

Holy Communion 3rd November 2024

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

Opening Hymn: 528 The Church's One Foundation

1 The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;
she is his new creation by water and the word:
from heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

2 Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses with every grace endued.

3 The world with scornful wonder may see her sore oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed;
yet saints their watch are keeping, their cry goes up, 'How long?';
and soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

4 'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation of peace for evermore;
till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blessed,
and the great Church victorious shall be the Church at rest.

5 Yet she on earth has union with God the Three-in-One,
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
like them the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

The Collect for Purity (page 201)

**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.**

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it. You shall love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets.

Matthew 22: 37-39

Lord, have mercy on us, and write these your laws in our hearts.

Confession

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ, to save us from our sins, to intercede for us in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life. Let us then confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace:

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned in thought and word and deed, and in what we have left undone. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may walk in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

Absolution

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy on you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's 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.

Collect of the Day

Almighty and eternal God, you have kindled the flame of love in the hearts of the saints: Grant to us the same faith and power of love, that, as we rejoice in their triumphs, we may be sustained by their example and fellowship; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

First Reading-Deuteronomy 6: 1-9

Now this is the commandment—the statutes and the ordinances—that the Lord your God charged me to teach you to observe in the land that you are about to cross into and occupy, so that you and your children and your children’s children may fear the Lord your God all the days of your life, and keep all his decrees and his commandments that I am commanding you, so that your days may be long. Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe them diligently, so that it may go well with you, and so that you may multiply greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, as the Lord, the God of your ancestors, has promised you. Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 119:1-8

- 1 Blessed are those whose way is pure, ♦
who walk in the law of the Lord.
- 2 Blessed are those who keep his testimonies ♦
and seek him with their whole heart,
- 3 Those who do no wickedness, ♦
but walk in his ways.
- 4 You, O Lord, have charged ♦
that we should diligently keep your commandments.

- 5 O that my ways were made so direct ♦
that I might keep your statutes.
- 6 Then should I not be put to shame, ♦
because I have regard for all your commandments.
- 7 I will thank you with an unfeigned heart, ♦
when I have learned your righteous judgements.
- 8 I will keep your statutes; ♦
O forsake me not utterly.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever. Amen

Second Reading- Hebrews 9: 11-14

But when Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls, with the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer, sanctifies those who have been defiled so that their flesh is purified, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God!

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Thanks be to God

Hymn: 638 O For A Heart To Praise My God

1 O for a heart to praise my God,
a heart from sin set free;
a heart that's cleansed by the blood
so freely shed for me.

2 A heart resigned, submissive, meek,
my dear Redeemer's throne;
where only Christ is heard to speak,
where Jesus reigns alone;

3 a humble, lowly, contrite heart,
believing, true and clean,
which neither life nor death can part
from him that dwells within;

4 a heart in every thought renewed,
and full of love divine,
perfect and right, and pure and good,
a copy, Lord, of thine.

5 Thy nature, gracious Lord, impart;
come quickly from above:
write thy new name upon my heart,
thy new, best name of love.

Holy Gospel: Mark 12: 28-34

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Mark:

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, ‘Which commandment is the first of all?’ Jesus answered, ‘The first is, “Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.” The second is this, “You shall love your neighbour as yourself.” There is no other commandment greater than these.’ Then the scribe said to him, ‘You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that “he is one, and besides him there is no other”; and “to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength”, and “to love one’s neighbour as oneself”,—this is much more important than all whole burnt-offerings and sacrifices.’ When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, ‘You are not far from the kingdom of God.’ After that no one dared to ask him any question.

This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Sermon

Nicene Creed

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 by the Holy Spirit of 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 Prayers of the People

Prayers for the Church, the World, and the Community, ending with a few moments in silence to lift up our own prayers to God...

Merciful Father: accept these our prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen

The Peace

Christ is our peace. He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross: we meet in his name and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you:
and also with you.

Hymn: 418 Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face To Face

1 Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face;
here faith can touch and handle things unseen;
here would I grasp with firmer hand thy grace;
and all my weariness upon thee lean.

2 Here would I feed upon the bread of God;
here drink with thee the royal wine of heaven;
here would I lay aside each earthly load;
here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiven.

3 I have no help but thine; nor do I need
another arm save thine to lean upon;
it is enough, my Lord, enough indeed;
my strength is in thy might, thy might alone.

4 Mine is the sin, but thine the righteousness;
mine is the guilt, but thine the cleansing blood;
here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace—
thy blood, thy righteousness, O Lord my God.

5 This is the hour of banquet and of song;
this is the heavenly table spread for me;
here let me feast, and, feasting, still proclaim
the hallowed hour of fellowship with thee.

Celebrating at the Lord's Table

Be present, be present, Lord Jesus Christ our risen high priest; make
yourself known in the breaking of bread. **Amen.**

The Taking of the Bread and Wine about this of

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us
therefore let us celebrate the feast.

The Great Thanksgiving Prayer 3

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.

Father, Lord of all creation,
we praise you for your goodness and your love.
When we turned away you did not reject us.
You came to meet us in your Son,
welcomed us as your children
and prepared a table where we might feast with you.
In Christ you shared our life
that we might live in him and he in us.
**He opened wide his arms upon the cross
and, with love stronger than death,
he made the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

Lord Jesus Christ, our redeemer,
on the night before you died
you came to table with your friends.
Taking bread, you gave thanks, 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.
**Lord Jesus, we bless you:
you are the bread of life.**

At the end of supper
you took the cup of wine, gave thanks, 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 in remembrance of me.
**Lord Jesus, we bless you:
you are the true vine.**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ:
**dying, you destroyed our death,
rising, you restored our life;
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Holy Spirit, giver of life,
come upon us now;
may this bread and wine be to us
the body and blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ.
**As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us, who know our need of grace,
one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Blessed Trinity:
with your whole Church throughout the world
we offer you this sacrifice of thanks and praise
and lift our voice to join the song of heaven,
for ever praising you and saying:
**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Thanks be to you, our God, for your gift beyond words.
Amen. Amen. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:
**Our Father, who art in heaven: hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give
us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we
forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the
power, and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.
We being many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

The Administration of Holy Communion

Followed by The Great Silence

Post Communion Prayers

Lord of heaven, in this eucharist you have brought us near to an innumerable company of angels and to the spirits of the saints made perfect. As in this food of our earthly pilgrimage we have shared their fellowship, so may we come to share their joy in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of 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.

The Blessing

The peace of God which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and the love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord: and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn: 373 To God Be The Glory

1 To God be the glory! Great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son;
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son:

and give him the glory! Great things he has done!

2 O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!
to every believer the promise of God;
the vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

3 Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer, and higher, and greater will be
our wonder, our rapture, when Jesus we see.

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