

# Holy Communion for Trinity & Ordinary time

## **SERVICE ONE**

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2024 - Trinity Sunday**



**WELCOME & Introduction**

**Deacon & Preacher: Gerda**  
**Presiding: Rev Jim Florance**

We meet in the presence of God  
who knows our needs, feels our pain,  
and shares our joy.

This is the day that the Lord has made.

**We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

**HYMN: 702 - *Lead us, heavenly Father***

**Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us  
o'er the world's tempestuous sea;  
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,  
for we have no help but thee;  
yet possessing every blessing,  
if our God our Father be.**

**Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us;  
all our weakness thou dost know;  
thou didst tread this earth before us;  
thou didst feel its keenest woe;  
lone and dreary, faint and weary  
through the desert thou didst go.**

**Spirit of our God, descending,  
fill our hearts with heavenly joy;  
love with every passion blending  
pleasure that can never cloy;  
thus provided, pardoned, guided,  
nothing can our peace destroy.**

**JAMES EDMESTON (1792-1867)**

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you.**

Let us worship the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### **Prayers of Penitence**

*We are invited to confess what we have done wrong using these or other suitable words*

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.  
Therefore 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.

### **Confession (*please sit or kneel*)**

**Most merciful God,  
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart.  
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.  
In your mercy forgive what we have been,  
help us to amend what we are,  
and direct what we shall be;  
that we may do justly, love mercy,  
and walk humbly with you, our God.  
Amen.**

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.**

## THE GLORIA

*(If you are able, please stand to sing the Gloria)*

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## THE COLLECT *(Prayer of the week - found on the pew sheet)*

Holy God, faithful and unchanging:  
enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth,  
and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love, that we may truly worship you,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*(Please sit)*

Before the readings there may be an all age talk

## BIBLE READING[S]

**Old Testament Reading:** Isaiah 6: 1-8

Read by Grace

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is

full of his glory.' The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: 'Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!' Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: 'Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.' Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me!'

For the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**New Testament Reading:** Romans 8: 12-17

Read by Delphine

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh - for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ - if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

For the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN: *I am a new creation***

***I Am a New Creation,  
No more in Condemnation,  
Here in the Grace of God, I stand.***

***My Heart is Overflowing,  
My Love just keeps on Growing,  
Here in the Grace of God, I stand.***

***And I will Praise You, Lord,  
Yes, I will Praise You, Lord,  
And I will Sing of all that You have done.***

***A Joy that knows no limit,  
A Lightness in My Spirit  
Here in the Grace of God, I stand.***

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A Lightness in My Spirit  
Here in the Grace of God, I stand.***

***Here in the Grace of God, I stand.***

**GOSPEL READING:** John 3: 1-17

(Please remain standing)

These words may be used

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,  
one God, who was, and who is, and who is to come, the Almighty. **Alleluia!**

When the Gospel is announced:

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St John.

***Glory to you, O Lord.***

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? 'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. 'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**SERMON** Gerda

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*(If you would like to, please stand as we affirm our faith)*

**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 OF INTERCESSION led by Rev Jim

*(Please sit or kneel)*

*These responses may be used:*

Lord, in your mercy,  
**Receive our prayer.**

*At the end:*

Merciful Father,  
**accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## CALLING OF BANNES OF MARRIAGE, NOTICES AND TIME OF SHARING

**THE PEACE** (If you would like to, please stand)

*These words may be used:*

We are the body of Christ,  
by one spirit we were all baptised into one body.  
Let us pursue all that makes for peace and builds up our common life.

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

**Deacon:** Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

**OFFERTORY HYMN** 663 - *How shall I sing that majesty*

(During the hymn the bread & wine are brought forward and the altar is prepared)

***How shall I sing that majesty  
which angels do admire?  
Let dust in dust and silence lie;  
sing, sing, ye heavenly choir.  
Thousands of thousands stand around  
thy throne, O God most high;  
ten thousand times ten thousand sound  
thy praise; but who am I?***

***Thy brightness unto them appears,  
whilst I thy footsteps trace;  
a sound of God comes to my ears,  
but they behold thy face.  
They sing, because thou art their Sun;  
Lord, send a beam on me;  
for where heaven is but once begun  
there alleluias be.***

***Enlighten with faith's light my heart,  
in flame it with love's fire;  
then shall I sing and bear a part  
with that celestial choir.  
I shall, I fear, be dark and cold,  
with all my fire and light;  
yet when thou dost accept their gold,  
Lord, treasure up my mite.***

***How great a being, Lord, is thine,  
which doth all beings keep!  
Thy knowledge is the only line  
to sound so vast a deep.  
Thou art a sea without a shore,  
a sun without a sphere;  
thy time is now and evermore,  
thy place is everywhere.***

John Mason (c.1645–1694)

With this bread that we bring  
**we shall remember Jesus.**

With this wine that we bring  
**we shall remember Jesus.**

Bread for his body, wine for his blood, gifts from God to his table we bring.  
**we shall remember Jesus.**

### **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER (please sit or kneel)**

(The Choir may remain standing)

*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!***

Lord of all life,  
you created the universe  
where all living things reflect your glory.  
You give us this great and beautiful earth  
to discover and to cherish.

You sent your Son to live among us,  
Jesus our Saviour, Mary's child.  
He suffered on the cross;  
he died to save us from our sins;  
he rose in glory from the dead,  
and we share his risen life.

You send your Spirit  
to bring new life to the world,  
and clothe us with power from on high.  
And so we join the angels  
to celebrate and sing:

***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.***

Father, on the night before he died,  
Jesus shared a meal with his friends.  
He took the bread and thanked you.  
He broke it, and gave it to them, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me.

After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine.  
He thanked you, and gave it to them, saying:  
Drink this, all of you.  
This is my blood, the new promise of God's unfailing love.  
Do this in remembrance of me.

Father, as we bring this bread and wine,  
and remember his death and resurrection,  
send your Holy Spirit,  
that we who share these gifts  
may be fed by Christ's body and his blood.

Pour your Spirit on us  
that we may love one another,  
work for the healing of the earth,  
and share the good news of Jesus,  
as we wait for his coming in glory.

**Deacon:** Great is the mystery of faith.

***Christ has died;  
Christ is risen;  
Christ will come again.***

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

United as one body, we pray for the coming of God's Kingdom in heaven and on earth, using the words our Saviour 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 forever. Amen.**

**BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

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.**

The Agnus Dei is sung:

***Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.***

***Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.***

***Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.***

Draw near with faith.

Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you,  
and his blood which he shed for you.

Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you,  
and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

*All are welcome to come forward to receive the bread and the wine or a blessing, it is helpful  
for us if you say your name when you come to the front.*

An anthem is usually sung by the Choir and then a **HYMN** is also sung during Communion.  
(Please remain seated)

**Anthem:** Bread of the World (Bullard)

**HYMN:** 274 - *Father, we adore you.*

***Father, We adore You.  
Lay our lives before You.  
How we love You.***

***Jesus, We adore You.  
Lay our lives before You.  
How we love You.***

***Spirit, We adore You.  
Lay our lives before You.***

## ***How we love You.***

TERRY COELHO (b.1952)

### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Said by a minister and found on the weekly pew sheet.

Almighty and eternal God, you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and live and reign in the perfect unity of love: hold us firm in this faith, that we may know you in all your ways and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory, who are three Persons yet one God, now and for ever.

### **THANKSGIVING 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.**

**HYMN:** *721 - Love divine, all loves excelling*

Love divine, all loves excelling,  
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
All thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesu, thou art all compassion,  
Pure unbounded love thou art;  
Visit us with thy salvation,  
Enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver,  
Let us all thy grace receive;  
Suddenly return, and never,  
Never more thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,

Serve thee as thy hosts above;  
Pray, and praise thee without ceasing,  
Glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation,  
Pure and spotless let us be;  
Let us see thy great salvation  
Perfectly restored in thee.  
Till in heaven we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before thee,  
Lost in wonder, love and praise.

**Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)**

### THE BLESSING

May the Lord bless you and keep you.  
May the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.  
May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you, be upon those you love, pray for and care for now and for evermore. **Amen.**

### THE DISMISSAL

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

*or*

By the power of the Spirit, we take into our community the peace and love of God.  
***In the name of Christ. Amen.***

