

7th November 2021

All Age Eucharist



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Welcome to St John's, Harpenden

From earliest times, Christians gathered at regular hours during each day and night to respond to God's word with praise on behalf of creation and with intercession for the salvation of the world.

On this Sunday morning:

We have come together in the name of Christ,
to offer our praise and thanksgiving,
to hear and receive God's holy word,
to pray for the needs of the world,
and to seek the forgiveness of our sins,
to exchange the Peace,
pray the Eucharistic prayer,
break the bread,
receive communion and
depart with God's blessing
that by the power of the Holy Spirit
we may give ourselves to the service of God.

People of all ages are welcome at all of our services as a full part of God's family, and this service is especially aimed at being something we can all take part in together.



During this service we invite all, as they are able, to help contribute to the cost of running this church so that we might show God's love to those around us.



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Please join us for refreshments in the church hall immediately after the service

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Processional Hymn (A&M 532) *All Creatures of our God and King.*

All creatures worship God most high,
lift up your voice in earth and sky,
alleluia, alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam,
thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
ye clouds that sail in heav'n along,
O Praise him, alleluia!

Thou rising morn in praise rejoice,
ye lights of evening, find a voice,
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
make music for thy God to hear,
alleluia, alleluia!

Thou fire so masterful and bright,
that givest all both warmth and light,
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Dear mother earth, who day by day,
unfoldest blessings on our way,
O sing, ye, alleluia!

The flow'rs and fruits that in thee grow,
let them God's glory also show,
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship God in humbleness,
O Praise him, alleluia!

To God all thanks and praise belong!
Join in the everlasting song:
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Welcome in the name of Christ,
God's grace, mercy and peace be with you
All and also with you

Words of welcome or introduction may be said

We Confess
We say sorry to God

Jesus said, 'Before you offer your gift, go and be reconciled.' As sisters and brothers in God's family, we come together to ask our Father for forgiveness.

We confess to you our lack of care for the world you have given us
Lord, have mercy
Lord, have mercy

We confess to you our selfishness in not sharing the earth's bounty fairly.
Christ, have mercy
Christ, have mercy

We confess to you our failure to protect resources for others.
Lord, have mercy
Lord, have mercy

May God who loved the world so much that he sent his Son to be our Saviour forgive you your sins and make you holy to serve him in the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

We sing God's glory! (A&M 416)
We stand to sing God's praise (this is not said during Advent and Lent)

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!

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to our Saviour.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to our Saviour.

To God be glory forever.

To God be glory forever.

Alleluia, Amen.

Alleluia, Amen. Alleluia, Amen. Alleluia, Amen!

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!

The Collect

We remain standing to say the special prayer for today

Creator God, you made the goodness of the land, the riches of the sea and the rhythm of the seasons; We thank you for the riches of your creation may we cherish and respect this planet and its peoples, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

We Listen

Please sit as we hear from the Bible

First Reading *In the Beginning*

At first, there wasn't anything at all. Nothing! So God set to work. But he didn't use his hands or a special machine. He spoke, that's all. He said 'I'd like some light' and there was light. Brighter than a summer morning or a thousand Christmas candles. God spoke again. He Said 'Sky. I'd like some sky. And some water underneath'. An, sure enough, there it was. The bright blue sky. With the dark blue heavens above it. And the blue-green sea below. 'Earth.' That's what God said next, hard and firm, as if he really meant it. And the blue-green waters parted, and there was dry land underneath. Great patches of it, dirt black and brown. Here and there, all over the world.

'We need some colour,' God whispered, as if he were thinking out loud. And, quivering with excitement, green growing things crept right up out of the dark earth, then burst into blossom – red, orange and blue! Pine trees and palm trees. Rose bushes and blackberry bushes. Tulips and chrysanthemums. God

should next 'Day – shining sun!' ' Night – shining moon!' ' Bright shining stars!' And there they were, for morning and evening, summer and winter – time and heat and light!

After that, God called to the sky, as if he were expecting some kind of an answer. 'Come forth, flying things!' he cried. And through the clouds they came. Flying high and flying low. Flying large and flying small. Eagles and insects. Hummingbirds and hawks. Then God called to the sea. 'Come forth, plashing things!'. And they came to him too, leaping right up through the waves. Sailfish and swordfish. Dolphins and trout. Great grinning humpback whales.

Finally, God called to the earth. 'Come forth, walking things, crawling things, running, hopping, climbing things!'. And sure enough, they came. Up from burrows. Down from trees. Out of the high grass, and across the open plains. Now everything was ready. Good and ready. So God spoke again. ' Man and woman' is what he said, as if he were calling the names of his best friends. And out of the dust came Adam and Eve. To enjoy all that God had made. To take care of it for him. And to talk with him. 'This is the way things ought to be,' God said at last. 'This is what I call good!'

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gospel Reading

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

All Glory to you, O Lord.

14 Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, 15 and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise of you, O Christ

We Learn

Talk David Nye, Reader

We Believe

We stand to say together what we believe about God

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

All **We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again?

All **We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the
people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

All **We believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

All **This is our faith.**

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

We Pray

We pray together for the world, our community and those in need.

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer** Or Lord hear us: **Lord graciously hear us.**

We Welcome

Grace Alison Crockford (baptised 31st Oct) will be with us)

There is one Lord, one Faith,
One baptism: by one Spirit we are all
Baptized into one body.

All **We welcome you into the fellowship of faith,
We are children of the same heavenly father; we welcome you.**

We share God's Peace
We stand to share in the peace

You shall go out with joy and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

The peace of the Lord be with you

All And also with you

We offer each other a sign of peace, either a wave or a hand shake.

Offertory Hymn A&M 678 in 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.

With this bread that we bring
All We shall remember Jesus

With this wine that we bring
All We shall remember Jesus

Bread for his body
Wine for his blood
Gifts from God to this table we bring.
All We shall remember Jesus.

We Give Thanks
God makes the bread and wine holy for us

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.
All His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.
All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All 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.
**All 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.

**All 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.

**All 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.

**All 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.

**All 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:

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in God's new creation, let us pray with confidence as our saviour has taught us

Please remain kneeling or sitting.

**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.
And 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

The president breaks the consecrated bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**All Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Giving of Communion

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

**All Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

The president and people receive communion. All full members of Christian Churches are warmly invited to receive communion. If you would prefer a blessing, please come forward carrying this booklet with you.

Authorised words of distribution are used and the communicant replies 'Amen'

Communion Hymn A&M 358 Be Still for the Presence of the Lord

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here;
Come bow before him now with reverence and fear:
In him no sin is found - we stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;
He burns with holy fire, with splendour he is crowned:
How awesome is the sight - our radiant King of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place;
He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace -
No work too hard for him. In faith receive from him.

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.
The altar is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.

Prayer after Communion

**All We thank you, Lord,
that you have fed us in this sacrament,
united us with Christ,
and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet
prepared for all peoples.
Amen.**

Blessing and Dismissal

Blessing

May God the Father who clothes the lilies
of the field and feeds the birds of the air,
provide us with all we need for life in it's
fullness. **Amen**

May God the Son, who fed the five
thousand and turned water into wine,
feed us with his life and transform us in
his love. **Amen.**

May God the Holy Spirit, who hovered
over the waters of creation and formed
the world from chaos, form us in the
likeness of Christ and renew the face of
the earth. **Amen.**

and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be with
you, now and always. **Amen**

Hymn(A&M 650) Great is thy Faithfulness

I. Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been thou forever will be.

Refrain:

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
 Morning by morning new mercies I see;
 all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
 great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

2. Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
 sun, moon and stars in their courses above
 join with all nature in manifold witness
 to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. *Refrain*

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth
 Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
 strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
 blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *Refrain.*

Dismissal

Go in the peace of Christ.

All Thanks be to God.

The ministers and people depart

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