

## **We Ask For God's Blessing**

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you,  
scatter the darkness from before your path,  
and make you ready  
to meet him when he comes in glory;  
and the blessing of God Almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon you and remain with you always.

**Amen**

## **We Go In God's Strength**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ, Amen.**



## **Holy Communion - 6/12/2020**

### **We gather to worship God**

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

**And also with you.**

### **Welcome and Notices**

### **Lighting of the second Advent Candle**

Our second Advent candle reminds us of the prophets  
who foretold the coming of the Saviour and his reign  
of righteousness and peace.

*(The first and second candles are lit.)*

### **Reading**

Isaiah 9:6-7

### **Prayer**

God our Father, you spoke through the prophets to  
foretell the birth of the Prince of Peace and spread the  
news of the coming of his kingdom. Help us, as we  
prepare to celebrate his birth, to share with all who  
we meet the good news of your love and power. We  
ask this through Jesus Christ, the light for the world.

**Amen.**

*Hymn* **LIKE A CANDLE FLAME,**  
Flickering small in our darkness.  
Uncreated light  
Shines through infant eyes.

*God is with us, alleluia. (Men)*

*God is with us, alleluia. (Women)*

*Come to save us, alleluia. (Men)*

*Come to save us, (Women)*

*Alleluia! (All).*

Stars and angels sing,  
Yet the earth sleeps in shadows;  
Can this tiny spark  
Set a world on fire?

Yet His light shall shine  
From our lives, Spirit blazing,  
As we touch the flame  
Of His holy fire.

***Prayer After Communion***

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.

## ***Breaking of the Bread***

*The president breaks the consecrated 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.**

**Most merciful Lord,  
your love compels us to come in.  
Our hands were unclean,  
our hearts were unprepared;  
we were not fit  
even to eat the crumbs from under your table.  
But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation,  
and share your bread with sinners.  
So cleanse and feed us  
with the precious body and blood of your Son,  
that he may live in us and we in him;  
and that we, with the whole company of Christ,  
may sit and eat in your kingdom.  
Amen.**

## ***Giving of Communion***

Receive by faith  
the spiritual food of the body of Christ  
which was broken for you  
and the blood of Christ  
which was shed for you.

**Amen.**

## **We Listen to God's Word**

The Collect

**O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power  
and come among us,  
and with great might succour us;  
that whereas, through our sins and wickedness  
we are grievously hindered  
in running the race that is set before us,  
your bountiful grace and mercy  
may speedily help and deliver us;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honour and glory, now and for ever.  
Amen**

**Reading** (Geoff Dawe)

Mark 1:1-8

**Talk** (Eve Lockett)

## **We Say Sorry to God**

*We share a moment of quiet to recall our need for forgiveness.*

**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.**

May the Father forgive us  
by the death of his Son  
and strengthen us  
to live in the power of the Spirit  
all our days.  
Amen.

## **We Bring Our Prayers to God**

**Intercessions** (Roger Long)

these gifts, send your Holy Spirit, and change us more and more to be like Jesus our Saviour.

Help us, Father, to love one another, as we look forward to that day when suffering is ended, and all creation is gathered in your loving arms. And now with all your saints we give you glory, through Jesus Christ, in the strength of the Spirit, today and for 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**

### **We Share God's Peace**

In the tender compassion of our God,  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,  
to shine on those who dwell in darkness under the  
shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of  
peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you**

*Hymn*    **ON JORDAN'S BANK THE BAPTIST'S CRY  
Announces that the Lord is nigh;  
Awake, and hearken, for he brings  
Glad tidings of the King of kings!**

**Then cleansed be every breast from sin;  
Make straight the way for God within;  
Prepare we in our hearts a home  
Where such a mighty Guest may come.**

**For Thou art our Salvation, Lord,  
Our Refuge, and our great Reward.  
Without Thy grace we waste away,  
Like flowers that wither and decay.**

**To heal the sick stretch out Thine hand,  
And bid the fallen sinner stand;  
Shine forth, and let Thy light restore  
Earth's own true loveliness once more.**

**All praise, eternal Son, to Thee  
Whose advent sets Thy people free,  
Whom, with the Father, we adore,  
And Holy Ghost, forevermore.**

### **We Celebrate Holy Communion**

#### ***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.**

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 give us the fish in the sea, the birds of the air, and every plant and tree; the life that sleeps in the winter earth, and awakens again in the spring.

You made us all, each wonderfully different, to join with the angels and sing your praise:

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

We thank you, loving Father because, when we turned away, you sent Jesus, your Son. He gave his life for us on the cross and shows us the way to live. Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

On the night before he died, when darkness had fallen, Jesus took bread. He gave thanks, broke it, and shared it with his disciples, saying: 'This is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me.'

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying: 'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins.'

So Father, with this bread and this cup we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life. As you feed us with