

Holy Communion

The Beacon Parish

Sunday 10th October 2021

Gathering Hymn

Fight the good fight with all thy might;
Christ is thy strength, and Christ thy right:
lay hold on life, and it shall be
thy joy and crown eternally.

Run the straight race through God's good grace,
lift up thine eyes, and seek his face;
life with its way before us lies,
Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.

Cast care aside; lean on thy Guide;
his love and mercy will provide;
trust, and thy trusting soul shall prove,
Christ is life, and Christ is love.

Faint not, nor fear, his arms are near;
he changeth not, and thou art dear;
only believe, and thou shalt see,
that Christ is all in all to thee.

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.**

Prayer of Preparation

All 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.

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

Faithful Lord,
whose steadfast love never ceases
and whose mercies never come to an end:
grant us the grace to trust you
and to receive the gifts of your love,
new every morning,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Hebrews 4

The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm 90

Teach us to count our days, O Lord,
that we may gain a wise heart.
Turn, O Lord! How long?
Have compassion on your servants!
Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,
so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.
Make us glad for as many days
as you have afflicted us,
and for as many years as we have seen evil.
Let your work be manifest to your servants,
and your glorious power to their children.
Let the favour of the Lord our God be upon us,
and prosper for us the work of our hands—
O prosper the work of our hands!

**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.

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, 'Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?'

Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone.

You know the commandments:

"You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery;

You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness;

You shall not defraud;

Honour your father and mother."

He said to him,

'Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.'

Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said,

'You lack one thing; go, sell what you own,

and give the money to the poor,

and you will have treasure in heaven;

then come, follow me.'

When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples,

'How hard it will be for those who have wealth

to enter the kingdom of God!'

And the disciples were perplexed at these words.

But Jesus said to them again,

'Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God!

It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.'

They were greatly astounded and said to one another, 'Then who can be saved?'

Jesus looked at them and said, 'For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.'

Peter began to say to him,

'Look, we have left everything and followed you.'

Jesus said, 'Truly I tell you,

there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields,

for my sake and for the sake of the good news,

who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—

houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children,

and fields, with persecutions—

and in the age to come eternal life.

But many who are first will be last,

and the last will be first.'

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.

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.

Music, Blessed bread, eternal salvation

Music, God of hope and Lord of healing

*God of hope and Lord of healing,
we come to you in prayer;
in our living, in our dying,
you promise to be there.*

For the weak we ask your courage,
and your patience for the strong;
stay with those whose pain is sharpest
and those enduring long:

O provide for all the weary
your precious gift of sleep;
with the glad let us be joyful,
and weep with those who weep.

By the grace of your forgiveness,
by virtue of your word,
by the sacrament which brings us
the comfort of our Lord.

cont.

By the life he freely gave us,
and the cross to which he came,
by the glory of his kingdom,
the power of his name.

Come to meet your praying people,
be with us as we kneel;
come to help us, God our Saviour,
for you alone can heal.

*God of hope and Lord of healing,
we come to you in prayer;
in our living, in our dying,
you promise to be there, you promise to be there.*

Prayer after Communion

**All Holy God,
 you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son
 and filled us with your Holy Spirit:
 may we honour you, not only with our lips
 but in lives dedicated to the service
 of Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
Pilgrim though this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore,
feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow.
Let the fire and cloudy pillar,
lead me all my journey through;
Strong Deliverer, Strong Deliverer:
Be thou still my Strength and Shield,
be thou still my Strength and Shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside.
Death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
Songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.
Songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.

Next Sunday, 17th October

Harvest Festival

Holy Communion, Westmeston 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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