

## Christ Church Holy Communion Service 13<sup>th</sup> August 2023

### ***Welcome and gathering worship***

Psalm 105:1-4

<sup>1</sup> Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done. <sup>2</sup> **Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts.** <sup>3</sup> Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. <sup>4</sup> **Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always.**

***Worship Songs:*** Lord I lift your name on high, How great is our God

### ***We prepare our hearts and confess our sins***

#### ***Word of forgiveness***

**'There is nothing that can separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus'**

#### **New Testament Reading: Romans 10:9-13**

<sup>9</sup> If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. <sup>11</sup> As Scripture says, "Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame." <sup>12</sup> For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, <sup>13</sup> for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

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

***Praise Song:*** Thank you for saving me

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

**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**

### ***Gospel Reading***

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

Matthew 14:22-33

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

### ***Sermon***

#### ***Our belief***

**Let us declare our faith in God:**

**We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. 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***

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: Before the throne of God above***

#### ***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.**

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation; in your love you made us for yourself. When we turned away you did not reject us, but came to meet us in your Son. **You embraced us as your children and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us. **He opened his arms of love upon the cross and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends he took bread, and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to them, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me. **Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins; do this in remembrance of me. **Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory, send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son. **As we eat and drink these holy gifts make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world we offer you this sacrifice of praise and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

### ***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***

*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***

**God of our pilgrimage,, you have willed that the gate of mercy should stand open for those who trust in you: look upon us with your favour that we who follow the path of your will may never wander from the way of life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

### ***Notices***

***Closing hymn: Come people of the risen King***

### ***The Blessing***

God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love, defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace; 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**