

A Service of Holy Communion - 1st Sunday after Trinity

From 'New Patterns for Worship'

The Gathering

The Greeting

Be with us, Spirit of God;
nothing can separate us from your love.

Breathe on us, breath of God;
fill us with your saving power.

Speak in us, wisdom of God;
bring strength, healing and peace.

Quiet reflection as we prepare to receive God's holy presence

The Lord is here.
His Spirit is with us.

Invitation to Confession

Brothers and sisters in Christ,
as we gather at the Lord's table
we must recall the promises and warnings
given to us in the Scriptures.
Let us therefore examine ourselves and repent of our sins.

Confession

Lord God, our maker and our redeemer,
this is your world and we are your people:
come among us and save us.

We have wilfully misused your gifts of creation;
Lord, be merciful:
forgive us our sin.

We have seen the ill-treatment of others
and have not gone to their aid;
Lord, be merciful:
forgive us our sin.

We have condoned evil and dishonesty
and failed to strive for justice;

Lord, be merciful:

forgive us our sin.

We have heard the good news of Christ,
but have failed to share it with others;

Lord, be merciful:

forgive us our sin.

We have not loved you with all our heart,
nor our neighbours as ourselves;

Lord, be merciful:

forgive us our sin.

Absolution

May God our Father forgive *you your* sins †,
and bring *you* to the fellowship of his table
with his saints for ever.

Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

Glory to God in the highest.

Glory to God in the highest.

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Glory to God in the highest.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,

Glory to God in the highest.

we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Glory to God in the highest.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,

Glory to God in the highest.

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 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 in the highest.
Amen.

The Collect

O God,
the strength of all those who put their trust in you,
mercifully accept our prayers
and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature
we can do no good thing without you,
grant us the help of your grace,
that in the keeping of your commandments
we may please you both in will and deed;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen

The Liturgy of the Word

First New Testament Reading

Barbara Minette

Genesis 3.8-15

They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, 'Where are you?' He said, 'I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.'

He said, 'Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?' The man said, 'The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.'

Then the Lord God said to the woman, 'What is this that you have done?' The woman said, 'The serpent tricked me, and I ate.' The Lord God said to the serpent, 'Because you have done this,
cursed are you among all animals

and among all wild creatures;
upon your belly you shall go,
and dust you shall eat
all the days of your life.
I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and hers;
he will strike your head,
and you will strike his heel.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks † be to God.

Second New Testament Reading

Barbara Minette

2 Corinthians 4.13-5.1

But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—'I believed, and so I spoke'—we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks † be to God.

Gospel Reading

Andrew halfpenny

Praise the Lord.

Alleluia

Declare God's glory among the nations,
his wonders among all peoples. [Psalm 96.3]

Alleluia

Praise the Lord.

Hear the Gospel of the Lord according to Mark.

Glory † to you, O Lord.

Mark 3.20-end: Jesus and Beelzebul

[After appointing his twelve apostles, Jesus returned home] and the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, 'He has gone out of his mind.' And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, 'He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.'

And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables,

'How can Satan cast out Satan?

If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand.

And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand.

And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come.

But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

'Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin'— for they had said, 'He has an unclean spirit.'

Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, 'Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.' And he replied, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' And looking at those who sat around him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.



The Creed

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

Please respond to the bidding 'We will wait for the Lord **Our hope is in your Word**'.

Lord Jesus, crowds flocked to see you. As we kneel before your presence, draw us together to become your body. Help us to reach out as the Body of Christ especially those who feel unworthy or too sinful. That Christ will work through all who teach the Christian faith by word and example to reach the world.

Give us thankful hearts with which to praise you.

Lord we continue to pray for the appointment of new vicar to minister and worship with us.

We will wait for the Lord **Our hope is in your Word.**

Lord Jesus, some questioned your sanity and motives.

Stand alongside leaders and elected representatives as the world faces continued changes during the Pandemic. We pray that those who lead us, and the other nations of the world will always try to solve issues in a just and caring way, and deal with the world's problems with forethought and common-sense.

Hold before us a vision of your Kingdom to guide us through this mist of uncertainty.

We will wait for the Lord **Our hope is in your Word.**

Lord Jesus, you said that a closed heart shuts out your forgiveness.

We pray for a world with its mistakes and misunderstandings, confront our stubbornness with your grace and truth, that the unifying love of God may draw people together, helping them to find common ground on which they can build. May the power of your love help us all to be more understanding, wise and forgiving.

We will wait for the Lord **Our hope is in your Word.**

Lord Jesus, you call servants of your will not just friends but members of your family, look in compassion on your brothers and sisters in their need. Gracious God, we pray for all those who are afflicted by physical, emotional, or mental illness, give them courage and strength on their journey and all who care for them.

Give us, we pray, the calm that makes for consideration and respect for others. Let us be to others as we would wish them to be to us.

We place our trust in your mercy.

We will wait for the Lord **Our hope is in your Word.**

Lord Jesus, you prepare for your family and eternal weight of glory.

Bring into your eternal presence all who have recently died, we remember Georgina Tagg, nothing can separate us from your love, neither in life nor death.

May we with them live in your peace and joy for ever.

Rejoicing in your strength, love, and fellowship we offer you our thanks and praise.

Merciful Father: **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

We are the body of Christ.

In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.

Let us then 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.

Preparation of the Table

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.

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.

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;
in your love you made us for yourself.

When we turned away
you did not reject us,
but came to meet us in your Son.

**You embraced us as your children
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life
that we might live in him and he in us.

**He opened his arms of love upon the cross
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed,
at supper with his friends
he took bread, and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to them, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me †.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, and said:
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins;
do this in remembrance of me †.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory,
send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine
may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

**As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world
we offer you this sacrifice of praise
and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**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 for ever.
Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Every time we eat this bread
and drink this cup,
**we proclaim the Lord's death
until he comes.**

The Agnus Dei

Jesus, Lamb of God,
have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins,
have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world,
grant us peace.

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

**Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**



"My Land's only borders lie around my heart."

[*'Chess'* by Tim Rice and Björn Ulvaeus]

Prayer after Communion

Eternal Father,
we thank you for nourishing us
with these heavenly gifts:
may our communion strengthen us in faith,
build us up in hope,
and make us grow in love;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

The Dismissal

Notices and Banns of Marriage



Closing Prayer

Jesus, lord of time,
hold us in your eternity.

Jesus, image of God,
travel with us the life of faith.

Jesus, friend of sinners,
heal the brokenness of our world.

Jesus, lord of tomorrow,
draw us into your future. Amen.

The Blessing

May God,
whose Son revealed his glory at a wedding in Cana,
bring you the blessings of his presence.
Amen.

May God,
whose power turned water into wine,
transform your lives and make glad your hearts.
Amen.

May God, who works miracles in our lives,
fill you with his Spirit,
and change you day by day to reflect his glory,
until that day when you see him face to face.
Amen.

And the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father the Son † and the Holy Spirit
rest upon you and remain with you
and those who you love,
this day and always. **Amen**

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ †. Amen.