

St. John's Parish Church, Ben Rhydding

HOLY COMMUNION

15TH NOVEMBER 2020

(Second Sunday Before Advent)

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](#)

WELCOME [INTRODUCTION](#)

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

And also with you

OPENING PRAYER

Loving Lord, fill us with your life-giving, joy-giving, peace-giving presence,

That we may praise you now with our lips and all the day long with our lives

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

[SONG 1.](#) [Jesus Shall Reign](#)

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does its successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore
Till sun shall rise and set no more.

Blessings abound where'er He reigns –
The pris'ner leaps to lose his chains,

The weary find eternal rest,
And all the sons of want are blessed.

*To our king be highest praise
Rising through eternal days
Just and faithful He shall reign
Jesus shall reign!*

People and realms of every tongue
Dwell on his love with sweetest song
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on his name

*To our king be highest praise
Rising through eternal days
Just and faithful He shall reign
Jesus shall reign!*

Let every creature rise and bring
Blessing and honour to our king;
Angels descend with songs again
And Earth repeat the loud 'Amen!'

*To our king be highest praise
Rising through eternal days
Just and faithful He shall reign
Jesus shall reign! (repeat)*

CONFESSION

Brothers and sisters, our God is a forgiving and merciful Father.
Let us bring our lives before him so we can receive his love.

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 *you* his pardon and peace, now and for ever. **Amen.**

COLLECT

Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation:
stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess
and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

FAITH SHARING – MAF Video

First Reading: **First Reading - 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11**

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

SONG 2. **Longing for Light**

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
Light for the world to see.

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.

*Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.*

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice.

*Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.*

Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
Shared until all are fed.

*Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.*

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
Walls made of living stone.

*Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.*

Many the gifts, many the people,
Many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
Making your kingdom come.

*Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.*

Gospel Reading: **Matthew 25 v 14**

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

‘For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, “Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.” His master said to him, “Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.” And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, “Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.” His master said to him, “Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.” Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, “Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.” But his master replied, “You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from

those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

TALK

OUR FAITH

By his grace God calls us to be his children, brothers and sisters with Christ. Let us affirm our place in his family by declaring our belief in him.

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us with power from on high.**

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

PRAYERS

So, with faith in our hearts let us pray to our God...

INTERCESSIONS

THE PEACE

By his grace, may the peace and love of God unite us.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you

Let us greet one another with the sign of peace.

SONG 3.

The Deep, Deep love of Jesus

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
Vast unmeasured, boundless, free!
Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me!
Underneath me, all around me, is the current
Of Thy love
Leading onward, leading homeward to
Thy glorious rest above!

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
Spread His praise from shore to shore!
How He loveth, ever loveth, changeth
Never, nevermore!
How He watches o'er His loved ones,
Died to call them all His own...
How for them He intercedeth, watcheth
O'er them from the throne!

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
Love of every love the best!
Tis an ocean vast of blessing,
Tis a haven sweet of rest!
O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
Tis a heaven of heavens to me;
And it lifts me up to glory,
For it lifts me up to Thee!

COMMUNION

OUR OFFERING

Holy God, through your goodness we have this bread and this wine to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made.

May they become for us our spiritual food and drink.

THE COMMUNION

The Lord be with you,
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts,

we lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to God,
it is right to give both thanks and praise.

It is right to praise you, Almighty God,
for as we remember your love,
as seen in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus,
you come close to us and we come close to you.
Therefore, with the whole realm of nature,
the angels of heaven, and all who are in your glory
we join in the song of your unending greatness.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory,
hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed is the risen Lord Jesus,
who walks with us the road of suffering and peace, sadness and joy,
and who is known to us in the breaking of bread.
For, on the night of his arrest, Jesus took bread and having blessed it
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying,
This is my body, given to you.
In the same way he took wine and having given thanks for it
he poured it out and gave the cup to his disciples, saying,
This cup is the new relationship with God, sealed with my blood.
Take this and share it.
I shall drink wine with you next in the coming Kingdom of God.

Hear us, O Christ, and breathe your spirit upon this bread and wine.
May they become for us your body, vibrant with your life,
healing, renewing and making us whole.

**In the same way, as we eat and drink these gifts,
breathe your Spirit upon us,
so that we may become more like Jesus, your body here on
earth. Amen.**

Let us pray for the coming of God's Kingdom in the words Jesus taught us
**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.**

This table of bread and wine is now made ready.
It is the table of company with Jesus, and all who love him.
It is the table where we remember Jesus' life, death and resurrection.
It is the table where we receive his grace.
So come to this table, for it is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

The bread and wine are shared

DURING COMMUNION

SONG 4.

Reflection - In Heavenly love abiding/Be Still

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Everlasting Father,
you have shared yourself with us
through our meeting together,
through the worship we have offered,
through the word we have heard
and through the bread and wine we have shared.
By your grace, may we go in the name of Jesus,
and the power of the Spirit,
to share all we have received
with the world around us. Amen.**

SONG 5.

Irish Blessing

Be Thou My Vision/Prayer of St Patrick

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art;
Thou my best thought, in day and the night;
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, be Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father and I, Thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Be thou my battleshield, sword for the fight;
Be thou my dignity, thou my delight;
Thou my soul's shelter and thou my high tower;
Raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise;
Thou mine inheritance, through all my days
Thou and Thou only, the first in my heart;
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won;
May I reach heaven's joy, O bright heaven's sun;
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall;
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall;
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Christ be with you, Christ within you
Christ behind you, Christ before you,
Christ beside you, Christ to win you,
Christ to comfort and restore you,

Christ beneath you, Christ above you,
Christ In quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love you,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger

AMEN AMEN

BLESSING

May God guide you on your way, and the blessing of the Father be upon you.

The blessing of the Father of life.

The blessing of Christ be upon you,

The blessing of the Christ of love.

The blessing of the Spirit be upon you,

The blessing of the Spirit of grace.

The blessing of the Trinity be upon you always.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Let us go into the world rejoicing.

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

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