

## Christ Church Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2023: Holy Communion Service

### *Welcome*

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it

**Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad.**

Our help is in the name of the Lord:

**Who made heaven and earth.**

Praise the Lord:

**The name of the Lord be praised.**

The Spirit is here:

**The promise of God.**

### *Flames – we pray our children and their leaders as they go*

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

**Almighty God, you bring to light things hidden in darkness, and know the shadows of our hearts: cleanse and renew us by your Spirit, that we may walk in the light and glorify your name, through Jesus Christ, the Light of the world. Amen.**

God shows his love for us in that, while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Let us then show our love for him by confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

**Almighty God, Creator of all, you marvellously made us in your image; but we have corrupted ourselves and damaged your likeness by rejecting your love and hurting our neighbours. We have done wrong and neglected to do right. We are sincerely sorry and heartily repent of our sins. Cleanse us and forgive us by the sacrifice of your Son; Remake us and lead us by your Spirit, the Comforter. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

#### *We are forgiven*

Almighty God, whose steadfast love is as great as the heavens are high above the earth, remove your sins from you, as far as the east is from the

west, strengthen your life in his kingdom and keep you upright to the last day; through Jesus Christ our merciful High Priest. **Amen.**

**Thank you, Father, for forgiveness We come to your table as your children, not presuming but assured, not trusting ourselves but your Word; we hunger and thirst for righteousness, and ask for our hearts to be satisfied with the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ the Righteous. Amen.**

*iSing:* Thine be the glory and Christ is enough

*The church's prayer for today:*

**God of holiness, your glory is proclaimed in every age: as we rejoice in the faith of your saints, inspire us to follow their example with boldness and joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Psalm 34*

I will bless the Lord at all times;

**his praise shall ever be in my mouth.**

My soul shall glory in the Lord;

**let the humble hear and be glad.**

O magnify the Lord with me;

**let us exalt his name together.**

I sought the Lord and he answered me

**and delivered me from all my fears.**

Look upon him and be radiant

**and your faces shall not be ashamed.**

This poor soul cried, and the Lord heard me

**and saved me from all my troubles.**

The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him

**and delivers them.**

O taste and see that the Lord is gracious;

**blessed is the one who trusts in him.**

Fear the Lord, all you his holy ones,

**for those who fear him lack nothing.**

Lions may lack and suffer hunger,

**but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.**

## ***New Testament Reading***

1 John 3.1-3

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

## ***Sermon***

***iSing:*** Living hope

## ***Prayers of intercession***

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

## ***The Peace***

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

***iSing:*** All heaven declares

## ***Communion***

Is the Father with us?

**He is**

Is Christ among us?

**He is**

Is the spirit here?...

**He is**

This is our God

**Father son and Holy Spirit**

We are his People

**We are redeemed**

Lift up your hearts

**We lift them to the Lord**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

**It is right to give him thanks and praise...**

...Therefore with Angels and Archangels faithful fathers and all in heaven  
we proclaim  
your great and glorious name forever 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.**

...On the same night he was betrayed he took bread and gave you thanks;  
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."

**Amen. His body was broken for us.**

In the same way after supper he took the cup and 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 in remembrance of me."

**Christ has died**

**Christ is risen**

**Christ will come again.**

We are brothers and sisters through his blood.

**We have died together**

**We will rise together**

**We will live together...**

...The perfect sacrifice, once for all. You accepted his  
offering by raising him from death, and granting him great honour at your  
right hand.

**Amen. Jesus is Lord**

This is the feast of Victory

The Lamb who was slain

Has began his reign. **Hallelujah**

As Jesus 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.**

Christ is alive forever  
**We are because he is**

We are one Body  
**We share one bread**

Draw near with Faith  
**Christ is the host and we are his guests.**

### ***We share bread and wine together***

*During the sharing of communion we would love to pray with you, or offer a simple blessing. If you would like this then please head to your left where people are ready to pray with you.*

### ***Prayer after communion***

**O God of our Fathers, God of our people, before whose face the human generations pass away, we thank you that we are kept safe for ever and that the broken fragments of our history are gathered up in the redeeming act of your dear Son remembered in this Holy Sacrament of bread and wine.**

**Help us to walk daily in the communion of the saints declaring our faith in the forgiveness of sins and the resurrection of the body. Now send us out in the power of your Holy Spirit To live and work for your praise and glory. Amen.**

### ***Notices***

***iSing:*** There is a redeemer

### ***The Blessing***

God the Father, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead,  
strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life;  
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**