

## 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.**

## We Ask For God's Blessing

The peace of God which passes all understanding,  
Keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God  
and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, and the blessing ...  
**Amen**

## **Hymn: 432 REJOICE THE LORD IS KING**

## We Go In God's Strength

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**



## Holy Communion - 3rd March 2024

## The Parable of the Tenants

**Hymn: 76 CHRIST IS MADE THE SURE FOUNDATION**

## 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.**

**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 Say Sorry to God

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.  
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.

*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.**

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.**

### **Hymn: HIS MERCY IS MORE**

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

**Almighty God,  
whose most dear Son  
went not up to joy but first he suffered pain,  
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:  
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross,  
may find it none other than the way of life and peace;  
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.**

Draw near with faith. Receive 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.  
As we come to receive these holy gifts, we pray together:

**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**

*You will then be invited forward. We welcome all those who are baptised and  
who love and follow the Lord Jesus to share in the bread and wine.*

*If you are at all uncomfortable with sharing the Common Cup, then it's  
completely fine to only receive the bread. Please do not feel under any pressure.  
At Communion, we are invited to feed on Christ in our hearts by faith with  
thanksgiving, so if we opt to abstain from the wine and receive the bread alone  
we still obtain the full spiritual benefit of the sacrament.*

*Even if you do not wish to receive the bread and wine, you are welcome to come  
forward to receive a prayer of blessing. Please keep your hands by your side to  
indicate this to the minister.*

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory,  
send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine  
may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.  
**As we eat and drink these holy gifts  
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world  
we offer you this sacrifice of praise  
and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:  
**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

### 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

*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.**

### Bible Reading (Read by Emma Adamson)

Hear the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

### **Gospel Reading – Mark 12:1-17**

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

### Sermon

### The Creed

Let us declare our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit  
**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.**

#### The Intercessions

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

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

**Hymn: 464 TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE**

#### **We Celebrate Holy Communion**

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 right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;  
in your love you made us for yourself.  
When we turned away  
you did not reject us,  
but came to meet us in your Son.  
**You embraced us as your children  
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us.  
**He opened his arms of love upon the cross  
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends  
he took bread, and 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.  
**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:  
his body is the bread of life.**

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 in remembrance of me.  
**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:  
his blood is shed for all.**