

# Family Communion *for 30<sup>th</sup> August 2020*

## ¶ Gathering

*At the entry of the minister*

**Hymn**

**Thou didst leave thy throne and thy kingly crown  
when thou camest to earth for me,  
but in Bethlehem's home was there found no room  
for thy holy nativity.**

**O come to my heart, Lord Jesus,  
there is room in my heart for thee.**

**Heaven's arches rang when the angels sang  
and proclaimed thee of royal degree,  
but in lowliest birth didst thou come to earth  
and in deepest humility.**

**Though the fox found rest, and the bird its nest  
in the shade of the cedar tree,  
yet the world found no bed for the Saviour's head  
in the desert of Galilee.**

**Though thou camest, Lord, with the living word  
that should set all thy people free,  
yet with treachery, scorn, and a crown of thorn  
did they bear thee to Calvary.**

**When the heav'ns shall ring and the angels sing  
at thy coming to victory,  
let thy voice call me home, saying, 'Heav'n has room,  
there is room at my side for thee.'**

*The president says*

In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and the Holy Spirit.

*All:* **Amen**

**The Greeting**

*The president greets the people*

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

*All:* **and also with you.**

## Prayers of Penitence

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ to save us from our sins, to be our advocate in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace with all.

*All:* **Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed,  
through negligence, through weakness  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,  
forgive us all that is past  
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life  
to the glory of your name.  
Amen.**

## Absolution

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

*All:* **Amen**

## Gloria in Excelcis

Tune: At the name of Jesus (tune 2)

*All:* **Glory in the highest to the God of heaven!  
Peace to all your people, through the earth be given:  
Mighty God and Father, thanks and praise we bring,  
Singing alleluyas to our heavenly King.**

**Jesus Christ is risen, God the Father's Son:  
With the Holy Spirit, you are Lord alone!  
Lamb once killed for sinners, all our guilt to bear,  
Show us now your mercy, now receive our prayer.**

**Christ the world's true Saviour, high and holy one,  
Seated now and reigning, from your Father's throne:  
Lord and God, we praise you; highest heaven adores:  
In the Father's glory, all the praise be yours!**

**The Collect**

Almighty and everlasting God,  
you are always more ready to hear than we to pray  
and to give more than either we desire or deserve:  
pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy,  
forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid  
and giving us those good things  
which we are not worthy to ask  
but through the merits and mediation  
of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

**Readings**

*Romans 12:9-end*

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

*At the end of the reading the reader says:*

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

**Gradual Hymn**

**Brother, sister, let me serve you,  
let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace  
to let you be my servant too.**

**We are pilgrims on a journey,  
fellow trav'lers on the road;  
we are here to help each other  
walk the mile and bear the load.**

**I will hold the Christlight for you  
in the night-time of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you,  
speak the peace you long to hear.**

**I will weep when you are weeping;  
when you laugh, I'll laugh with you.  
I will share your joy and sorrow  
till we've seen this journey through.**

**When we sing to God in heaven,  
we shall find such harmony,  
born of all we've known together  
of Christ's love and agony.**

**Brother, sister, let me serve you,  
let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant, too.**

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

*Matthew 16:21-end*

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

'For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'

*At the end:*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*All:* **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

**Affirmation of faith**

Let us declare our faith in God.

*All:* **We believe in God the Father,  
from whom every family  
in heaven and 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 of Intercession**

*Responses:*

Lord in your mercy:

*All:* **Hear our prayer**

Merciful Father:

*All:* **Accept these prayers for the sake  
of your Son our Saviour Lord Jesus Christ. Amen**

## **Introduction to the Peace**

*The President introduces the Peace with a suitable sentence, and then says:*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*All:* **and also with you.**

## **Hymn**

**Take up thy cross, the Saviour said,  
if thou wouldst my disciple be;  
deny thyself, the world forsake,  
and humbly follow after me.**

**Take up thy cross – let not its weight  
fill thy weak spirit with alarm:  
his strength shall bear thy spirit up,  
and brace thy heart, and nerve thine arm.**

**Take up thy cross, nor heed the shame,  
nor let thy foolish pride rebel:  
thy Lord for thee the Cross endured,  
to save thy soul from death and hell.**

**Take up thy cross then in his strength,  
and calmly ev'ry danger brave;  
'twill guide thee to a better home,  
and lead to vict'ry o'er the grave.**

**Take up thy cross, and follow Christ,  
nor think till death to lay it down;  
for only those who bear the cross  
may hope to wear the glorious crown.**

To thee, great Lord, the One in Three,  
all praise for evermore ascend:  
O grant us in our home to see  
the heav'nly life that knows no end.

## ¶ *The Liturgy of the Sacrament*

### Prayers at the Preparation of the Table

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:  
through your goodness we have this bread to set before you,  
which earth has given and human hands have made.  
It will become for us the bread of life.

*All:* **Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:  
through your goodness we have this wine to set before you,  
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.  
It will become for us the cup of salvation.

*All:* **Blessed be God for ever.**

### 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.**

*The Eucharistic prayer continues until the words:*

...for ever praising you and saying:

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

*The Eucharistic prayer continues until the acclamation:*

*One of these acclamations is used:*

*All:* Great is the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died  
Christ is risen  
Christ will come again.**

*All:* Christ is the bread of life  
**When we eat this bread  
and drink this cup,  
we proclaim your death,  
Lord Jesus, until you come in glory.**

*The Eucharistic Prayer continues, concluding with the Great Doxology:*

...through Jesus Christ our Lord:

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be yours,  
almighty Father, for ever and ever.

**All: Amen**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray....

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy name;  
Thy kingdom come;  
Thy will be done;  
On earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
As we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
But deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
The power and the glory,  
For ever and ever. Amen.**

*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.**

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.**

## **Invitation to Communion**

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**All: Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*The Post Communion prayer is said:*

God of all mercy,  
in this eucharist you have set aside our sins  
and given us your healing:  
grant that we who are made whole in Christ  
may bring that healing to this broken world,  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

*Then, either:*

**All: 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.**

*or:*

**All: Almighty God,  
we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood  
of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work to your praise and glory.  
Amen.**

**Hymn**

**Lord for the years  
your love has kept and guided,  
urged and inspired us,  
cheered us on our way,  
sought us and saved us,  
pardoned and provided:  
Lord of the years,  
we bring our thanks today.**

**Lord, for that word,  
the word of life which fires us,  
speaks to our hearts  
and sets our souls ablaze,  
teaches and trains,  
rebukes us and inspires us:  
Lord of the word,  
receive your people's praise.**

**Lord, for our land  
in this our generation,  
spirits oppressed by pleasure,  
wealth and care:  
for young and old,  
for commonwealth and nation,  
Lord of our land,  
be pleased to hear our prayer.**



Lord, for our world;  
when we disown and doubt you,  
loveless in strength,  
and comfortless in pain,  
hungry and helpless,  
lost indeed without you:  
Lord of the world,  
we pray that Christ may reign.

Lord, for ourselves;  
in living power remake us -  
self on the cross  
and Christ upon the throne,  
past put behind us,  
for the future take us:  
Lord of our lives,  
to live for Christ alone.

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**Blessing**

**Dismissal**

*All:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord  
**In the name of Christ.**  
**Amen**