

## Christ Church Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2023 – Holy Communion

### **Welcome**

Let us pray.

**Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people, and kindle in us the fire of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Flames – We pray for our children and their leaders as they go out.*

**Song:** The Splendour of the King

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

The gospel calls us to turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ. As we offer ourselves to him in penitence and faith, we renew our confidence and trust in his mercy.

*We keep a short time of silence before we pray together.*

**Lord God, we have sinned against you; we have done evil in your sight. We are sorry and repent. Have mercy on us according to your love. Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin. Renew a right spirit within us and restore us to the joy of your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

### ***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:** Cornerstone, King of my heart

### ***Collect prayer for today:***

Almighty God, send down upon your Church the riches of your Spirit, and kindle in all who minister the gospel your countless gifts of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### ***New Testament Reading***

Romans 7:15-25

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

### ***Gospel Reading***

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

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

### ***Sermon***

**Song:** Yet Not I but through Christ in Me.

### ***Our belief***

We say together in faith:

**Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God almighty, who was, and is, and is to come.**

We believe in God the Father, who created all things:

**for by his will they were created and have their being.**

We believe in God the Son, who was slain:

**for with his blood, he purchased us for God, from every tribe and language, from every people and nation.**

We believe in God the Holy Spirit:

**the Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come!' Even so come, Lord Jesus! Amen.**

### ***Prayers of intercession***

*(at the end)* **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.**

**Song:** King of Kings

***The Communion***

Wise and gracious God, you spread a table before us; nourish your people with the word of life and the bread of heaven. **Amen.**

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.**

...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.**

...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.**

...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.**

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 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***

**Generous God, you have fed us at your heavenly table. Set us on fire with your Spirit that when Christ comes again we may shine like lights before his face, who with you and the Spirit lives for ever. Amen.**

***Notices***

***Song:*** There is a redeemer

***The Blessing***

May Christ, who makes saints of sinners, raise and strengthen you that you may transform the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

**In the name of Christ, Amen**