

Holy Communion



The Beacon Parish

Sunday 6th June 2021

Gathering Song

Come, people of the risen King
who delight to bring him praise.
Come all and tune your hearts to sing
to the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth
we will lift our eyes to him.
Where steady arms of mercy reach
to gather children in.

Rejoice, rejoice!
Let every tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice;
O Church of Christ, rejoice!

Come, those whose joy is morning sun
And those weeping through the night.
Come, those who tell of battles won
and those struggling in the fight.
For his perfect love will never change
and his mercies never cease.
But follow us through all our days
with the certain hope of peace

Come, young and old from every land
men and women of the faith.
Come, those with full or empty hands
find the riches of his grace.
Over all the world, his people sing
shore to shore we hear them call.
The truth that cries through every age:
"Our God is all in all!"

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.

Confession

My brothers and sisters,
not out of dread and fear,
but believing that God is always faithful to forgive,
let us rid ourselves of what we need to carry no longer.

Leader I confess to God

and in the company of all God's people
that my life

and the life of the world are broken by my sin.

All May God forgive you,

Christ renew you

and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.

Leader Amen.

All We confess to God

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and the life of the world are broken by our sin.

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Christ renew you

and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.

All Amen.

O God, lead us from death to life,
from falsehood to truth.

Lead us from despair to hope, from fear to trust.

Lead us from hate to love, from war to peace.

Let peace fill our hearts, our world, our universe,
for we ask it for your own name's sake.

All Amen.

Collect

Almighty God,
who gave your servant Columba
the gifts of courage, faith and cheerfulness,
and sent people forth from Iona
with the joy of the Holy Spirit
to carry your gospel to every creature:
Grant, we pray, a like spirit to your church,
and bless us with deep love for your people:
that may we follow the way of Christ,
strong in faith, sustained by hope,
and one in the love that binds us to you;
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.

Psalm 29

God speaks to us in the Scriptures.
A reading from the Psalms.

All Speak Lord, for we are listening.....

Ascribe to the Lord, you heavenly beings,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
Ascribe to the Lord the glory due to his name;
worship the Lord in the splendour of his holiness.
The voice of the Lord is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders,
the Lord thunders over the mighty waters.
The voice of the Lord is powerful;
the voice of the Lord is majestic.
The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars;
the Lord breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.
He makes Lebanon leap like a calf,
Sirion like a young wild ox.

The voice of the Lord strikes
with flashes of lightning.
The voice of the Lord shakes the desert;
the Lord shakes the Desert of Kadesh.
The voice of the Lord twists the oaks
and strips the forests bare.
And in his temple all cry, 'Glory!'
The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;
the Lord is enthroned as King for ever.
The Lord gives strength to his people;
the Lord blesses his people with peace.

These words God speaks to us.

All Lord, help us to live by them.

Song of Creation, from Iona

In the beginning, God made the world:
Made it and mothered it,
shaped it and fathered it

**All He filled it with seed and fertility,
he filled it with life and the song of variety.**

All that is green, blue, deep and growing,
God's is the hand that created you.

**All All that is tender, firm, fragrant and curious,
God's is the hand that created you.**

All that crawls, flies, swims, walks or is motionless,
God's is the hand that created you.

**All All that speaks, sings, cries, laughs or keeps silent,
God's is the hand that created you.**

All that suffers, lacks, limps or longs for an end,
God's is the hand that created you.

**All The world belongs to God,
God's is the hand that created you.**

Gospel

Let us greet the words of Jesus

All Speak Lord, for we are listening.....

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them.

He said: 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,

for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

'You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

'You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

These words Jesus has given us.

All Lord, help us to live by them.

The Drama of Incarnation

When the time was right, God sent the Son.
Sent him and suckled him,
Reared him and risked him;
Filled him with laughter and tears and compassion,
Filled him with anger and love and devotion.

Unwelcomed child, refugee and runaway,
All Christ is God's own Son.

Skilled carpenter and homeless wayfarer,
All Christ is God's own Son.

Feeder and teacher, healer and antagonist,
All Christ is God's own Son.

Lover of the unlovable, toucher of the untouchable,
forgiver of the unforgivable,
All Christ is God's own Son.

Loved by the least, feared by the leaders;
befriended by the weak, despised by the strong;
deserted by his listeners, denied by his friends;
bone of our bone, flesh of our flesh,
writing heaven's pardon over earth's mistakes,
All Christ is God's own Son.

The Word became flesh,
All He lived among us, He was one of us.

When the world could wait no longer,
The carpenters took up their tools,
They made a cross for God's own son,
Fashioned from wood and skill of human hands,
Fashioned from hate and will of human minds.
He was a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief,
All For us he grieved.

He was summoned to the judgement hall,
an enemy of the state, a danger to religion,
All By us he was judged.

He was lashed with tongues and scourged with whip,
All By his wounds we are healed.

He was nailed to the cross by human hands,
All Bone of our bone, flesh of our flesh.

He died, declaring God's forgiveness.
He rose on the third day, transforming death.
He ascended into heaven,
that he might be everywhere on earth.
He sent the Holy Spirit as the seal of his intention.
For God sent the Son into the world
not to condemn us,
All but that through him we are saved.

Song, Creator God

In the darkness of the still night,
in the dawning of the daylight,
in the mystery of creation;
Creator God, you are there.

In the breath of every being,
in the birthing and the growing,
in the earth and all its fullness;
Creator God, you are there.

In the homeless and the hungry,
in the broken and the lonely,
in the grieving of your people;
Creator God, you are there.

In the tears and in the heartache,
in the love through which we serve you,
in the anguish of the dying;
Creator God, you are there.

In our hearts and in our thinking,
in the longing and the dreaming,
in the yearning of our heartbeat;
Creator God, you are there.

In the love for one another,
in the sharing of our being,
in receiving and forgiving;
Creator God, you are there.

In our joys, our hopes, our healing,
in awakening to revealing,
in your call and our responding;
Creator God, you are there.

In our prayer and in our service,
in our praise and in our worship,
in your love that is eternal;
Creator God, you are there.
In the love that is eternal;
Creator God, you are there.

Prayers

Jesus Christ, you who walk with the wounded
along the road of the world's suffering,
we seek your grace
for the people and places we pray for.

Blessed are those who seek the Kingdom of God:
We pray for the Church throughout the world,
that it may reflect the brilliance of your light
and proclaim with one voice the song of your glory.
Lord, in your mercy

All Hear our prayer.

Blessed are those who are persecuted:
We pray for those in danger because of their faith in you.
Lord, in your mercy

All Hear our prayer.

Blessed are the Peacemakers:
We pray for peace in Burkina Faso and every land.
Lord, in your mercy

All Hear our prayer.

Blessed are those who are oppressed:
We pray for refugees and asylum seekers
and for all who suffer because of exploitation
and injustice.

Lord, in your mercy

All Hear our prayer.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst:
We pray for the situation in Ethiopia
that threatens a repeat of the terrible famine of 1984.

Lord, in your mercy

All Hear our prayer.

Blessed are the poor in spirit:
We pray for those whose cries go unheard and unnoticed.

Lord, in your mercy

All Hear our prayer.

Blessed are the merciful:
We pray for those who care for the sick and vulnerable

Lord, in your mercy

All Hear our prayer.

Blessed are those who put their hope in you:
We pray for the anxious and depressed.

Lord, in your mercy

All Hear our prayer.

Blessed are those who mourn:
We pray for the broken and the bereaved;
in their weakness, may they know your strength,
in their pain may they know your soothing presence.

Lord, in your mercy

All Hear our prayer.

Blessed are the meek:
We pray for your help to protect the fabric of the Earth:

Lord, in your mercy

All Hear our prayer.

Blessed are the pure in heart:
We pray for our community,
may we see the face of Christ in all around us.
And because you are one with us, O Jesus,
enable us to share your life with the world
by sharing and giving of ourselves.
Lord, in your mercy

All Hear our prayer.

Blessed are we when we call out in the name of Jesus:
For in him we find hope beyond word and measure
and through him we offer these and all our prayers.

All Amen.

The Peace

The risen Jesus is with us,
let us greet him in each other.
The peace of the Lord be always with you

All and also with you.

Instructions for Communion

Please follow these instructions to receive 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.*

If you have any questions a member of the Welcome Team will be pleased to help you.

The Story of the Last Supper

The Lord be with you
All and also with you.

For bread and wine, this place and this time
All Thanks be to God.

For the peace we are promised
which the world cannot destroy
All Thanks be to God.

For the joyful meaning of this meal
and that we share it together
All Thanks be to God.

For the hope of heaven
and the glorious eternal song
All Thanks be to God.

Among friends, gathered round a table, Jesus took bread,
and having blessed it, he broke the bread
and gave it to his disciples, saying,
This is my body which is given for you.
In the same way he took wine,
and having given thanks for it,
he poured it out and gave the cup to his disciples, saying,
This cup is the new relationship with God,
sealed with my blood. Take this and share it.
So now, following Jesus' example,
we take this bread and this wine; the ordinary things
of the world through which God will bless us.
And as Jesus offered thanks for the gifts of the earth,
let us also celebrate God's goodness, mercy and love
as we blend our voices with Heaven's song
as together we proclaim:

**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.**

Teach us Lord to live lives of worship
as together we pray.

**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.**

Look,
the Bread of Heaven is broken
for the life of the world.

**All The gifts of God
for the people of God.**

The table of bread and wine is now ready.
It is the table of company with Jesus.
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 during Communion

Benedictus by Margaret Rizza

Benedictus qui venit
in nomine Domini.

Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.

Prayer after Communion

All **Creator God,**
you feed us the living bread from heaven:
let this holy food sustain us
through our earthly pilgrimage
until we come to that place
where hunger and thirst are no more;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Blessing

The Lord be with you
All **And also with you.**
May the God of love
fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
that you may abound in hope
in the power of the Holy Spirit.
and the blessing ...
All **Amen.**
You are Christ's light in the world
go in peace to shine his light.
All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Sunday Holy Communion

13th June

Ditchling 10.00am

20th June

Westmeston 10.00am

27th June

Ditchling 10.00am

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