

Service of Holy Communion

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THE CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Gathering of God's People

THE GREETING

A warm welcome to visitor and viewer alike.

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

HYMN

Hymn 332 "Come Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs" introduced and played for us by Adrian Hilliard.

1
Come let us join our cheerful songs
With angels round the throne
Ten thousand thousand and are tongues
But all their joys are one

2
Worthy the Lamb that died they cry
To be exalted thus
Worthy the Lamb our lips reply
For He was slain for us

5
The whole creation join in one
To bless the sacred name
Of Him that sits upon the throne
And to adore the Lamb

3
Jesus is worthy to receive
Honour and power divine
And blessings more than we can give
Be Lord for ever Thine

4
Let all that dwell above the sky
And air and earth and seas
Conspire to lift Thy glories high
And speak Thine endless praise

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden;
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:

You shall love the Lord your God

with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.

This is the first and great commandment.

And the second is like it.

You shall love your neighbour as yourself.

On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets.

Lord, have mercy on us,

and write these your laws in our hearts.

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ,

to save us from our sins, to intercede for us in heaven,

and to bring us to eternal life.

If we say that we have no sin,

we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins,

he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins

and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Please sit or kneel in Silence

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,

we have sinned in thought and word and deed,

and in what we have left undone.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us,

that we may walk in newness of life

to the glory of your name. Amen.

Almighty God,

who forgives all who truly repent,

has mercy on us,

pardons and delivers us from all our sins,

confirms and strengthens us in all goodness,

and keeps us in eternal life;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please stand

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's 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 OF THE DAY

Eternal Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven
that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:
Keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit
and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Proclaiming and Receiving the Word

Please sit for the Readings and Psalm, read for us by Jonathan Harig

2 Samuel 23: 1-7

Now these are the last words of David: The oracle of David, son of Jesse, the oracle of the man whom God exalted, the anointed of the God of Jacob, the favourite of the Strong One of Israel: The spirit of the LORD speaks through me, his word is upon my tongue. The God of Israel has spoken, the Rock of Israel has said to me: One who rules over people justly, ruling in the fear of God, is like the light of morning, like the sun rising on a cloudless morning, gleaming from the rain on the grassy land. Is not my house like this with God? For he has made with me an everlasting covenant, ordered in all things and secure. Will he not cause to prosper all my help and my desire? But the godless are all like thorns that are thrown away; for they cannot be picked up with the hand; to touch them one uses an iron bar or the shaft of a spear. And they are entirely consumed in fire on the spot.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Psalm 132: 1-12

Lord, remember for David

all the hardships he endured;

How he swore an oath to the Lord

and vowed a vow to the Mighty One of Jacob:

'I will not come within the shelter of my house,

nor climb up into my bed;

'I will not allow my eyes to sleep,

nor let my eyelids slumber,

'Until I find a place for the Lord,

a dwelling for the Mighty One of Jacob.'

Now, we heard of the ark in Ephrathah

and found it in the fields of Ja-ar.

Let us enter his dwelling place

and fall low before his footstool.

Arise, O Lord, into your resting place,

you and the ark of your strength.

Let your priests be clothed with righteousness

and your faithful ones sing with joy.

For your servant David's sake,

turn not away the face of your anointed.

The Lord has sworn an oath to David,

a promise from which he will not shrink:

'Of the fruit of your body

shall I set upon your throne.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit

as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen

THE SECOND READING

Revelation 1: 4-8

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel

THE GOSPEL READING

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to St John, ch 18 beginning at 33
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Please sit for the Sermon

THE SERMON

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God,
Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven**

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

Please sit or kneel

At the end of each prayer the following is said

Lord, hear us:

Lord, graciously hear us.

At the end of the Intercessions the following is said:

Merciful Father,

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

Please stand for the sharing of the Peace

THE PEACE

Peace to you from God our Father.

Peace to you from God the Son, Jesus Christ, who is our peace.

Peace to you from God the Holy Spirit, the life-giver.

The peace of the Lord be always with you 🙏

and also with you. 🙏

Please offering each other a sign of peace

HYMN

Hymn 565 "Father I Place into Your Hands" played for us by Adrian Hilliard.

1
Father I place into Your hands
The things I cannot do
Father I place into Your hands
The things that I've been through
Father I place into Your hands
The way that I should go
For I know I always can trust You

2
Father I place into Your hands
My friends and family
Father I place into Your hands
The things that trouble me
Father I place into Your hands
The person I would be
For I know I always can trust You

3
Father we love to see Your face
We love to hear Your voice
Father we love to sing Your praise
And in Your name rejoice
Father we love to walk with You
And in Your presence rest
For we know we always can trust You

4
Father I want to be with You
And do the things You do
Father I want to speak the words
That You are speaking too
Father I want to love the ones
That You will draw to You
For I know that I am one with You

Celebrating at the Lord's Table

AT THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Be present, be present,
Lord Jesus Christ
our risen high priest;
make yourself known in the breaking of bread.
Amen.

THE TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us
therefore let us celebrate the feast.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 our thanks and praise.

Father, almighty and everliving God,
at all times and in all places
it is right to give you thanks and praise:
and so with all your people, with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and saying:
**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessèd are you, Father,
the creator and sustainer of all things;
you made us in your own image,
male and female you created us;
even when we turned away from you,
you never ceased to care for us,
but in your love and mercy you freed us
from the slavery of sin,
giving your only begotten Son
to become man and suffer death on the cross
to redeem us:
he made there the one complete
and all-sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world:
he instituted, and in his holy Gospel commanded us to continue,
a perpetual memory of his precious death
until he comes again.

On the night that he was betrayed he took bread;
and when he had given thanks to you, 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 when he had given thanks to you,
he gave it to them, saying,
Drink this, all of you,
for 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.

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup
we do as Christ your Son commanded:
we remember his passion and death,
we celebrate his resurrection and ascension,
and we look for the coming of his kingdom.

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving;
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts,
grant by the power of the life-giving Spirit
that we may be made one in your holy Church
and partakers of the body and blood of your Son,
that he may dwell in us and we in him:
Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
**all honour and glory are yours, Almighty Father,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:
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.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.
**We being many are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.**

THE COMMUNION

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.
Remember that he died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts
by faith with thanksgiving.

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

**We do not presume
to come to this your table, merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness
but in your manifold and great mercies.
We are not worthy
so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table.
But you are the same Lord,
whose nature is always to have mercy.
Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ,
and to drink his blood,
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body,
and our souls washed through his most precious blood,
and that we may evermore dwell in him
and he in us. Amen.**

RECEIVING COMMUNION

The Consecrated Bread will be brought to you in the pews. We take the Consecrated Wine spiritually.

THE GREAT SILENCE

We keep silence for a time

Going Out as God's People

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people;
that plenteously bearing the fruit of good works
they may by you be plenteously rewarded;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

**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.**

Almighty God,
**we thank you for feeding us
with the spiritual food
of 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.**

HYMN

Hymn 528 "This day at God's creating word" played for us by Adrian Hilliard.

1
This day at God's creating word
first o'er the earth the light was poured:
O Lord, this day upon us shine
and fill our souls with light divine.

2
This day the Lord for sinners slain
in might victorious rose again:
O Jesus, may we raised be
from death of sin to life in thee!

3
This day the Holy Spirit came
with fiery tongues of cloven flame:
O Spirit, fill our hearts this day
with grace to hear and grace to pray.

4
O day of light and life and grace,
from earthly toil sweet resting place,
thy hallowed hours, blest gift of love,
give we again to God above.

NOTICES

God the Holy Trinity
make you strong in faith and love,
defend you on every side,
and guide you in truth and peace;
and thus the peace of God,
which passes all understanding,
will keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
and the Blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
is with you and will remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
In the Name of Christ. Amen!

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