

**11<sup>th</sup> September 2022 (Trinity 13)**  
**Holy Communion to celebrate with Paul and Glyn**

***Welcome and Opening Responses:***

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me trustworthy, appointing me to his service. <sup>14</sup>The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.<sup>15</sup> Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. <sup>17</sup>To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. *1 Tim*  
*1:12-17 (abridged)*

God in Christ has revealed his glory; **Come, let us worship.**

From the rising of the sun to its setting, **The Lord's name is greatly to be praised.**

Give him praise, you servants of the Lord. **O praise the name of the Lord!**

***Flames*** – *We pray for our young people and their leaders as they go to Flames Sunday School*

***Song:*** Bless the Lord, O my soul

***Prayer of Confession:***

Holy God, Maker of all, **have mercy on us;**

Jesus Christ, Servant of the poor, **have mercy on us;**

Holy Spirit, Breath of life, **have mercy on us.**

Let us in silence remember our own faults and failings.

*(Silence)*

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***Praise Songs:*** Praise is rising; Name above all names

***Collect Prayer:***

**Almighty God, you search us and know us: may we rely on you in strength and rest on you in weakness, now and in all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***New Testament Reading:***

***1 Timothy 1:12-17 at the end:*** 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 15:1-10***

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

## *Sermon*

*Song of response:* Into your hands

## *Intercessions*

*Concluding with...* **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:* Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away

## *The Communion*

This is the table, not of the Church, but of the Lord. It is to be made ready for those who love him and who want to love him more. So, come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often, and you who have not been here for a long time, you who have tried to follow and you who have failed.

Come not because I invite you: it is our Lord. It is his will that those who want him should meet him here.

**Gratitude, praise, hearts lifted high, voices full and joyful, these you deserve.**

**For when we were nothing, you made us something;**

**when we had no name and no faith and no future,  
you called us your children;  
When we lost our way and turned away, you did not  
abandon us;  
When we came back to you, your arms opened wide  
in welcome.**

And look, you prepare a table for us offering not just bread, not just wine, but your very self. So that we may be filled, forgiven, healed, blessed, and made new again. You are worth all our pain and all our praise. So we join our voices to those of the church on earth and in heaven.

**Holy, Holy, Holy,  
God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory,  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Lord Jesus Christ, present with us now, for all that you have done and all that you have promised, what have we to offer? Our hands are empty, our hearts are sometimes full of wrong things. We are not fit to gather the crumbs from under your table. But with you is mercy and the power to change us. So as we do in this place what you did in an upstairs room; send down your Holy Spirit on us and these gifts of bread and wine, that they may become, for you, your body, loving and caring in the world until your kingdom comes.

**Amen**

Among friends gathered round a table, Jesus took bread, broke it and said, 'This is my body. It is broken for you.'

And later he took the cup of wine and said, 'This is the new relationship with God, made possible because of my death. Take this - all of you.'

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 it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And 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.**

Look, the Bread of Heaven is broken for the life of the world. The gifts of God for the people of God.

Look all is ready, but before we can receive from the Lord, we have to lay down what we hold in our hands.

*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 under the large screen where people are ready to pray with you.*

***Prayer after Communion:***

**God our creator, you feed your children with the true manna, living bread from heaven: let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage until we come to that place where hunger and thirst are no more; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen**

***Presentation to Paul and Glyn on their retirement from Christ Church***

***Notices***

***Closing Song:*** In Christ Alone

***Blessing and Sending Out:***

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you, in this day and in every day; 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.**