

St. John's Parish Church, Ben Rhydding

HOLY COMMUNION

1ST NOVEMBER 2020

(All Saints)

On-Line Version

* *Links are included for the sermon and songs below*

Feel free to use this in your own way.

However, if you would like to make a point of going through this material on Sunday at 10 am, then that would add to our sense of community and joint worship.

This morning we hope to do the whole service on Zoom@10 so please stay with us if you'd like to. Click the following link to join us from 9:45 onwards:

[**Sunday AM Zoom Meeting**](#)

INTRODUCTION

THE GREETING:

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God forever. Amen.

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you

and also with you.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleans the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.**

Amen.

SONG 1. Crown him with Many Crowns

Crown him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon His throne;
While Heaven's eternal anthem drowns
All music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of Him who died for thee,
Your saviour and your matchless King
Through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of life,
Triumphant from the grave
Who rose victorious from the strife
For those He came to save:
His glories now we sing,
Who died and reigns on high,
Who died eternal life to bring
And lives that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of peace,
His kingdom is at hand
From pole to pole, let warfare cease,
And Christ rule every land,
A city stands on high
His glory it displays
And there the nations, 'Holy', cry
In joyful hymns of praise.

Crown Him the Lord of years,
The Potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres,
In majesty sublime
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For you have died for me;
Thy praise shall never, never fail
Throughout eternity.

Matthew Bridges & Godfrey Thring.

CONFESSION

God shows his love for us that, while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. In rising to new life, he has broken the power of sin and death. He sends his Spirit to us so that we can call him Father. Let us then come to him, our Father, in sorrow for our sins, seeking healing and salvation.

SILENT REFLECTION

We have not always worshipped God, our creator. Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

We have not always followed Christ, our Saviour. Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

We have not always trusted in the Spirit, our guide.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

May almighty God, who sent his Son into the world to save sinners, bring us his pardon and peace, his guidance and strength, so we may follow him now and in the time to come.

Amen.

THE COLLECT

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**

FIRST READING **Revelation 7. 9-17**

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!'

*And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing,
'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honour
and power and might
be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.'*

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

*For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.*

*They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;*

*for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'*

SONG 2. Colours of Day

Colours of day dawn into the mind,
The sun has come up, the night is behind.
Go down in the city, into the street,
And let's give the message to the people we meet.

*So light up the fire and let the flame burn,
Open the door, let Jesus return.
Take seeds of His Spirit, let the fruit grow,
Tell the people of Jesus, let His love show.*

Go through the park, on into the town;
The sun still shines on, it never goes down.
The light of the world is risen again;
The people of darkness are needing a friend.

Chorus...

Open your eyes, look into the sky,
The darkness has come, the sun came to
die.
The evening draws on, the sun disappears,
But Jesus is living, His Spirit is near.

Chorus...

Sue McClellan, John Pac, Keith Ryecroft

GOSPEL READING **Matthew 5: 1-12**

Alleluia, alleluia.

We do not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Alleluia.

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

*When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat
down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them,
saying:*

'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

*'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be
filled.*

'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

*'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is
the kingdom of heaven.*

*'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds
of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your
reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the
prophets who were before you.*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

TALK

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in the God who is the pillar of fire and the pillar of cloud guiding us as we journey on. We trust in our Holy Parent who judges and shows mercy. We hope in our Creator who is faithful to all that is seen and unseen.

We believe in the Jesus who rode in triumph into Jerusalem. We trust in the Messiah who was crucified, died, and was buried. We hope in the living Christ who walked out of the tomb.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, giver of Life and faith. We trust in the Breath of Life who stirs, sustains, and sanctifies. We hope in our Advocate who brings to us, and through us, the gift of God's peace.

INTERCESSIONS

THE PEACE:

We light a candle of peace for the world
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 the Spirit to dwell in our hearts.
The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

SONG 3. **Amazing Grace**

Amazing Grace! how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me;
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear,
The hour I first believed!

*My chains are gone,
I've been set free,
My God, my Saviour has ransomed me.
And like a flood His mercy reigns,
Unending love, amazing grace.*

The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
The sun forbear to shine.
But God, who called me here below,
Will be forever mine.

John Newton, chorus Chris Tomlin & Louie Giglio.

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 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.**

Gathering our prayers and praises into one, as our Saviour has 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.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

**Most merciful Lord,
your love compels us to come in.
Our hands were unclean,
our hearts were unprepared;
we were not fit
even to eat the crumbs from under your table.
But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation,
and share your bread with sinners.**

So cleanse and feed us

**with the precious body and blood of your Son,
that he may live in us and we in him;
and that we, with the whole company of Christ,
may sit and eat in your kingdom.
Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

**We gather together, apart as we are, in the presence of Christ.
We gather together, apart as we are, to receive his gifts of grace,
We gather together, apart as we are, because it is Christ who
invites us to meet him here.**

SONG 4. Hide Me Now

Hide me now under Your wings.
Cover me within Your mighty hand.

*When the oceans rise and thunders roar,
I will soar with You above the storm.
Father, You are King over the flood;
I will be still, know You are God.*

Find rest, my soul, in Christ alone.
Know His power in quietness and trust.

Reuben Morgan

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

**Father of all,
we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.**

**Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

SONG 5. Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! - who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save:
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied —
For every sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine —
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;

Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

Stuart Townend & Keith Getty

THE BLESSING

The peace of God,
which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Let us go into the world rejoicing.

It is Christ who goes before us. Alleluia! Amen!

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