

**Holy Communion**  
**Passiontide – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent, Sunday 26 March 2023**

***Gathering:***

The grace and mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

As we gather here for worship today may it be with a sense that Jesus has walked in too and is looking around.

**May our eyes be open to see Him, may our hearts be ready to be seen by Him, may our worship be worthy of His presence, and may we be transformed so that we see the world through His eyes.**

**Amen.**

***Prayer for our young people and leaders of FLAMES***

***Hymn:*** At the name of Jesus

***Penitence:***

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart God will not despise. Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion, and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith:

**Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

*We sing together:*

**Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison.**

**Christe eleison, Christe eleison, Christe eleison.**

**Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and

strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***The Collect:***

**Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

***Old Testament Reading:*** Ezekiel 37: 1-14

*Ending with* This is the Word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

***We remain seated as we sing:*** Be still and know that I am God

***The Gospel:***

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

John 11: 1-45

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

***Sermon***

***Song:*** Jesus, Jesus, Holy and anointed one

***Our Belief:***

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God:

**Though he was divine, he did not cling to equality with God, but made himself nothing. Taking the form of a slave, he was born in human likeness. He humbled himself and was obedient to death, even the death of the cross. Therefore, God has raised him on high, and given him the name above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

***Prayers of Intercession***

### ***The Peace***

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us access to his grace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

**and also with you.**

*We exchange a sign of peace.*

**Hymn:** Here is love, vast as the ocean

### ***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.**

...for ever praising you and singing:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes, who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

...Great is the mystery of faith:

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

...we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

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.**

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.

*We share bread and wine together.*

*During the sharing of communion there is 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 worship area where people are ready to pray with you.*

***Post Communion Prayer:***

**Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever. Amen.**

***Notices and Banns***

***Hymn:*** Praise to the Holiest in the height

***Blessing and Dismissal:***

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him; 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.**