



# Welcome to Holy Communion

A THOUSAND TIMES I'VE FAILED  
**STILL YOUR MERCY REMAINS.**  
& SHOULD I STUMBLE AGAIN,  
I'M CAUGHT **IN YOUR GRACE.**

## *14th Sunday after Trinity*

13<sup>th</sup> September, 2020

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**The Revd Canon Felicity Scroggie will preside and  
Canon Rosemary Tucker will preach.  
Susy Brouard LLM, Margaret Dee, The Revd Jane Hemmings,  
The Ven David Meara, The Revd Sarah Sewell, and Meghann  
Hewett LLM will assist  
Music by David Hewett  
And we are held together technically by David Hewett**

**Introductory music:**

St Mary's Bells, rung by the St Mary's Bellringers in May 2018

**Welcome**

**Hymn - All creatures of our God and King**

All creatures of our God and King,  
lift up your voice and with us sing: Alleluia, alleluia.  
Thou burning sun with golden beam,  
thou silver moon with softer gleam,  
O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,  
ye clouds that sail in heaven along, O praise him, alleluia.  
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,  
ye lights of evening, find a voice; O praise him...

Thou flowing water, pure and clear,  
make music for thy Lord to hear, Alleluia, alleluia.  
Thou fire so masterful and bright,  
that givest man both warmth and light: O praise him...

And all ye men of tender heart,  
Forgiving others, take your part, O sing ye! Alleluia!  
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,  
Praise God and on Him cast your care! O praise him...

Let all things their Creator bless,  
and worship him in humbleness, O praise him, alleluia.  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
and praise the Spirit, Three in One; O praise him...

W H Draper (1855-1933) based on St. Francis of Assisi's Canticle of the Sun

## The Greeting

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

God of our days and years,  
We set this time apart for you.  
Form us in the likeness of Christ  
So that your lives may glorify you. **Amen.**

## Prayers of Penitence

We come to God as one from whom no secrets are hidden,  
To ask for his forgiveness and peace.

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

Jesus, you died on the cross for our sins:  
Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

Spirit, you give us life and peace:  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

May the God of love and power  
forgive you and free you from your sins,  
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,  
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Gloria in Excelsis

**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**

Almighty God,  
Whose only Son has opened for us  
A new and living way into your presence:  
Give us pure hearts and steadfast wills  
To worship you in spirit and in truth;  
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*

#### **Old Testament Reading Genesis 50. 15-21**

When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "What if Joseph holds a grudge against us and pays us back for all the wrongs we did to him?" So they sent word to Joseph, saying, "Your father left these instructions before he died: 'This is what you are to say to Joseph: I ask you to forgive your brothers the sins and the wrongs they committed in treating you so badly.' Now please forgive the sins of the servants of the God of your father." When their message came to him, Joseph wept.

His brothers then came and threw themselves down before him. "We are your slaves," they said.

But Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God? You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. So then, don't be afraid. I will provide for you and your children." And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them.

This is the Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

## **Gospel Reading: Matthew 18:21-35**

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

Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?"

Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times. "Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him. Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt.

"At this the servant fell on his knees before him. 'Be patient with me,' he begged, 'and I will pay back everything.' The servant's master took pity on him, cancelled the debt and let him go.

"But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. 'Pay back what you owe me!' he demanded. "His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.'

"But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened.

"Then the master called the servant in. 'You wicked servant,' he said, 'I cancelled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?' In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.

"This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ**

**Sermon**

## The Apostles' Creed

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

**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.**

**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.**

## Prayers of Intercession

*These responses may be used*

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*And at the end*

Merciful Father,

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

## The Peace

The Risen Christ stood among his disciples and said,  
Peace be with you  
The peace of the risen Christ be with you  
**and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

## Hymn – In Christ alone

In Christ alone my hope is found,  
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My Comforter, my All in All,  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! - who took on flesh,  
Fullness of God in helpless babe.  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
Scorned by the ones He came to save:  
Till on that cross as Jesus died,  
The wrath of God was satisfied –  
For every sin on Him was laid;  
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain:  
Then bursting forth in glorious day  
Up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
For I am His and He is mine –  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
This is the power of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man,  
Can ever pluck me from His hand:  
Till He returns or calls me home,  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

Stuart Townend & Keith Getty

*The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.*

Holy God, holy and strong, holy and immortal,  
give us the bread of everlasting life,  
and make us branches of the true vine.

**Amen.**

## **The Eucharistic Prayer**

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.**

Father, we give you thanks and praise  
through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word,  
through whom you have created all things;  
who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh;  
as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin,  
he lived on earth and went about among us;  
he opened wide his arms for us on the cross;  
he put an end to death by dying for us;  
and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life;  
so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and singing:

**David sings**

**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.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
and according to your holy will,  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:  
Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:  
**Dying you destroyed our death,  
rising you restored our life:  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,  
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;  
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming in glory,  
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.  
As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,  
we bring before you this bread and this cup  
and we thank you for counting us worthy  
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people  
and gather into one in your kingdom  
all who share this one bread and one cup,  
so that we, in the company of St Mary the Virgin,

St John the Baptist, and all the saints,  
may praise and glorify you for ever,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,  
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **Breaking of the Bread**

Jesus says, I am the bread of life,  
whoever eats this bread will live forever.  
**Lord, our hearts hunger for you;  
In our homes, separated as we are,  
Feed us, and give us this bread always.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

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have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
grant us peace.**

## **Giving of Communion**

We remember the words of the Roman centurion who trusted in the power of Christ to heal at a distance - without even coming into his house – and whose faith was commended by Christ

**“Lord, I am not worthy to receive you under my roof,  
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.”**

## **Prayer after Communion**

**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****

## **The Blessing**

The Father, Whose glory fills the heavens,  
Cleanse you by his holiness  
And send you to proclaim his word **Amen.**

The Son, Who has ascended to the heights,  
Pour upon you the riches of his grace. **Amen.**

The Holy Spirit, The Comforter,  
Equip you and strengthen you in your ministry **Amen.**

The blessing of God Almighty,  
The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit  
Be with you and those you love  
This day and for ever. **Amen.**

## The Dismissal

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

**Organ voluntary – Nun danket alle Gott – Karg-Elert  
(Recorded by Pip Knight)**



*Thank you for joining with us in worship today.  
If you are joining us live, please come to zoom coffee now.*

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in our three churches.*

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*The clergy team are always happy to talk, walk, chat and pray  
with you so please don't be shy about being in touch with us.*

*God bless you all and those you love.*