve,  
And in our lives enthrone him;  
Each other's needs to prefer,  
For it is Christ we're serving.  
This is our God, the Servant King,  
He calls us now to follow him,  
To bring our lives as a daily offering  
Of worship to the Servant King.*

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 Choir may remain standing]**

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!***

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

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:**

***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. The choir will receive Holy Communion first at the High Altar, followed by the rest of the congregation who will receive Holy Communion at the Chancel step.

An anthem is usually sung by the Choir and then a Hymn is also sung during communion (please remain seated)

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.

**Anthem**      Bread of the world (Bullard)

**Hymn 378 - Break thou the bread of life.**

***1 Break thou the bread of life,  
dear Lord, to me,  
as thou didst break the loaves  
beside the sea:  
beyond the sacred page  
I seek thee, Lord;  
my spirit pants for thee,  
O living Word!***

***2 Thou art the bread of life,  
O Lord, to me,  
thy holy word the truth  
that saveth me.  
Give me to eat and live  
with thee above;  
teach me to love thy truth,  
for thou art love.***

***3 O send thy Spirit, Lord,  
now unto me,  
that he may touch my eyes,  
and make me see:  
show me the truth concealed  
within thy Lord,  
and in thy book revealed  
I see thee, Lord.***

***4 Bless thou the truth, dear Lord,  
to me, to me,  
as thou didst bless the bread  
by Galilee:  
then shall all bondage cease,  
all fetters fall,  
and I shall find my peace,  
my all in all!***

vv. 1, 4 Mary Artemisia Lathbury (1841–1913) vv. 2, 3 Alexander Groves (1842–1909)

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

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

Lord God, the source of truth and love,  
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,  
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,  
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **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 612 - Christ triumphant.**

***1 Christ triumphant, ever reigning,  
Saviour, Master, King!  
Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining,  
hear us as we sing:  
Yours the glory and the crown,  
the high renown, the eternal name.***

***2 Word incarnate, truth revealing,  
Son of Man on earth!  
power and majesty concealing  
by your humble birth:  
Yours the glory and the crown,  
the high renown, the eternal name.***

***3 Suffering servant, scorned, ill-treated,  
victim crucified!  
death is through the cross defeated,  
sinners justified:  
Yours the glory and the crown,  
the high renown, the eternal name.***

***4 Priestly king, enthroned for ever  
high in heaven above!  
sin and death and hell shall never  
stifle hymns of love:  
Yours the glory and the crown,  
the high renown, the eternal name.***

***5 So, our hearts and voices raising  
through the ages long,  
ceaselessly upon you gazing,  
this shall be our song:  
Yours the glory and the crown,  
the high renown, the eternal name.***

Michael Saward (1932–2015)

## 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

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.***

