

Christ Church: 9.30am Holy Communion 14th August 2022

Welcome and gathering worship

“Let us run with endurance the race God has set before us. We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith. Because of the joy awaiting him, he endured the cross, disregarding its shame. Now he is seated in the place of honour beside God’s throne.”

(Hebrews 12, 1,2; NLT)

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

Song: Bless the Lord, O my Soul

We prepare our hearts and confess our sins

Brothers and sisters, as we prepare to celebrate, let us call to mind our sins.

We keep a time of quiet reflection

We have not always worshipped God, our creator.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

We have not always followed Christ, our Saviour.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

We have not always trusted in the Spirit, our guide.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Prayer of forgiveness

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

Praise Song: Be free in the love of God

Collect prayer for today:

Gracious Father, revive your Church in our day, and make her holy, strong and faithful, for your glory's sake, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gospel Reading

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke;

Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 12:49-59

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

Sermon

Song of response: Still, my soul be still

Prayers of intercession

(at the end) Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

The Peace

To crown all things there must be love. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.

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

Offertory Hymn: O Perfect Love

The Communion

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 always right to give you thanks, God our Creator,
loving and faithful, holy and strong.

You made us and the whole universe, and filled your world
with life.

You sent your Son to live among us, Jesus our Saviour,
Mary's child.

He suffered on the cross; he died to save us from our sins;
he rose in glory from the dead.

You send your Spirit to bring new life to the world, and
clothe us with power from on high.

And so we join the angels to celebrate and say:

**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.

Father, on the night before he died, Jesus shared a meal with his friends.

He took the bread, and thanked you. He broke it, and gave it to them, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me.

After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine. He thanked you, and gave it to them, saying:

Drink this, all of you. This is my blood, the new promise of God's unfailing love. Do this to remember me.

Jesus Christ has died.

Jesus Christ has died.

Jesus Christ is risen.

Jesus Christ is risen.

Jesus Christ will come again.

Jesus Christ will come again.

Father, as we bring this bread and wine, and remember his death and resurrection, send your Holy Spirit, that we who share these gifts may be fed by Christ's body and his blood. Pour your Spirit on us that we may love one another, work for the healing of the earth, and share the good news of Jesus, as we wait for his coming in glory.

**For honour and praise belong to you, Father, with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit:
one God, for ever and 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 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.**

We share bread and wine together

Draw near with faith. Receive the body and blood 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.

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 people are ready to pray with you.

Prayer after communion

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 firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Notices

Closing hymn: Here in the presence of Christ I stand

The Blessing

God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love, defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace; 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