

Holy Communion

The Beacon Parish

Sunday 12th September 2021

Gathering Hymn

Feel free to sing along!

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth:
at Bethlehem I had my birth.

*Dance, then, wherever you may be,
I am the Lord of the dance, said he,
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.*

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
but they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me;
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;
they came with me and the dance went on:

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame:
the holy people said it was a shame.
they whipped and they stripped
and they hung me on high,
and they left me there on a cross to die:

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black;
it's hard to dance with the devil on your back.
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone;
but I am the dance, and I still go on:

They cut me down and I leapt up high;
I am the life that'll never, never die.
I'll live in you if you'll live in me:
I am the Lord of the dance, said he.

Welcome

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

The Lord be with you.

All and also with you.

Let us ask God to bless our worship.

**All Faithful God,
come with saving power
to free our praise,
inspire our prayer
and shape our lives
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Confession

**All God of mercy,
we acknowledge that we have sinned.
We turn from the wrong
that we have thought
and said and done,
and are mindful of all that we have failed to do.
For the sake of Jesus, who died for us,
forgive us for all that is past,
and help us to live each day
in the light of Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

May God our Father forgive you your sins,
restore you to fullness of life
and bring you into the fellowship of his love.

All Amen.

Collect

O God, who in generous mercy
sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church
in the burning fire of your love:
grant that your people may be fervent
in the fellowship of the gospel
that, always abiding in you,
they may be found steadfast in faith
and active in service;
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.

All Amen.

James 3

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell.

For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison.

With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm 116

I love the Lord, because he has heard
my voice and my supplications.
Because he inclined his ear to me,
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

**All I love the Lord,
because he has heard my voice and my prayer.**

The snares of death encompassed me;
the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;
I suffered distress and anguish.
Then I called on the name of the Lord:
'O Lord, I pray, save my life!'

**All I love the Lord,
because he has heard my voice and my prayer.**

Gracious is the Lord, and righteous;
our God is merciful.
The Lord protects the simple;
when I was brought low, he saved me.

**All I love the Lord,
because he has heard my voice and my prayer.**

Return, O my soul, to your rest,
for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.
For you have delivered my soul from death,
my eyes from tears,
my feet from stumbling.

All **Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning
is now and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Gospel

Please stand for the Gospel reading.

The Lord be with you
All **And also with you.**

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

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea
Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples,
‘Who do people say that I am?’

And they answered him,
‘John the Baptist; and others, Elijah;
and still others, one of the prophets.’

He asked them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’
Peter answered him, ‘You are the Messiah.’

And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.
Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must
undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders,
the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed,
and after three days rise again.

He said all this quite openly.

And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.
But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter
and said,
'Get behind me, Satan!
For you are setting your mind not on divine things
but on human things.'

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them,
'If any want to become my followers,
let them deny themselves
and take up their cross and follow me.
For those who want to save their life will lose it,
and those who lose their life for my sake,
and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.
For what will it profit them to gain the whole world
and forfeit their life?

Indeed, what can they give in return for their life?
Those who are ashamed of me and of my words
in this adulterous and sinful generation,
of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed
when he comes in the glory of his Father
with the holy angels.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The Creed

Do you believe and trust
in God the Father?

**All We believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust
in his Son Jesus Christ?

**All We believe in Jesus Christ,
his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge
the living and the dead.**

Do you believe and trust
in the Holy Spirit?

**All We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All and also with you.

Hymn

Please stand to sing.

As the deer pants for water
so my soul longs after you.
You alone are my heart's desire
and I long to worship you.
You alone are my strength, my shield,
to you alone will my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire
and I long to worship you.

I want you more than gold or silver;
only you can satisfy.
You alone are the real joy giver
and the apple of my eye.
You alone are my strength, my shield,
to you alone will my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire
and I long to worship you.

You're my Friend and you are my Brother,
even though you are a King.
I love you more than any other,
so much more than anything.
You alone are my strength, my shield,
to you alone will my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire
and I long to worship you.

Please be seated.

Communion Prayer

The Lord be with you.

All and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All 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:

**All 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.**

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.

The crowds came out to see your Son,
yet at the end they turned on him.

On the night he was betrayed he came to table
with his friends to celebrate the freedom of your people.

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.

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.

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:

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

**All 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.**

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

**All Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

**All Jesus, Lamb of God,
have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins,
have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world,
grant us peace.**

The table of company with Jesus is now ready.
So, come to this table, you who have much faith
and you who would like to have more.
You who have been to this meal often
and you who have not been for a long time.
You who have tried to follow Jesus
and you who want to.... . come.
It is Jesus who invites you to meet him here.

Instructions for Communion

- *Communion will be given as bread only.*
- *Please wait for one of the Welcome Team to invite you to come forward.*
- *Make your way to the altar up through the choir stalls.*
- *Remain standing and stretch out your hands at arm's length to receive the bread.*
- *Don't eat it just yet, but rather make your way back to your seat through the side chapel.*
- *Once seated receive communion.*

Music during Communion

Lord you have my heart
and I will search for yours,
Jesus take my life and lead me on.
Lord you have my heart
and I will search for yours,
let me be to you a sacrifice.
And I will praise you Lord,
I will praise you Lord.
And I will sing of love come down,
I will sing of love come down.
And as you show your face,
show your face,
we'll see your glory here.

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord
and my spirit exalts in God my Saviour.
For he has looked with mercy on my loneliness
and my name will be forever exalted.

For the mighty God has done great things for me
and his mercy will reach from age to age;
and holy, holy, holy is his name.

Prayer after Communion

All **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.

Notices

The Blessing

 The Lord be with you
All **and also with you.**

 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 of God almighty.....

All **Amen.**

 Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

Final Hymn

Please stand to sing.

King of the ages, Almighty God,
perfect love, ever just and true.
Who will not fear you and bring you praise?
All the nations will come to you.

Your ways of love have won my heart,
and brought me joy unending.
Your saving pow'r at work in me,
bringing peace and the hope of glory.

King of the ages, Almighty God,
perfect love, ever just and true.
Who will not fear you and bring you praise?
All the nations will come to you.

Your arms of love are reaching out
to every soul that seeks you;
your light will shine in all the earth,
bringing grace and a great salvation.

King of the ages, Almighty God,
perfect love, ever just and true.
Who will not fear you and bring you praise?
All the nations will come to you.

The day will come when you appear,
and every eye shall see you.
Then we shall rise with hearts ablaze,
with a song we will sing forever.

King of the ages, Almighty God,
perfect love, ever just and true.
Who will not fear you and bring you praise?
All the nations will come to you,
All the nations will come to you.

Father, I place into your hands.....

How to make a Donation this morning

You can make a donation in a number of ways:
by using the Contactless Card Reader at the
back of the Church.

or placing your gift in the Collection Plate at
the back of the Church, using Gift Aid envelope
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pick up a form at the back of the Church,
or sign up at: www.parishgiving.org.uk/home
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forms are also at the back of the Church.

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www.beaconparish.co.uk

and cheques are payable to:

Ditchling Streat and Westmeston P.C.C

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Thank you.

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The Parish is keen to appoint a volunteer Legacy Officer to work with the Giving Team.

The role is to provide friendly, supportive and confidential advice to members considering the difference which making a legacy would make to the Parish.

No special legal or financial experience is required, and extensive support and informational material is made available through the Church of England.

A full role description is available on request. Please contact Sherrian Guest for further information.

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Next Sunday, 19th September

Holy Communion, Street 10.00 am

Good Morning Friday

Every Friday at 9.00am

GMF is a welcoming, friendly and supportive group sharing Bible readings, prayers and fellowship

It meets every Friday at 9.00am on Zoom

If you would like to participate please email

Keith Hine: keith@hinemail.co.uk.

Reflections on Wednesday

a short contemplative time at the end of the day
to quietly listen and reflect...

It takes place on the first Wednesday of the month
at 7:30pm via Zoom

If you would like to attend please contact

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