

Prayer after Communion:

Eternal God, giver of love and power,
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:
confirm us in this mission,
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

With gratitude to God, we pray together:

**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.**

Blessing:

May the Lord of all healing and hope, speak to your hearts of how
broad and long and deep and high is his love is for you, and may
he transform you, more and more, into they who shine out to the
world in the power of his love.

And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and it Holy Spirit, be
with you, and with all those you love, and remain with you always.
Amen.

Final Hymn: **LOVE'S REDEEMING WORK IS DONE** (324)

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



Holy Communion - Sunday 21st May 2023

Welcome and Introduction

Opening Hymn: **AWAKE, AWAKE FLING OFF THE NIGHT** (49)

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

And also with you

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: The first commandment is this: 'Hear,
O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord. You shall love the Lord
your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind,
and with all your strength.'

The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no
other commandment greater than these. On these two
commandments hang all the law and the prophets.
Amen. Lord, have mercy.

We'll just take a moment to remember before God those things for
which we need to be forgiven...

**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 God of love, our good shepherd, who has watched over us since before we were born, bring you back to himself, forgive you your sins, and assure you of his eternal love in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Hymn: **DO NOT BE AFRAID** (111)

Collect:

Risen, ascended Lord,
as we rejoice at your triumph,
fill your Church on earth with power and compassion,
that all who are estranged by sin
may find forgiveness and know your peace,
to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

Bible readings: Romans 6:1-14
Matthew 6:24

Reader Hear the Gospel of the Lord.
All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Blessing and honour and glory
and power be yours
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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.**

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.**

Draw near with faith.
Received the body of our lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you,
and his blood which is shed for you.
Eat and drink in remembrance that Christ died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

**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.**

Administration:

he came to table with his friends
to celebrate the freedom of your people.

This is his story.

This is our song:

Hosanna in the highest.

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food;
he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said:
This is my body, given for you all.

Jesus then gave thanks for the wine;
he took the cup, gave it and said:
This is my blood, shed for you all
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this in remembrance of me.

This is our story.

This is our song

Hosanna in the highest.

Therefore, Father,
with this bread and this cup we celebrate the cross
on which he died to set us free.
Defying death he rose again and is alive with you
to plead for us and all the world.

This is our story.

This is our song:

Hosanna in the highest.

Send your Spirit on us now
that by these gifts, we may feed on Christ
with opened eyes and hearts on fire.

May we and all who share this food
offer ourselves to live for you,
and be welcomed at your feast in heaven
where all creation worships you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

Reader This is the Gospel of the Lord.
All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Hymn: Now is eternal life (351)

Declaration of faith

**We believe in one God,
The Father, the Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
Of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
The only Son of God,
Eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
True God from true God,
Begotten, not made,
Of one being with the Father;
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
He came down from heaven,
Was incarnate from the Holy Spirit
And the Virgin Mary, and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

Intercessions

The Peace

We are all equally loved in Christ Jesus
And we are called to follow his voice in faith,
to receive the fullness of the Spirit of peace and life itself.

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

Hymn: **ETERNAL FATHER OF THE CEASELESS ROUND** (115)

Prayer of Consecration

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.

Almighty God, good Father to us all,
your face is turned towards your world.
In love you gave us Jesus your Son
to rescue us from sin and death.
Your Word goes out to call us home
to the city where angels sing your praise.
We join with them in heaven's song:

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

Father of all, we give you thanks
for every gift that comes from heaven.
To the darkness Jesus came as your light.
With signs of faith and words of hope
he touched untouchables with
love and washed the guilty clean.

This is his story.
**This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

The crowds came out to see your Son,
yet at the end they turned on him.
On the night he was betrayed