

***Christ Church Holy Communion 27 February 2022
(Sunday next before Lent)***

Welcome:

The Lord be with you; **and also with you.**

This is the day that the Lord has made; **We will rejoice and be glad in it**

We pray for the people of Ukraine and Russia, and for all those living with the fear of war:

Almighty God, from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed: kindle in the hearts of all people the true love of peace; and guide with your pure and peaceable wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth; that in tranquillity your kingdom may go forward, till the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer:

**God of our days and years, we set this time apart for you.
Form us in the likeness of Christ so that our lives may glorify you.
Amen**

Prayer for Flames

Hymn: O Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness

We say sorry to God and one another:

When the Lord comes, he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness, and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

We keep a short time of silence before we pray together.

Lord God, we have sinned against you; we have done evil in your sight. We are sorry and repent. Have mercy on us according to your love. Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin. Renew a right spirit within us and restore us to the joy of your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness", who has shone in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

We remember that we are the forgiven people of God; that this is God's overflowing grace and love for us.

We thank you, Lord, that you forgive us and free us from our sins. Enable us to accept your love, and to live our lives in your light, as your people. In Jesus' name; Amen.

Praise Song: Wonderful Grace

Prayer for today:

Holy God, you know the disorder of our sinful lives: set straight our crooked hearts, and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory, in Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Song: Speak, O Lord as we come to you

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

Luke 9:28-43a

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

Sermon

Song: Into your hands I commit again

The prayers:

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

The Peace:

God has made us one in Christ. He has set his seal upon us, and as a pledge of what is to come has given us the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. The peace of the Lord be always with you **and also with you.**

Offertory hymn: O Perfect Love

The Communion

Wise and gracious God, you spread a table before us; nourish your people with the word of life and the bread of heaven. **Amen.**

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 thanks and praise.**

And so we gladly thank you, with saints and angels 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. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, forever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's prayer

We pray for the coming of the Kingdom in the words Jesus taught us: **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.**

Sharing of the Bread and Wine

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

Prayer after communion

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ; may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Notices

Closing Hymn: Be thou my vision

Closing prayer:

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever, Amen.

And the blessing of God the Father, God the Son and God 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