

Second Sunday after Trinity

Fourth Sunday Family Communion

Sunday 26th June 2022, 10.30am

Welcome to our service of Holy Communion.
This is a service for *everyone* to engage with and to participate in.
Please make yourselves at home.

Gathering to Worship God

We meet in the name of God,
All **Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

The Lord be with you.
All **And also with you.**

God is great!
All **Let the people praise you!** (*repeat 4 times*)

Musical Meditation – *Jesu, Lover of My Soul*

Saying Sorry to God

A time of confession is introduced, followed by some silence and join together to pray:

For all the times we have forgotten those
who reach out to help us.
Lord, have mercy.
All **Lord, have mercy.**

For all the times we have not tried to follow Jesus.
Christ, have mercy.
All **Christ, have mercy.**

For all the times we have not listened
to those who need us.
Lord have mercy,
All **Lord, have mercy.**

May the God of love
bring *us* back to himself,
forgive *us our* sins,
and assure *us* of his eternal love
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis (*sung to the tune Ode to Joy*)

All **Glory be to God in heaven,
peace to those who love him well;
on the earth let all his people
speak his grace, his wonders tell:
Lord, we praise you for your glory,
mighty Father, heaven's king;
hear our joyful adoration
and accept the thanks we bring.**

**Only Son of God the Father,
Lamb who takes our sin away,
now with God in triumph seated
for your mercy, Lord, we pray:
Jesus Christ, most high and holy,
Saviour, you are God alone
in the glory of the Father
with the Spirit: Three-in-One!**

Prayer of the Day (the Collect)

Faithful Creator,
whose mercy never fails:
deepen our faithfulness to you
and to your living Word,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Hearing and Responding to the Bible

Old Testament Reading – 1 Kings Chapter 19. Verses 15-16, 19-21

A reading from the first book of Kings

Elisha Becomes a Prophet

¹⁵The LORD said, “Go back. Take the road that leads to the desert around Damascus. Go into Damascus and anoint Hazael as king over Aram.

¹⁶ Then anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel. Next, anoint Elisha son of Shaphat from Abel Meholah. He will be the prophet who takes your place.

¹⁹ So Elijah left that place and went to find Elisha son of Shaphat. Elisha was plowing 12 acres of land and was working on the last acre when Elijah came. Elijah went to Elisha and put his coat on Elisha. ²⁰ Elisha immediately left his oxen and ran after Elijah. Elisha said, "Let me kiss my mother and father goodbye. Then I will follow you."

Elijah answered, "You can do that. I will not stop you."

²¹ Elisha turned away from him and went back. He killed the oxen and used the yoke for firewood. He boiled the meat, gave it to the people, and they all ate together. Then Elisha went to follow Elijah and became his helper.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Hymn – Judge Eternal (no.372)

**All Judge eternal, throned in splendour,
Lord of lords and King of kings,
with thy living fire of judgement
purge this realm of bitter things:
solace all its wide dominion
with the healing of thy wings.**

**Still the weary folk are pining
for the hour that brings release:
and the city's crowded clangour
cries aloud for sin to cease;
and the homesteads and the woodlands
plead in silence for their peace.**

**Crown, O God, thine own endeavour;
cleave our darkness with thy sword;
feed thy people's hungry spirits
with the richness of thy word;
cleans the body of this nation
through the glory of the Lord.**

Gospel Reading – Luke Chapter 9. Verses 51-end

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Messengers came to the Samaritan village. 'Make ready for Jesus,' they said, 'he's coming to stay.' 'Where is Jesus going?' the villagers asked. When the messengers said he was on his way to Jerusalem, the Samaritans refused to welcome him.

James and John, who heard the villagers, were angry with the Samaritans and asked Jesus, 'Shall we pray for God to send fire down on them and burn them up?' Jesus told them off sharply, and they went on to another village.

Jesus attracted people as he travelled, but he knew it wasn't easy to follow him. One man approached him and said, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' Jesus replied, 'Following me would mean giving up all your comforts. I am not like a fox who has a hole, or a bird who has a nest; I don't know when or where I'll find somewhere to sleep.'

Jesus asked a man to come with him, but he said, 'Let me bury my father first.' Jesus answered, 'Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.'

A third person told Jesus, 'I will follow you, but I have to say goodbye to my family first.' Jesus said, 'Like a man ploughing a field, you have to keep looking forward. No one who looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Rev Joe's Talk – *Holding on to Jesus*

Worship Song – *This I believe*

performed by Sara & Andy, Mike & Claire, Richard & Lyn

**Our Father everlasting
The all creating One
God Almighty
Through Your Holy Spirit
Conceiving Christ the Son
Jesus our Saviour
I believe in God our Father
I believe in Christ the Son
I believe in the Holy Spirit
Our God is three in one
I believe in the resurrection
That we will rise again
For I believe in the name of Jesus**

**Our Judge and our Defender
Suffered and crucified
Forgiveness is in You
Descended into darkness
You rose in glorious light
Forever seated high**

**I believe in God our Father
I believe in Christ the Son
I believe in the Holy Spirit
Our God is three in one
I believe in the resurrection
That we will rise again
For I believe in the name of Jesus**

**I believe in You
I believe You rose again
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord**

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**I believe in God our Father
I believe in Christ the Son
I believe in the Holy Spirit
Our God is three in one
I believe in the resurrection
That we will rise again
For I believe in the name of Jesus**

**I believe in God our Father
I believe in Christ the Son
I believe in the Holy Spirit
Our God is three in one
I believe in the resurrection
That we will rise again
For I believe in the name of Jesus
For I believe in the name of Jesus
For I believe in the name of Jesus**

**I believe in life eternal
I believe in the virgin birth
I believe in the saints' communion
And in Your holy Church**

**I believe in the resurrection
When Jesus comes again
For I believe, in the name of Jesus**

**I believe in God our Father
I believe in Christ the Son
I believe in the Holy Spirit
Our God is three in one
I believe in the resurrection
That we will rise again
For I believe in the name of Jesus**

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Time to Pray

Between each petition:

Lord in your mercy

All hear our prayer.

At the end the following may be said:

Merciful Father,

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

The Peace

God makes peace within us.

All Let us claim it.

God makes peace between us.

All Let us share it.

The peace of the Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Hymn – Guide Me, O thou Great Redeemer (no.252)

All Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty,
hold me with thy pow'rful hand:
Bread of Heaven, Bread of Heaven,
feed me till I want no more,
feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through:
strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer
be thou still my strength and shield,
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs and praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.

Sharing in Holy Communion

Minister The Lord is here
All **God's Spirit is with us.**

Minister Lift up your hearts.
All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Minister Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Children Why is it right to give thanks and praise?
All **Listen, and we will hear.**

Left side 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.

Right side You give us your love,
even when things go wrong.
Jesus knew hurt and pain.
Through him you wipe away our tears,
and fill us with your peace.

All You made us all,
each wonderfully different,
to join with the angels
and sing your praise:
**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Left side We thank you,
loving Father,
because, when we turned away,
you sent Jesus, your Son.

Right side He gave his life for us on the cross
and shows us the way to live.

All Send your Holy Spirit
that these gifts of bread and wine
may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

Children Why do we share this bread and wine?
All Listen, and we will hear.

Minister On the night before he died,
when darkness had fallen,
Jesus took bread.
He gave thanks, broke it,
and shared it with his disciples, saying:
'This is my body, given for you.
Do this to remember me.'

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine,
gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying:
'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many,
for the forgiveness of sins.

'So Father, with this bread and this cup
we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life.

As you feed us with these gifts,
send your Holy Spirit,
and change us more and more
to be like Jesus our Saviour.

Children How do we follow Jesus Christ?
All **Listen, and we will hear.**

Minister Help us, Father, to love one another,
as we look forward to that day
when suffering is ended,
and all creation is gathered in your loving arms.
And now with all your saints
we give you glory,
through Jesus Christ,
in the strength of the Spirit,
today and for ever.
All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

All As our Saviour taught us, so we pray
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.
All **Though we are many, we are one body,**
because we all share in one bread.

Giving of Communion

All Let us share this special meal together.
Let's remember Jesus died for us and rose again,
and is with us now.
Let's draw close to God
and to each other around God's table.

All Jesus,
I believe that you are present in our communion.
Whether I am here physically or virtually,
I love you above all things,
and I desire to receive you into my soul.
Come, I pray, spiritually into my heart.
I embrace you as if you were already there
and unite myself wholly to you.
Never permit me to be separated from you.
Amen.

We receive Communion.

Going out to Serve God

Loving Father,
we thank you for feeding us at the supper of your Son:
sustain us with your Spirit,
that we may serve you here on earth
until our joy is complete in heaven,
and we share in the eternal banquet
with Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

For bringing us together in love.

All Thank you!

For feeding us with your very self.

All Thank you!

For the power of your Spirit.

All Thank you!

For sending us out into the world filled with your Spirit.

All Thank you!

Worship song – He Will Hold Me Fast
(performed by Sara, Emer, Rob, Claire, Mike and Andy)

**When I fear my faith will fail
Christ will hold me fast
When the tempter would prevail
He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold
Through life's fearful path
For my love is often cold
He must hold me fast**

*He will hold me fast
He will hold me fast
For my Saviour loves me so
He will hold me fast*

**Those He saves are His delight
Christ will hold me fast
Precious in His holy sight
He will hold me fast
He'll not let my soul be lost
His promises shall last
Bought by Him at such a cost
He will hold me fast**

*He will hold me fast
He will hold me fast
For my Saviour loves me so
He will hold me fast*

**For my life He bled and died
Christ will hold me fast
Justice has been satisfied
He will hold me fast
Raised with Him to endless life
He will hold me fast
Till our faith is turned to sight
When he comes at last**

*He will hold me fast
He will hold me fast
For my Saviour loves me so
He will hold me fast*

*He will hold me fast
He will hold me fast
For my Saviour loves me so
He will hold me fast*

Final Blessing

All May God grant us the wisdom to know what is important.
May God guide us to act, to do what is urgent.
May God help us to know the one we follow better each day.
May God help us to be people who don't always look back.
May God help us always to be faithful and true.

And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

We go together with joy and laughter.

All We go!

We go together to love and to share.

All We go!

We go together to explore and to learn.

All We go!

We go in peace to love and serve God.

All In the name of Christ. Amen!

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