

The Holy Communion

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

9 August 2020

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Hymn The King of love my Shepherd is

1. The king of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
and he is mine for ever.
2. Where streams of living water flow
my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow
with food celestial feedeth.
3. Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home rejoicing brought me.
4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still,
thy cross before to guide me.
5. Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
thy unction grace bestoweth;
and O what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!

6. And so through all the length of days
thy goodness faileth never:
good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house for ever.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

And also with you.

Sentence They cried out in fear, but Jesus spoke to them and
said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.' *Matthew 14.26–27*

**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.**

Lord, have mercy

Christ, have mercy

Lord, have mercy

**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

Mighty God and ruler of all creation,
give new strength to our faith,
that we may recognise your presence
even when all hope seems lost.
Help us to face all trials with serenity
as we walk with Christ through the stormy seas of life
and come at the last to your eternal peace.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Silence may follow each reading.

First Reading

A reading from the book Genesis (37.1-4, 37.12-28)

1 Kings 19.9-18

⁹ At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' ¹⁰ He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.' ¹¹ He said, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.' Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; ¹² and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence.

Hear the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 85.8-13 (APBA p. 312)

⁸ I will hear what the Lord God will speak:
for he will speak peace to his people,
to his faithful ones, whose hearts are turned to him.

⁹ **Truly his salvation is near to those that fear him:
and his glory shall dwell in our land.**

¹⁰ Mercy and truth are met together:
righteousness and peace have kissed each other;

¹¹ **Truth shall flourish out of the earth:
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

¹² The Lord will also give us all that is good:
and our land shall yield its plenty.

**13 For righteousness shall go before him:
and tread the path before his feet.**

Second Reading

A reading from St Pauls letter to the Romans (10.4-15)

For Christ is the end of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes.

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that 'the person who does these things will live by them.' But the righteousness that comes from faith says, 'Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?" ' (that is, to bring Christ down) 'or "Who will descend into the abyss?" ' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead).

But what does it say? 'The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart'(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved.

The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him.

For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!'

Hear the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

The Gospel Reading

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matt (14.22-36)

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.' Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.' When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret. After the people of that place recognized him, they sent word throughout the region and brought all who were sick to him, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

After the Gospel, the reader says

This is the Gospel of the Lord,
praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

The Sermon

Silence may follow.

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church:

**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 of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**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

The minister says

Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

Dear friends, Jesus called on his disciples to have courage and trust in him. Lord, set us free from our fears, as we place our world and our church in hands.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Holy and loving God, in the beauty of your created world, we glimpse your glory. We pray for your world: for places where its beauty has been disfigured by our careless stewardship; for those whose lives have been broken or destroyed by violence or war; where corruption and greed diminish your will and purpose. Transfigure your world by your presence,

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for your church: for all who serve in your name; for those who lead our Diocese, that they will guide us with a strong and fearless faith through these troubled and confusing times.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for those whose love enriches our lives; for those who care for the frail and the sick; for our families and friends and all relationships that reveal your presence. We pray that our lives may be transfigured by your dwelling among us.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for young people everywhere: for little children with generous and forgiving hearts; for those studying at home

again, and especially those preparing for exams; for all who are unemployed or under-employed, and those whose lives have been made more precarious by the COVID-19 pandemic. We pray that the social havoc in which we live will not dim their hopes and dreams.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for workers at a high risk of infection, especially those working in hospitals, nursing homes and ambulances at this time. We pray that the whole community will observe the measures that will protect us all from harm.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for economic and health policy-makers, that they will develop plans that give priority to the public good and to the lasting health of God's people and good earth

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Trusting in the compassionate heart of Jesus, we pray for all in need of God's care: for those whose bodies are weakened by infection, whose spirits are crushed, whose minds are confused, whose hearts are broken. We remember especially this day: ... Transfigure their lives by your presence and give them strength.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer. Lord, your glory shines in the lives of your saints. We pray for all who have departed this life and rest now in your presence. We remember this day:

Blanche Richards 9.08.1975; Alan Bedggood* 09.08.1976; W Graeme Wright 09.08.2006; Eric (Arthur) Addison* (Gordon-Addison) 10.08.2015; Tamillo Robert Mappin (Priest) 11.08.1965; Jamilla McPin 11.08.1965; Mildred Bruce McKay 11.08.1983; Evelyn Eugenie Johnson 11.08.2001; William A Fawcett 11.08.2006; William Straede 11.08.2007; John David Roberts (UCA Minister) 11.08.2008; George Ernest Todd 13.08.1986; Cecil Victor Doig 13.08.1989; Christopher John Dyer 13.08.1997; Thomas Hick 13.08.1997; William James Bellhouse 13.08.2010; Capt.J.R. Nance 15.08.1991; Nancy Lillian Mitchell

15.08.2007; Rhona Clarke 15.08.2010; Enid Jean Dowling
15.08.2017.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude with this prayer.

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.

**Grant that what we have asked in faith
we may by your grace receive,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Invitation

Silence may be kept.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, confident in
God's forgiveness.

**Merciful God, our maker and our judge,
we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
and in what we have failed to do:
we have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.
Father, forgive us.
Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Absolution

Almighty God,
who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith:
pardon you and set you free from all your sins,
strengthen you in all goodness
and keep you in eternal life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE GREETING OF PEACE

We are the body of Christ.

His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

THE OFFERTORY

Hymn Gentle As Silence

Oh, the love of my Lord is the essence

Of all that I love here on earth.

All the beauty I see, He has given to me,

And his giving is gentle as silence.

Every day, every hour, every moment,

Have been blessed by the strength of His love.

At the turn of each tide, He is there at my side,

And his touch is as gentle as silence.

There've been times when I've turned from his presence,

And I've walked other paths, other ways,

But I've called on his name, in the dark of my shame

And his mercy was gentle as silence.

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.

Through your goodness we have these gifts to share.

Accept and use our offerings for your glory

and for the service of your kingdom.

Blessed be God for ever.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 our thanks and praise.

It is right to praise you, faithful God,
always and everywhere,
for with your only begotten Son
and life-giving Spirit,
you are the one true God from everlasting to everlasting.

At the dawn of time you wrought from nothing
a universe of beauty and splendour,
bringing light from darkness
and order from chaos.

You formed us, male and female, in your image,
and endowed us with creative power.

We turned away from you but you did not abandon us.

You called us by name and searched us out,
making a covenant of mercy,
giving the law, and teaching justice by the prophets.

And so we praise you,

joining with your faithful people of every time and place,
singing the eternal 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.

When the fullness of time was come,
you sent your Son to be born of Mary.

Bright image of your glory,
he learnt obedience to you in all things,
even to death on a cross,
breaking the power of evil,
freeing us from sin, and putting death to flight.

You raised him from death,
exalting him to glory,
and the new day dawned.

On the night he was betrayed
your Son Jesus Christ shared food with his friends,
his companions on the way.

While at table he took bread,
blessed, and broke it,
and giving it to them, said:
'Take, eat; this is my body.'

He took a cup of wine,
and, giving thanks, he gave it to them, and said,
'This is my blood of the covenant,
which is poured out for many.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

**When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,
until you come in glory.**

Therefore, living God, as we obey his command,
we remember his life of obedience to you,
his suffering and death,
his resurrection and exaltation,
and his promise to be with us for ever.

With this bread and this cup
we celebrate his saving death until he comes.
Accept, we pray, our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
and send your Holy Spirit upon us and our celebration
that all who eat and drink at this table
may be strengthened by Christ's body and blood
to serve you in the world.
As one body and one holy people,
may we proclaim the everlasting gospel
of Jesus Christ our Lord,
through whom, with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory is yours, eternal God, now and for ever.
**Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to 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.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
We who are many are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.

The gifts of God for the people of God.
Come let us take this holy sacrament of the body and
blood of Christ in remembrance that he died for us, and feed
on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

*During COVID-19 restrictions we will administer Holy
Communion under one kind; the bread.*

A time for quiet reflection follows Holy Communion

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

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 in this hope that we have grasped;
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name.

Blessing

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

Hymn The day of Resurrection

1. The day of resurrection!
earth, tell it out abroad;
the passover of gladness,
the passover of God:
from death to life eternal,
from earth up to the sky,
our Christ has brought us over
with hymns of victory.
2. Our hearts be pure from evil
that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal
of resurrection light;
and listening to his greeting
may hear, so calm and strong,
his own 'All hail' and, hearing,
may raise the victors' song.
3. Now let the heav'ns be joyful
and earth her song repeat,
the whole world shout in triumph
her living Lord to greet;
let all things seen and unseen
their notes of gladness blend,
for Christ the Lord has risen,
our joy that has no end.