

SUNDAY 21st JANUARY 2024 HOLY COMMUNION 11AM
St John's, Stratford Online

SERVICE DETAILS

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1. Salvation belongs to our God,
who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.
Praise and glory, wisdom and thanks,
honour and power and strength.

*Be to our God for ever and ever,
be to our God for ever and ever,
be to our God for ever and ever. Amen*

And we, the redeemed, shall be strong
In purpose and unity, declaring aloud,
Praise and glory, wisdom and thanks,
honour and power and strength.
Be to our God for ever and ever,

2. Crown him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon his throne;
Hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns
All music but its own:
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love;
Behold his hands and side,
Those wounds yet visible above
In beauty glorified:
No angel in the sky
Can fully bear the sight,
But downward bends his burning eye
At mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of peace,
Whose power a sceptre sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease
And all be prayer and praise:
His reign shall know no end,
And round his pierced feet
Fair flowers of Paradise extend
Their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years,
The Potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres,
Ineffably sublime:
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For thou hast died for me;
Thy praise shall never, never fail
Throughout eternity.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

**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.**

PSALM 1

1 Blessed is the one
who does not walk in step with the wicked
or stand in the way that sinners take
or sit in the company of mockers,
**2 but whose delight is in the law of the Lord,
and who meditates on his law, day and night.**

3 That person is like a tree planted by streams of
water, which yields its fruit in season
and whose leaf does not wither –
whatever they do prospers.

**4 Not so the wicked!
They are like chaff
that the wind blows away.**

5 Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

**6 For the Lord watches over
the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked leads to destruction.**

CONFESSION

***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.***

3. These are the days of Elijah,
Declaring the word of the Lord;
And these are the days of Your servant Moses,
Righteousness being restored.
And though these are days of great trial,
Of famine and darkness and sword,
Still we are a voice in the desert,
Crying "prepare ye the way of the Lord"

*Behold He comes riding on the clouds,
shining like the sun at the trumpet call;
Lift your voice, it's the year of jubilee,
Out of Zion's hill salvation comes.*

These are the days of Ezekiel,
The dry bones becoming as flesh;
And these are the days of Your servant David,
Rebuilding the temple of praise.
These are the days of the harvest,
The fields are as white in the world,
And we are the labourers in the vineyard,
Declaring the word of the Lord.

4. O spread Your wings of mercy over me

And guard my heart with true humility
No shadow of the darkness pressing in
Only the holy overshadowing
Underneath Your wings, overshadowing

No refuge will I seek but God alone
No hiding place save only at Your throne
Only the cross, the blood to wash my sin
Only the holy overshadowing
Underneath Your wings, overshadowing

*You are my shield, and my glory
You are the lifter of my head
And though the storms may rage around me
I'll be safe within
Beneath the holy overshadowing
No burden on my back too hard to bear
Only the easy load You bid me wear
Until these troubles pass, my heart will sing
Praise for the holy overshadowing
Underneath Your wings, overshadowing*

Underneath Your wings
Overshadowing, overshadowing
Underneath Your wings
Overshadowing, overshadowing

5. Hide me now, under your wings.

Cover me within your mighty hand

*When the oceans rise and thunders roar
I will soar with you above the storm
Father You are King over the flood
I will be still and know you are God.*

Find rest, my soul in Christ alone.
Know his power in quietness and trust.

6. I am a new creation

1st READING: 2 Corinthians 4:1-6 (Church Bible: p.1161)

Please stand for the Gospel Reading

Hear the gospel of the Lord, Jesus Christ, according to Luke

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Luke 18:31-43 (Church Bible: p.1052)

This is the Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON by Young

PRAYER by Jane

7. 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.

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.

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.

Yet she on earth hath 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 shall dwell with thee.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All: And also with you

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 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.**

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.**

Lord's Prayer
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 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.

Draw near with faith.
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ
which he gave for you,
and his blood which he shed for you.
Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts by faith with
thanksgiving

8. Holy Spirit, rain down, rain down.

oh Comforter and Friend,
how we need your touch again.
Holy Spirit, rain down, rain down.
Let your power fall,
let your voice be heard.
Come and change our hearts,
as we stand on your word.
Holy Spirit, rain down. *(Repeat)*

No eye has seen, no ear has heard,
no mind can know what God has in store.
So open up heaven, open it wide,
over your church, and over our lives. *(Repeat)*

9. Only by grace can we enter,

Only by grace we can stand.
Not by our human endeavour,
But by the blood of the lamb.
Into your presence you call us,
you call us to come.
Into your presence you draw us, and
now by your grace we come,
now by your grace we come.

Lord if you mark our transgressions,
who would stand?
Thanks to your grace we are cleansed by
the blood of the Lamb.

PRAYER AFTER THE COMMUNION

**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/ BIRTHDAYS/ BANNS

10. All hail the power of Jesus' name!

let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem
and crown him Lord of all.

Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,
ye ransomed of the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace,
and crown him Lord of all

Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget,
the wormwood and the gall,
go spread your trophies at his feet,
and crown him Lord of all.

Let every tribe and every tongue
before him prostrate fall,
and shout in universal song
the crowned Lord of all.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

All: In the name of Christ. Amen.