

***Welcome: Family Holy Communion 21<sup>st</sup> August 2022***

***Celebrating our freedom***

**Praise the LORD, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. Praise the LORD, my soul, and forget not all his benefits – who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion, who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. Psalm 103**

***Song:*** Across the lands

***We say sorry to God and one another***

O God, all people are part of your created order, all are worthy of love and respect, care and attention, justice and equality.

**Forgive us if our prejudice excludes people.**

**Forgive us if our views are entrenched and misguided.**

**Forgive us if we fail to see people as equals.**

**Forgive us if in our zeal to worship we exclude so many.**

**Forgive us for our excuses that stop us responding to the needs of others – and to your command to love as you love us.**

**Amen.**

***Absolution:***

*The LORD works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed. He made known his ways to Moses, his deeds to the people of Israel: the LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.*

***Songs of praise:*** Lord I lift your name, Holy and anointed one,

***Prayer:***

Lord of heaven and earth,  
as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer,  
give us patience and courage never to lose hope,  
but always to bring our prayers before you;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

***Old Testament reading:*** Isaiah 58:9a – 14;

This is the word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

***Gospel reading:***

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

**Luke 13:10-17**

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

***Talk:***

***Song:*** The Lord's my Shepherd

***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:** What gift of grace

***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.*

***Songs during HC: All who are thirsty, Dear Lord and Father***

***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:*** There is a higher throne

***The Blessing:***

**Heavenly God, as we go from here  
give us the compassion we need to meet people's needs,  
help us to make time for those around us,  
and may this community be a place of love and freedom –  
for all.**

And the blessing....

Let us bless the Lord:

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