

Holy Communion for Trinity & Ordinary time SERVICE ONE

Sunday 16th June 2024 – 3rd Sunday after Trinity



WELCOME & Introduction

Welcome to Bishop Raj Kumar

Deacon: Canon Simon Presiding: Revd. Jim Florance Preacher: Revd. Pauline Florance

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: 595 – Be thou my vision

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart, be all else but naught to me save that thou art; be thou my best thought in the day and the night, both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word, Be thou ever with me and I with thee Lord; Be thou my great Father, and I thy true son; Be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight; be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might; be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower: O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power. Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise: Be thou mine inheritance now and always; Be thou, and thou only, the first in my heart; O sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art!

High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright son, O grant me its joys after victory is won; Great heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

(Irish 8th century) Translated by MARY ELIZABETH BYRNE (1880-1931) Versified by ELEANOR HENRIETTA HULL (1860-1935)

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)

God our saviour, look on this wounded world in pity and in power; hold us fast to your promises of peace won for us by your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD (Please sit)

Interview with Bishop Raj Kumar

BIBLE READING

2 Corinthians 5.6-10 [11-13] 14-17 Read by Sue

Brothers and sisters, we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord - for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgement seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil. Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

For the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

HYMN: 494 - I the Lord of sea and sky

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in dark and sin My hand will save. I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard You calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if You lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain. I have wept for love of them. They turn away. I will break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love alone. I will speak my Word to them. Whom shall I send? Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard You calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if You lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide Till their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard You calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if You lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

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GOSPEL READING: Mark 4: 26-34 (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 Mark. *Glory to you, O Lord.*

Such a large crowd gathered around Jesus that he got into a boat and began to teach them using many parables.

Jesus said, 'The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.' He also said, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.' With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

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

SERMON: Revd. Pauline Florance

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 Revd. Pauline Florance (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.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

OFFERTORY HYMN: 546 - O Lord my God

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

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder, thy power throughout the universe displayed:

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God; to thee, How great thou art, how great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Saviour God; to thee, How great thou art, how great thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander, and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees; when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur, and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze;

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God; to thee, How great thou art, how great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Saviour God; to thee, How great thou art, how great thou art!

But when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to die, I scarce can take it in that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, he bled and died to take away my sin;

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God; to thee, How great thou art, how great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Saviour God; to thee, How great thou art, how great thou art!

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim: My God, how great thou art!

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God; to thee, How great thou art, how great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Saviour God; to thee, How great thou art, how great thou art!

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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: Now the green blade rises (Bullard)

HYMN: 794 - The King of love my shepherd is.

The King of love my shepherd is, Whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am his And he is mine for ever.

Where streams of living water flow My ransomed soul he leadeth, And where the verdant pastures grow With food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, But yet in love he sought me, And on his shoulder gently laid, And home rejoicing brought me. In death's dark vale I fear no ill With thee, dear Lord, beside me; Thy rod and staff my comfort still, Thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight; Thy unction grace bestoweth; And O what transport of delight From thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days Thy goodness faileth never: Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise Within thy house for ever.

Words: H W Baker, 1821-1877

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

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining and whose power we cannot comprehend: show us your glory as far as we can grasp it, and shield us from knowing more than we can bear until we may look upon you without fear; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

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: 769 - Rejoice the Lord is King

Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore; Mortals, give thanks and sing, And triumph evermore.

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; rejoice, again I say rejoice.

Jesus the Saviour reigns, The God of truth and love; When he had purged our stains, He took his seat above.

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; rejoice, again I say rejoice.

His kingdom cannot fail; He rules o'er earth and heaven; The keys of death and hell Are to our Jesus given.

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; rejoice, again I say rejoice.

He sits at God's right hand Till all his foes submit, And bow to his command, And fall beneath his feet.

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; rejoice, again I say rejoice.

Rejoice in glorious hope, Jesus the judge shall come And take his servants up To their eternal home.

We soon shall hear the Archangels voice The trump of God shall sound: Rejoice

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.*

