

Sunday 6th August 2023: FAMILY Holy Communion

Welcome

Luke 9:35 "Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!'"

We come from scattered lives to meet with God. **Let us recognize his presence with us.**

As God's people we have gathered: **let us worship him together.**

We say sorry to God and one another

God our Father, we come to you in sorrow for our sins.

For turning away from you and ignoring your will for our lives;
Father forgive us **Save us and help us**

For behaving just as we wish, without thinking of you
Father forgive us **Save us and help us**

For failing you by what we do, think and say
Father forgive us **Save us and help us**

For letting ourselves be drawn away from you by temptations in the world about us.

Father forgive us **Save us and help us**

For living as if we were ashamed to belong to your son
Father forgive us **Save us and help us**

Prayer of forgiveness

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.**

Songs Open the Eyes of my heart, We stand and lift up our hands

The church's prayer for today:

God of life and glory, your Son was revealed in splendour before he suffered death upon the cross; grant that we, beholding his majesty, may be strengthened to follow him and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory. Amen.

Gospel Reading

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

Luke 9.28-36

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

Sermon

Song This is my desire

Prayers of intercession -

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

The Peace

God is love and those who live in love live in God and God lives in them.

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

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.

Father, you made the world and love your creation. You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour. His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death. And so we gladly thank you, with saints and angels praising you, and saying:

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 praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine. Again he praised you, gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory:

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

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth. Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with all the saints to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, forever 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

Prayer after communion

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Notices and Banns

Song In Christ Alone

The Blessing

Christ, whose glory fills the skies, fill you with radiance and scatter the darkness from your path.

Amen.

Christ, the Sun of Righteousness, gladden your eyes and warm your heart.

Amen.

Christ, the Dayspring from on high, draw near to guide your feet into the way of peace.

Amen.

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