

Holy Communion



Sunday 2nd May 2021 10am

Welcome

Welcome in the name of Christ.

God's grace, mercy and peace be with you:

and also with you.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Welcome and Notices

Youth Explorers and Children's Activities

We light the Easter Candle, saying

May the light of Christ, rising in glory,
banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.

The light of Christ.

Thanks be to God

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Opening Prayer:

Faithful one, whose word is life:

come with saving power

to free our praise, inspire our prayer

and shape our lives for the kingdom of your Son,

Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn:

Love Divine, all loves excelling
joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us your humble dwelling,
all your faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, you are all compassion,
pure, unbounded love impart;
visit us with your salvation,
enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all your grace receive;
suddenly return, and never,
never more your temples leave.
We would always give you blessing,
serve you as your hosts above,
pray, and praise you without ceasing,
glory in your perfect love.

Finish then your new creation;
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see your great salvation,
perfect in eternity:
Changed from glory into glory
till in heaven we take our place,
there to sing salvation's story
lost in wonder, love, and praise!

Confession:

The gospel calls us to turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ.

As we offer ourselves to him in penitence and faith, we renew our confidence and trust in his mercy.

**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.**

Absolution:

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.

New Testament Reading:

Acts 8: 26-end *Philip meets and baptizes the Ethiopian eunuch.*

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading:

Please stand for the Gospel reading.

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the first and the last, says the Lord, the living one;
I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore.

Alleluia.

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

John 15: 1-8 *Jesus is the true vine*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon:

Prayers of Intercessions:

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Merciful Father

Accept these prayers

For the sake of your Son

Our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

The Peace:

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.'

Then they were glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

Peace be with you,
and also with you.

Offertory Song:

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away,

Slain for us: and we remember:

The promise made that all who come in faith

Find forgiveness at the cross.

So we share in this Bread of life,

And we drink of His sacrifice,

As a sign of our bonds of peace

Around the table of the King.

The body of our Saviour, Jesus Christ,
Torn for you: eat and remember
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life,
Paid the price to make us one.
So we share in this Bread of Life,
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of love
Around the table of the King.

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin,
Shed for you: drink and remember
He drained death's cup that all may enter in
To receive the life of God.
So we share in this Bread of Life,
And we drink of His sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of grace
Around the table of the King.

And so with thankfulness and faith
We rise to respond: and to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ
As His body here on earth.
As we share in His suffering,
We proclaim: Christ will come again!
And we'll join in the feast of heaven
Around the table of the King.

Prayer at the Preparation of the Table:

Creator of all, you wash away our sins,

You give us new birth by the Spirit,

And redeem us in the blood of Christ.

As we celebrate the resurrection,

Renew your gift of life within us.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.

Amen.

Communion:

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.

Almighty God, good Father to us all,
your face is turned towards your world.

In love you gave us Jesus your Son
to rescue us from sin and death.

Your Word goes out to call us home
to the city where angels sing your praise.

We join with them in heaven's song:

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 of all, we give you thanks for every gift that
comes from heaven.

To the darkness Jesus came as your light.

With signs of faith and words of hope

he touched untouchables with love

and washed the guilty clean.

This is his story.

This is our song:

Hosanna in the highest.

The crowds came out to see your Son,

yet at the end they turned on him.

On the night he was betrayed

he came to table with his friends

to celebrate the freedom of your people.

This is his story.

This is our song:

Hosanna in the highest.

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food;

he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said:

This is my body, given for you all.

Jesus then gave thanks for the wine;

he took the cup, gave it and said:

This is my blood, shed for you all

for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this in remembrance of me.

This is our story.

**This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup
we celebrate the cross
on which he died to set us free.
Defying death he rose again
and is alive with you to plead for us and all the world.
This is our story.

**This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

Send your Spirit on us now
that by these gifts we may feed on Christ
with opened eyes and hearts on fire.
May we and all who share this food
offer ourselves to live for you
and be welcomed at your feast in heaven
where all creation worships you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit:
**Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever.
Amen.**

**The Lord's Prayer:
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:

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.**

Giving of Communion:

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Body and Blood of Christ keep us in eternal life.

***Please stay in your seats and we will bring
Communion to you.***

***We listen to Your Grace is Enough and
Lord I Come to You***

Song:

Your grace is enough, more than I need.
At Your word I will believe.
I wait for You, draw near again.
Let Your spirit make me new:
*And I will fall at Your feet,
I will fall at Your feet,
And I will worship You here.*

Your presence in me, Jesus light the way
By the power of Your word.
I am restored, I am redeemed
By Your spirit I am free:
*And I will fall at Your feet
I will fall at Your feet
And I will worship You here.*

Freely You gave it all for us.
Surrendered Your life upon that cross.
Great is Your love, poured out for all
This is our God.

Lifted on high from death to life.
Forever our God is glorified
Servant and King, rescued the world
This is our God.

*And I will fall at Your feet
I will fall at Your feet
And I will worship You here.*

Song:

Lord, I come to You
Let my heart be changed, renewed.
Flowing from the grace,
That I found in You.
Lord, I've come to know,
The weaknesses I see in me.
Will be stripped away,
By the power of Your love.

*Hold me close
Let Your love surround me
Bring me near
Draw me to Your side
And as I wait
I'll rise up like the eagle
And I will soar with You
Your Spirit leads me on
In the power of Your love*

Lord, unveil my eyes,
Let me see You face to face.
The knowledge of Your love,
As You live in me.
Lord, renew my mind,
As Your will unfolds in my life.
In living every day,
By the power of Your love.

Post Communion Prayer:

**Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out
in the power of your Spirit
to live and work
to your praise and glory.
Amen.**

**We now exit into our garden
at the front of church.**

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Song:

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.

Closing Prayer:

**God of our salvation,
you have restored us to life,
you have brought us back again into your love
by the triumphant death and resurrection of Christ.
Continue to heal us,
as we go to live and work
in the power of your Spirit,
to your praise and glory. Amen**

Blessing:

The Lord bless you and watch over you,
the Lord make his face shine upon you
and be gracious to you,
the Lord look kindly on you and give you peace;

And may the blessing of God Almighty,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
Rest upon us and fill us,
now and always. **Amen**

We are raised to new life with Christ.
Go in his peace. Alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.