

# Celebrating Communion together and apart Trinity 7 26<sup>th</sup> July 2020



## The Gathering

### Prayer of Preparation

How awesome is this place.

**This is none other than the house of God,  
and this is the gateway of heaven.**

I saw a ladder which rested on the ground  
with its top reaching to heaven,  
and the angels of God were going up and down it.

**This is none other than the house of God,  
and this is the gateway of heaven.**

You will see greater things than this.

You will see heaven wide open,  
and God's angels ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.

**This is none other than the house of God,  
and this is the gateway of heaven.**

You are the temple of the living God,  
and the Spirit of God dwells in you.

The temple of God is holy, and you are that temple.

**This is none other than the house of God,  
and this is the gateway of heaven.**

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

### Prayers of Penitence

Since we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses,  
Let us also lay aside every weight  
And the sin that clings so closely,  
Looking to Jesus in penitence and faith.

**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.**

Almighty God,  
who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon 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.  
Amen.

## **Gloria in Excelsis**

**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**

Almighty God,  
we praise you for the many blessings  
you have given to those who worship you  
in this house of prayer:  
and we pray that all who seek you in this place may find you,  
and, being filled with the Holy Spirit,  
may become a living temple acceptable to you;  
through 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**

## **Gospel Reading**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Matthew 13 verses 31-33 and 44-52

He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.'

He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.'

'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.'

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.'

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

'Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

**Prayers of Intercession**

*In the prayers please respond*

Lord in your mercy

**Hear our prayer**

*and at the end*

Merciful Father,

**accept these prayers**

**for the sake of your Son,**

**our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**

**The Peace**

The Kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*By waving only*

**The Eucharistic Prayer**

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.**

And now we give you thanks  
for your blessing on this house of prayer,  
where through your grace we offer you the sacrifice of praise  
and are built by your Spirit into a temple made without hands,  
even the body of your Son Jesus Christ.

**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.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father,

through Jesus Christ, our Lord;

and as we obey his command,

send your Holy Spirit,

that broken bread and wine outpoured

may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends  
and, taking bread, he praised you.  
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.  
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:  
Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,  
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice  
made once for all upon the cross.  
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,  
we proclaim his death and resurrection  
until he comes in glory.

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

Lord of all life,  
help us to work together for that day  
when your kingdom comes  
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.  
Look with favour on your people,  
gather us in your loving arms  
and bring us with St Andrew and all the saints  
to feast at your table in heaven.  
Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,  
for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray  
**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**

## **Breaking of the Bread**

Every time we eat this bread  
And drink this cup  
**We proclaim the Lord's death  
Until he comes**

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.

The body and blood of Christ keep you in eternal life

*For those at home, to pray silently*  
Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ,  
for all the benefits you have given me,  
for all the pains and insults you have borne for me.  
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,  
I ask you to come spiritually into my heart.  
O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,  
may I know you more clearly,  
love you more dearly,  
and follow you more nearly, day by day.  
Amen.

*For those in St Andrew's building to pray silently while waiting*  
We do not presume  
to come to this your table, merciful Lord,  
trusting in our own righteousness,  
but in your manifold and great mercies.  
We are not worthy  
so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table.  
But you are the same Lord  
whose nature is always to have mercy.  
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,  
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ

and to drink his blood,  
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body  
and our souls washed through his most precious blood,  
and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us.  
Amen.

*Please come to the altar rail one household at a time. Leaving your seat when the previous person has sat down. Remain standing at the rail to receive the bread and wine. Please take the cup home with you for disposal.  
The Bread and wine will be distributed silently, but there will be music playing quietly.*

### **Prayer after Communion**

Lord God,  
sustain us in this vale of tears  
with the vision of your grace and glory,  
that, strengthened by you, the bread of life,  
we may come to your eternal dwelling place;  
in the power of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen**

### **Notices**

#### **The Blessing and Dismissal**

Christ, whose glory is in the heavens,  
fill this house and illuminate your hearts;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

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

*Please leave church by the back door in the order indicated. You are free to stay and chat in the church yard – at 2 metres apart!*

*If you'd like to stay and chat on zoom there'll be break out rooms for 5 minutes.*

*If you would like to make an offering, you can use the contactless card reader, leave cash or envelopes in the collection plate by the back door, or visit [www.nschurch.org.uk](http://www.nschurch.org.uk) and follow the link for giving.*