



Welcome to our joint  
benefice service

Sunday, 30 October 2022

## Greeting & Opening Prayer

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

When we are happy,  
when we are full of joy and laughter  
**God welcomes us**

When we are angry,  
when people let us down and make us sad  
**God welcomes us**

When we are tired,  
when we need to refreshment, renewal and rest  
**God welcomes us**

God of welcome,  
God whose door is always open  
**We are glad to meet you here**

## Hymn

For all the saints who from their labours rest,  
who thee by faith before the world confessed,  
thy name, O Jesu, be forever blest. *Alleluia!*

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;  
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;  
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light. *Alleluia!*

O blest communion, fellowship divine!  
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;  
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. *Alleluia!*

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,  
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,  
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong. *Alleluia!*

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,  
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, *Alleluia!*

Words: William Walsham How (1823-67)  
Tune: Sine Nomine, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

### **Confession & Absolution**

Since we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses,  
let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so  
closely, looking to Jesus in penitence and faith.

*Hebrews 12.1*

Lord, you are gracious and compassionate:  
Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

You are loving to all  
and your mercy is over all your creation:  
Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Your faithful servants bless your name  
and speak of the glory of your kingdom:  
Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Almighty God,  
who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## Gloria



*Gloria, Gloria, In excelsis Deo,  
Gloria, Gloria, In excelsis Deo.*

Lord God, heavenly King,  
Peace you bring to us;  
We worship you, we give you thanks,  
We sing our song of praise.

Jesus, Saviour of all,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
You take away our sins, O Lord,  
Have mercy on us all.

At the Father's right hand,  
Lord, receive our prayer,  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
And you alone are Lord.

Glory, Father and Son,  
Glory, Holy Spirit,  
To you we raise our hands up high,  
We glorify your name.

## The Collect

God of holiness,  
your glory is proclaimed in every age:  
as we rejoice in the faith of your saints,  
inspire us to follow their example  
with boldness and joy;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **New Testament Lesson**

*Ephesians 1:11-end*

*At the end:*

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Gradual Hymn**

We bring you, Lord, our prayer and praise  
that every child of earth  
should live and grow in freedom's ways,  
in dignity and worth.

We praise for such a task begun  
to serve each other's need,  
for every cause of justice won,  
for every fetter freed.

Our prayers are for a world in pain  
where force and fear prevail,  
the plough becomes the sword again,  
and hope and harvests fail.

Alike our prayer and praise express  
the wants of humankind,  
that those in bondage and distress  
their larger freedoms find.

So may we still maintain the fight  
till earth's oppressions cease  
before the universal right  
to liberty and peace.

In Christ we learn to love and care  
and spread his truth abroad;  
and in his Name we lift our prayer:  
'Your kingdom come, O Lord.'

*Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith (b. 1926)*

*Tune: Wiltshire, George Thomas Smart (1776-1867)*

## **Gospel Reading**

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

*Luke 6:20-31*

This is the Gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Sermon**

*Nicholas Cooper*

## **The Nicene Creed**

**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 from the Holy Spirit and 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.**

## Intercessions

*Led by Judy Carr*

### The Peace

We are fellow-citizens with the saints and of the household of God, through Christ our Lord, who came and preached peace to those who were far off and those who were near.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**and also with you.**

### Offertory Hymn

For all the saints who've shown your love  
in how they live and where they move,  
for mindful women, caring men,  
accept our gratitude again.

For all the saints who loved your name,  
whose faith increased the Saviour's fame,  
who sang your songs and share your word,  
accept our gratitude, good Lord.

For all the saints who named your will,  
and showed the kingdom coming still  
through selfless protest, prayer, and praise,  
accept the gratitude we raise.

Bless all whose will or name or love  
reflects the grace of heaven above.  
Though unacclaimed by earthly powers,  
your life through theirs has hallowed ours.

Words: John L. Bell (b. 1949) & Graham Maule (b. 1958)

Tune: O Waly, Waly, traditional English



## **Preparation of the Table**

Pour upon the poverty of our love,  
and the weakness of our praise,  
the transforming fire of your presence. **Amen.**

## **The Eucharistic Prayer**

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 indeed right,  
it is our duty and our joy,  
at all times and in all places  
to give you thanks and praise,  
holy Father, heavenly King,  
almighty and eternal God,  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

And now we give you thanks  
for the glorious pledge of the hope of our calling  
which you have given us in your saints; that,  
following their example and strengthened by their fellowship,  
we may run with perseverance the race that is set before us,  
and with them receive the unfading crown of glory.

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:

**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.**



Accept our praises, heavenly Father,  
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
and as we follow his example and obey his command,  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us his body and his blood;

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.

Therefore, heavenly Father,  
we remember his offering of himself  
made once for all upon the cross;  
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;  
we look for the coming of your kingdom,  
and with this bread and this cup  
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Jesus Christ is Lord:

**Lord, by your cross and resurrection**

**you have set us free.**

**You are the Saviour of the world.**

Accept through him, our great high priest,

this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,

and as we eat and drink these holy gifts

in the presence of your divine majesty,

renew us by your Spirit,

inspire us with your love

and unite us in the body of your Son,

Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,

we worship you, Father almighty,

in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power**

**be yours for ever and ever.**

**Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

With saints and martyrs through the ages,  
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.**

## **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.**

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.

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

*After receiving the communicant says:*

**Amen.**

## Hymn during Communion

‘Come to me’, says Jesus,  
‘all who are distressed;  
take my yoke upon you,  
I will give you rest.

I am meek and humble,  
find, with me, release  
from false airs and graces;  
come, and be at peace.’

Hear the call of Jesus,  
come, be deeply blessed;  
his the invitation,  
you the honoured guest.

Here, where bread is broken,  
here, where wine is poured,  
thankfully receive him,  
find your faith restored.

Pardon, feed and heal us,  
humble, courteous Lord,  
gracious host, for ever  
honoured and adored.

Words: Alan Gaunt (b. 1935)

Tune: Glenfinlas, Kenneth George Finlay (1882-1974)

## Prayer after Communion

God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things:  
may we who have shared at this table  
as strangers and pilgrims here on earth  
be welcomed with all your saints  
to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Hymn

Ye watchers and ye holy ones,  
bright Seraphs, Cherubim and Thrones,  
raise the glad strain, Alleluia.  
Cry out, Dominions, Princedoms, Powers,  
Virtues, Archangels, Angels' choirs,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

O higher than the Cherubim,  
more glorious than the Seraphim,  
lead their praises, Alleluia.  
Thou Bearer of the eternal Word,  
most gracious, magnify the Lord.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Respond, ye souls in endless rest,  
ye Patriarchs and Prophets blest,  
Alleluia, alleluia.  
Ye holy Twelve, ye Martyrs strong,  
all Saints triumphant, raise the song  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

O friends, in gladness let us sing,  
supernal anthems echoing,  
Alleluia, alleluia.  
To God the Father, God the Son,  
and God the Spirit, Three in One,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Words: John Athelstan Riley ( 1858-1945)  
Tune: Lass tuns Erfreuen, , Melody from an Easter Hymn 1623

## **The Blessing**

God, who has prepared for us a city with eternal foundations,  
give you grace to share the inheritance of the saints in glory;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

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