



Chet Valley Churches



Holy Communion

for the Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

19th September 2021

The Greeting

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **Amen.**

♪ *Hymn: Teach Me, My God and King*

**Teach me, my God and King, in all things thee to see;
And what I do in anything to do it as for thee!**

**A man that looks on glass, on it may stay his eye;
Or if he pleaseth, through it pass, and then the heaven espy.**

**All may of thee partake; nothing can be so mean,
Which, with this tincture, 'for thy sake',
Will not grow bright and clean.**

**A servant with this clause makes drudgery divine;
Who sweeps a room, as for thy laws,
Makes that and the action fine.**

**This is the famous stone that turneth all to gold;
For that which God doth touch and own cannot for less be told.**

🙏 **The Confession**

The minister introduces the confession

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' So let us turn away from sin and turn to Christ, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

We have wandered from your paths, yet your truth leads us home.
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

We have failed to live as your children, yet your love restores us.
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

We are disfigured by our sin, yet your power heals us.
Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**

May Almighty God have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

♪ **Peruvian Gloria**

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to the Father.
Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to the Father.

To him be glory for ever. **To him be glory for ever.**
Alleluia amen. **Alleluia amen. [x2]**

Glory to God, Glory to God, Son of the Father.
Glory to God, Glory to God, Son of the Father.
To him be glory for ever. **To him be glory for ever.**
Alleluia amen. **Alleluia amen. [x2]**

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to the Spirit.
Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to the Spirit.
To him be glory for ever. **To him be glory for ever.**
Alleluia amen. **Alleluia amen. [x2]**



Collect

Lord of creation, whose glory is around and within us: open our eyes to your wonders, that we may serve you with reverence and know your peace at our lives' end, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Reading: Jeremiah 11:18-20

It was the Lord who made it known to me, and I knew; then you showed me their evil deeds. But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. And I did not know it was against me that they devised schemes, saying, 'Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, so that his name will no longer be remembered!'

But you, O Lord of hosts, who judge righteously, who try the heart and the mind, let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

Hymn: Here is Love, Vast as the Ocean

**Here is love, vast as the ocean, loving kindness as the flood
When the prince of life, our ransom shed for us his precious blood
Who his love will not remember? Who can cease to sing his praise?
He can never be forgotten throughout heaven's eternal days.**

**On the mount of crucifixion fountains opened deep and wide
Through the floodgates of God's mercy flowed a vast a gracious tide.
Grace and love, like mighty rivers poured incessant from above
And heaven's peace and perfect justice kissed a guilty world in love.**

Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

Hear the holy gospel according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, 'The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the way?' But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, 'Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.' Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, 'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

This is the gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

Sermon [Rev David]

I'm not sure when it began but suffice to say that it is still there and has remained with me for a very long time. I think it may well have been during a trip to Blackpool in my childhood that I was taken to the Funfair and possibly even asked, or maybe, more likely, I was persuaded, to go on a roller-coaster ride. All I shall say is that it didn't end well. Ever since I've managed to resist the temptation to try another roller coaster—although being tossed about on a boat comes mightily close!

In our reading today from chapter nine in Mark's gospel the disciples find themselves on an emotional roller coaster. In last week's service Rev Ros looked at the passage in chapter eight and considered how we, like the disciples, would answer Jesus's question "Who do you say that I am?" Peter, answering perhaps for all of them, replied, "You are the Messiah." He is then rebuked quite sternly because he and the others have *not* got it when Jesus goes on to tell them that the Messiah is to suffer and die. Our passage today follows on but not directly, in that in the intervening verses in Mark's account there has been the amazing experience for Peter, James and John of being with Jesus on the mountain of the transfiguration followed by a dramatic act of healing. and yet, despite all this, when Jesus reiterates what he—the Messiah—has to undergo. That he is to be betrayed. That he will be killed. That he will be raised on the third day. They don't understand. They just don't get it. In fact, they don't get it to the extent that they have a completely weird argument on the journey.

Just picture the scene. Just imagine what Jesus might have said. They've all got back to a house in Capernaum and he says, "OK then, whilst I was teaching as we were walking there was something that seemed to be of more interest to you.

What was it?" Stunned silence. Then it comes out—they'd been arguing about who was the greatest. One can just hear those who'd been up the mountain with Jesus making their case. Others protesting about their own credentials.

Then it happens... Jesus doesn't chastise them. Rather, he picks out a child. An individual who in those days has no status, no voice and he tells them to look at this child and equates Himself with this child. Worldly status has no part in this. The Messiah remember came as a helpless babe and the Messiah requires us to welcome and accept those too who may not have any status in the eyes of the world. Now that's a real challenge for us all.

We Say What We Believe



Let us confess our faith in God.

**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

God our Father, we pray for those in positions of power, and ask that they may govern with wisdom and integrity, serving the needs of their people. We pray for an end to conflict and for true peace throughout the world.

May your kingdom come; **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for the Church, the sign of your reign, that it may extend your welcome to people of every race and background. We pray for our church leaders that they may have wisdom to guide their people.

May your kingdom come; **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for Christians of every denomination, that together we may come to understand the royal priesthood you bestowed on us in baptism.

May your kingdom come; **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for those whose commitment to truth brings them into conflict with earthly powers, that they may have the courage to endure.

May your kingdom come; **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who are sick in body or mind and for all who care for them in hospital or at home.

May your kingdom come; **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Loving God, you have taught us that the power of the heart is greater than wealth and might. Hear us we pray for the fulfilment of your kingdom. We ask this through Jesus Christ our King; to him be glory forever. **Amen.**

The Peace

To crown all things there must be love to bind all together and complete the whole. Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

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

Offertory Hymn: *From the Breaking of the Dawn*

**From the breaking of the dawn to the setting of the sun,
I will stand on ev'ry promise of your word.
Words of power, strong to save, that will never pass away,
I will stand on ev'ry promise of your word.**

**For your covenant is sure, and on this I am secure—
I can stand on ev'ry promise of your word.
When I stumble and I sin, condemnation pressing in,
I will stand on ev'ry promise of your word.**

**You are faithful to forgive that in freedom I might live,
So I stand on ev'ry promise of your word.
Guilt to innocence restored, you remember sins no more—
So I'll stand on ev'ry promise of your word.**

**When I'm faced with anguished choice, I will listen for your voice,
And I'll stand on ev'ry promise of your word.
Through this dark and troubled land you will guide me with your hand
As I stand on ev'ry promise of your word.**

**And you've promised to complete ev'ry work begun in me—
So I'll stand on ev'ry promise of your word.
Hope that lifts me from despair, love that casts out ev'ry fear,
As I stand on ev'ry promise of your word.**

**Not forsaken, not alone, for the Comforter has come,
And I stand on ev'ry promise of your word.
Grace sufficient, grace for me, grace for all who will believe—
We will stand on ev'ry promise of your word.**

The Eucharist

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 our thanks and praise.



It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should always sing of your glory,

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord. As a mother tenderly gathers her children, you embraced a people as your own. When they turned away and rebelled, your love remained steadfast. From them you raise up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary, to be the living bread, in whom all our hungers are satisfied. He offered his life for sinners, and with a love stronger than death he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died, he came to supper with his friends and, taking bread, he 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.

And 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, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith.

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

Father, we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross; we remember his dying and rising in glory, and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand. Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you these gifts of your creation; may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence, form us in the likeness of Christ, and build us into a living temple to your glory. Bring us at the last with all the saints to the vision of that eternal splendour for which you have created us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord,

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

The President breaks the consecrated bread.

We break this bread to share in the one body of Christ.
**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**



Prayer after Communion.

**Fill us, good Lord, with your Spirit of love;
and as you have fed us with the one bread of Heaven,
so make us one in heart and mind,
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

♪ Hymn: Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer

**Guide me, O thou great Redeemer, pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy powerful hand:
Bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore.**

**Open now the crystal fountain whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fiery cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through:
Strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield.**

**When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side:
Songs and praises I will ever give to thee.**

Blessing

Christ our exalted King pour upon you his abundant gifts
and bring you to reign with him in glory;
and the blessing of God the Father, God the Son
and God the Holy Spirit be with you today and always. **Amen.**

Depart

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