

Welcome: Family Holy Communion 7th August 2022

Celebrating our treasures

Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people he chose for his inheritance.

¹³ From heaven the LORD looks down and sees all mankind;
¹⁴ from his dwelling-place he watches
all who live on earth – ¹⁵ he who forms the hearts of all,
who considers everything they do.

Faith brings us here: faith of old, the gift of our ancestors;
faith for the present, the gift of each to each other; faith
for the time to come, the gift of you, our God.

**We come in faith, trusting in God, our unfailing treasure.
We come, and worship.**

Song: Into the darkness

**We wait in hope for the LORD; he is our help and our
shield. In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy
name. May your unfailing love be with us, LORD, even as
we put our hope in you. Amen**

We say sorry to God and one another

The Spirit of the Lord fills the world and knows our every
word and deed.

Let us then open ourselves to the Lord and confess our sins
in penitence and faith.

**Forgive us, O God,
for lacking the faith to trust in you,
putting our trust instead in the things we possess.**

**Forgive us, O God,
for lacking the faith to follow your Son,
putting our needs first before the needs of others.**

**Forgive us, O God,
for lacking the faith to trust your Holy Spirit,
putting fear and despair in the place of hope.
Amen.**

Song: Blessed be the name of the Lord

Prayer:

**Lord God, your Son left the riches of heaven and became
poor for our sake:
when we prosper save us from pride, when we are needy
save us from despair,
that we may trust in you alone; through Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen**

Bible readings: Genesis 15:1-6 and Luke 12:32-40

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Talk:

Song: I believe in Jesus

Prayers for the people:

Merciful Father,

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

The peace:

Once we were far off, but now in union with Christ Jesus
we have been brought near
through the shedding of Christ's blood, for he is our peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
And also with you.

Song: The Lord is my Salvation

The communion

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.

Why is it right to give thanks and praise?

Listen, and we will hear.

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.

You give us sun and moon and star-lit sky, everything that gives us light, light for our eyes, our hearts, our minds.

You made us all, each wonderfully different, to join with the angels to give you praise:

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.

We thank you, loving Father, because, when we turned away, you sent Jesus, your Son. He gave his life for us on the cross and shows us the way to live.

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

Why do we share this bread and wine?

Listen, and we will hear.

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.

How do we follow Jesus Christ?

Listen, and we will hear.

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. **Amen.**

The Lord's prayer:

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.

We share bread and wine together

During the sharing of communion there will be an opportunity for prayer for healing. If you would like prayer or a simple blessing then please move to the 'prayer place' to the left of the dais where someone will come to you.

Prayer after Communion

God of constant mercy, who sent your Son to save us: remind us of your goodness, increase your grace within us, that our thankfulness may grow, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Notices:

Song: Blessed be your name

The Blessing:

Lord, go with us.

Help us to seek your treasure.

Help us to look for all you're doing right now.

Help us – by our example as much as by our words – to share your treasure and your life-giving story with the people we meet this week.

Let us bless the Lord:

thanks be to God. Blessing, honour and glory be yours, here and everywhere, now and for ever. Amen