Holy Communion for Trinity & Ordinary time - SERVICE ONE Sunday 23rd June, 2024 4th Sunday after Trinity



WELCOME & Introduction

Deacon & Preacher: Sarah Presiding: Revd. Jim 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: 702 - Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us.

Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us o'er the world's tempestuous sea; guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us, for we have no help but thee; yet possessing every blessing, if our God our Father be.

Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us; all our weakness thou dost know; thou didst tread this earth before us; thou didst feel its keenest woe; lone and dreary, faint and weary through the desert thou didst go.

Spirit of our God, descending, fill our hearts with heavenly joy; love with every passion blending pleasure that can never cloy; thus provided, pardoned, guided, nothing can our peace destroy.

JAMES EDMESTON (1792-1867)

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)

Gracious Father, by the obedience of Jesus you brought salvation to our wayward world: draw us into harmony with your will, that we may find all things restored in him, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD (Please sit)

Before the readings there may be an all age talk

BIBLE READINGS

Job 38: 1-11 Read by Tina

The Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind: 'Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me. 'Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy? 'Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb?

- when I made the clouds its garment, and thick darkness its swaddling band, and prescribed bounds for it, and set bars and doors, and said, "Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stopped"?

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

2 Corinthians 6: 1-13 Read by Terri

As we work together with Christ, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, 'At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you.' See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, imprisonments, riots, labours, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honour and dishonour, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see - we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything. We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. In return - I speak as to children - open wide your hearts also.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN: 144 - How deep the Father's love for us

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure, that he should give his only Son to make a wretch his treasure.

How great the pain of searing loss; the Father turns his face away, as wounds which mar the chosen One bring many souls to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross, my sin upon his shoulders; ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers. It was my sin that held him there, until it was accomplished; his dying breath has brought me life — I know that 'it is finished.'

I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no power, no wisdom; but I will boast in Jesus Christ, his death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from his reward? I cannot give an answer; but this I know with all my heart, his wounds have paid my ransom.

Stuart Townend (b.1963)

GOSPEL READING: Mark 4: 35-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!**

When the Gospel is announced:

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

When evening had come, Jesus said to his disciples, 'Let us go across to the other side.' And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great gale arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, 'Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?' He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, 'Peace! Be still!' Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, 'Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?' And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?'

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 John Worsfold (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 621 - Dear Lord and Father.

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

Dear Lord and Father of mankind, forgive our foolish ways!
Re-clothe us in our rightful mind, in purer lives thy service find, in deeper reverence, praise; in deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard, beside the Syrian sea, the gracious calling of the Lord, let us, like them, without a word, rise up and follow thee; rise up and follow thee.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee! O calm of hills above, where Jesus knelt to share with thee the silence of eternity interpreted by love! interpreted by love! Drop thy still dews of quietness, till all our strivings cease; take from our souls the strain and stress, and let our ordered lives confess the beauty of thy peace; the beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire thy coolness and thy balm; let sense be dumb, let flesh retire; speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire, O still, small voice of calm; O still, small voice of calm.

JOHN GREENLEAF WHITTIER (1807-1892)

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: If ye love me (Wilby)

HYMN: 557 - Beauty for brokenness.

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!

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Graham Kendrick (b. 1950)

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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

God, comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken, you have fed us at the table of life and hope: teach us the ways of gentleness and peace, that all the world may acknowledge the kingdom of your Son 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 823 - He who would valiant be. [Who would true valour see]

Who would true valour see, Let him come hither, One here will constant be, Come wind, come weather. There's no discouragement shall make him once relent his first avowed intent to be a pilgrim.

Who so beset him round with dismal stories do but themselves confound his strength the more is. No lion can him fright; He'll with a giant fight, But he will have the right to be a pilgrim.

Hobgoblin nor foul fiend Can daunt his spirit, He knows he at the end, shall life inherit. Then fancies fly away! He'll not fear what men say, He'll labour night and day to be a pilgrim.

JOHN BUNYAN (1628-1688)

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.

