

Holy Communion – Sunday 4th February 2024

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

Lent appeal

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.

Songs – Above all powers & Let our praise be your welcome

The church's prayer for today:

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever. Amen.

New Testament Reading - Colossians 1.15–20

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

Gospel Reading - John 1.1–14

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

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

Sermon

Song – Worthy of every song we could ever sing

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.**

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 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 – our prayer team will be in the front left corner of the church.

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

Song – In Christ alone

The Blessing

All our problems **we send to the cross of Christ.**

All our difficulties **we send to the cross of Christ.**

All the devil's works **we send to the cross of Christ.**

All our hopes **we set on the risen Christ;**

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