

HOLY COMMUNION TRINITY 2 – Sunday 21st June 2024

Gathering Worship

Grace, mercy and peace to you from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

And also with you.

Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge. You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy:

In your right hand are pleasures for evermore. *(from Psalm 16)*

Hymn

SPEAK, O LORD, as we come to You
To receive the food of Your holy word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfil in us
All Your purposes, for Your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience,
Holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of power that can never fail;
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises,
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built
As the earth is filled with Your glory.

Young people and leaders leave for FLAMES

A time to reflect on our ways and to say sorry

Loving Father, who on a day like this, the first day of the week, raised your Son Jesus Christ from death to life, raise us up from the darkness of sins to praise you with all your saints.

Send your Spirit upon us that our lives may be renewed in love for Jesus' sake.

Remaining seated we sing

Musicians only: SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD,

Fall afresh on me;

Spirit of the living God,

Fall afresh on me.

Fill me anew,

Fill me anew.

Spirit of the Lord

Fall afresh on me.

ALL: SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD,

Fall afresh on me;

Spirit of the living God,

Fall afresh on me.

Fill me anew,

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Spirit of the Lord

Fall afresh on me.

Remembering that sin damages our relationships, let us bring our lives into the pure light of God that he may cleanse us:

If we walk in the light, as God himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, cleanses us from all sin. (1 John 1:7)

Gracious God, we pretend to be good when we are not....

How quick we are to find fault in others.

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Merciful Lord, we often turn our backs on those who need us....

How slow we are to do good.

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Holy God, we often place our needs and desires above everything else....

How reluctant we are to seek your will.

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

We sing

RIVER, WASH OVER ME,

Cleanse me and make me new.

Bathe me, refresh me and fill me anew,

River wash over me.

Spirit, watch over me,

Lead me to Jesus' feet.

Cause me to worship and fill me anew,

Spirit, watch over me.

Jesus, rule over me,

Reign over all my heart.

Teach me to praise You and fill me anew,

Jesus, rule over me.

Absolution

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us in life eternal, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Gloria

1st time:

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father!

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father!

To God be glory forever! **To God be glory forever!**

Alleluia, Amen! **Alleluia, Amen!**

Alleluia, Amen! **Alleluia, Amen!**

2nd time:

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to Christ Jesus

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to Christ Jesus!

To God be glory forever! **To God be glory forever!**

Alleluia, Amen! **Alleluia, Amen!**

Alleluia, Amen! **Alleluia, Amen!**

3rd time:

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit!

To God be glory forever! **To God be glory forever!**

Alleluia, Amen! **Alleluia, Amen!**

Alleluia, Amen! **Alleluia, Amen!**

Al-le-lu-ia, A-men!

Prayer for today, preceded by a period of silence

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments.

Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are worth nothing; Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you.

Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

God's Word to us

Ephesians 2:11-22

Concluding with

This is the Word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

Talk

Hymn of Response

THE LORD'S MY SHEPHERD, I'll not want.
He makes me lie in pastures green.
He leads me by the still, still waters,
His goodness restores my soul.

*And I will trust in You alone.
And I will trust in You alone,
For Your endless mercy follows me,
Your goodness will lead me home.*

He guides my ways in righteousness,
And He anoints my head with oil,
And my cup, it overflows with joy,
I feast on His pure delights.

And though I walk the darkest path,
I will not fear the evil one,
For You are with me, and Your rod and staff
Are the comfort I need to know.

Our Faith

There is one God and Father: **from him all things come.**
There is one Lord Jesus Christ: **through him we come to God.**
There is one Holy Spirit: **in him we are baptised into one body.**
We believe and trust in one God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayers

The Peace

Christ the Good Shepherd comes with peace to those who are near and
to those who are far off.
The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

Hymn

TAKE, EAT, THIS IS MY BODY,
Broken for you,
For I am come that you might have life;

Eat of My flesh and live,
Eat of My flesh and live.

My blood was shed for many,
Taking away your sin,
And if I shall make you free
Then you shall be free indeed,
You shall be free indeed.

Though your sins be as scarlet
They shall be white as snow,
Though they be red like crimson
They shall be as wool,
They shall be as wool.

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 be with you **and also with you.**

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 main space where people are ready to pray with you.

Prayer after communion

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fulness of your life. Glory to you for ever. **Amen.**

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Hymn

TELL OUT, MY SOUL, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
Tender to me the promise of His word;
In God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of His name!
Make known His might, the deeds His arm has done;
His mercy sure, from age to age the same;
His holy name—the Lord, the mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of His might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by;
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
The hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of His word!
Firm is His promise, and His mercy sure:
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
To children's children and forever more!

Blessing and Dismissal

The leading of the Good Shepherd bring you into ways of peace and light, protect you through the dark valley, and keep you in love and life eternal.

And the blessing.....

Go in the peace of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**