

Sunday 10 September 2023, 14th Sunday after Trinity

Welcome and gathering worship

(For) the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations
(*Psalm 100:5*)

Father, thank you that you have brought each of us safely to this place. We gladly surrender our lives to you in worship and praise.

As we gather we remember those who are not with us today - For those who are sick we ask for healing, And for those away from us we ask for your blessing to be on them.

We invite Your beautiful Holy Spirit to move freely amongst us. Come dwell in each of our hearts. Equip us, challenge us, comfort us, teach us. Inspire us as we learn more about your majestic ways. Father, as we meet now may we behold Your beauty and encounter your grace. We ask all this in the wonderful name of Jesus. Amen.

Remaining seated we sing: Draw me close to You

**God of our days and years, we set this time apart for you.
Form us in the likeness of Christ so that our lives may glorify you. Amen**

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

We say sorry to God and reflect on His forgiveness

Lord God, your love for humankind, present in the beginning of all things, extends throughout history and touches even my life.

Your love sees failings and forgives.

Your love feels pain and wipes away our tears.

Your love knows grief and comforts the sorrowful.

Your love sees sin and still loves the sinner.

Forgive us when we fail to live lives that reflect your love.

Forgive us the many times when we take for granted all that you have done for us.

Transform us, through your Spirit, and empower us to serve you this day and all days. Amen

We keep a short time of silence, before singing: Lord, I come, I confess

Jesus, I believe you love me. Please forgive me for my sins.
Help me to be a better person.

Prayer of forgiveness

No one is beyond the reach of God's love and mercy. Nothing is beyond God's forgiveness.....

All praise and thanks to God, who alone can forgive my sins.

All praise and thanks to God, whose love sets me free.

Praise Songs: My lips shall praise you and Over the mountains and the seas

Collect prayer for today

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; 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.

New Testament Reading

Romans 13:8-14

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 18:15-20

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

Sermon

Our belief

We believe in God the Father, who reveals his love to us in Christ.

We believe in God the Son, who pours out his Holy Spirit on us.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, who reaches us God's truth.

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

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 has made us one in Christ. He has set his seal upon us, and as a pledge of what is to come has given us the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. The peace of the Lord be always with you; **and also with you.**

Offertory Hymn: How deep the Father's love for us

The 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.**

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise, holy Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. For he is your living Word, through him you have created all things from the beginning and formed us in your own image. **To you be glory and praise for ever.**

Through him you have freed us from the slavery of sin, giving him to be born of a woman and to die upon the cross; you raised him from the dead and exalted him to your right hand on high. **To you be glory and praise for ever.**

Through him you have sent upon us your holy and life-giving Spirit and made us a people for your own possession. **To you be glory and praise for ever.**

Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever 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.**

Accept our praises, heavenly Father, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, and as we follow his example and obey his command, grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me. **To you be glory and praise for ever.**

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: 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. **To you be glory and praise for ever.**

Therefore, heavenly Father, we remember his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross; we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; we look for the coming of your kingdom, and with this bread and this cup we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith: **Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.**

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise, and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty, renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **To you be glory and praise for ever**

Through him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise: **Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever 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 main space where people are ready to pray with you.

Prayer after communion

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Notices

Closing hymn: In the darkness we were waiting

Concluding Prayer and Blessing

In our hearts and homes: **we pray for the love of God the Father.**

In our living and caring: **we pray for the grace of God the Son.**

In our coming and going: **we pray for the power of God the Holy Spirit.**

Father of lights, from whom comes every good and perfect gift: keep us in the light of Christ, to shine in our world, that all may believe in you; 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