

SUNDAY 21ST 2021 HOLY COMMUNION 11am and 18:30

Stay safe! Please maintain social distance at all times and wear a mask inside Church

1. *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 (Men)
I will praise You, Lord (Women)
And I will sing of love come down (Men)
I will sing of love come down (Women)
And as You show Your face, (Men)
Show Your face, (Women)
We'll see Your glory here (All)

2 O praise ye the Lord! praise him in the height;
Rejoice in his word, ye angels of light;
Ye heavens adore him by whom ye were made,
And worship before him, in brightness arrayed.

O praise ye the Lord! praise him upon earth,
In tuneful accord, ye sons of new birth;
Praise him who hath brought you his
grace from above,
Praise him who hath taught you to sing
of his love.

O praise ye the Lord, all things
that give sound;
Each jubilant chord re-echo around;
Loud organs, his glory forth tell in deep tone,
And, sweet harp, the story of what he hath done.

O praise ye the Lord! thanksgiving and song
To him be outpoured all ages along:
For love in creation, for heaven restored,
For grace of salvation, O praise ye the Lord!

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.**

CONFESSION

**Jesus,
You told us to love one another,
to love our enemies,
to bless those who persecute us;
We say sorry for the times we have
failed to follow your commands
and not lived as your followers
Forgive us and breathe your Spirit into us,
and give us courage to live as you lived. AMEN.**

3. Praise is rising, eyes are turning to You,
we turn to You
Hope is stirring, hearts are yearning for You,
we long for You
'Cause when we see You
we find strength to face the day

In Your presence all our fears are washed away,
washed away

*Hosanna, Hosanna
You are the God who saves us
Worthy of all our praises
Hosanna, Hosanna
Come have Your way among us
We welcome You here, Lord Jesus*

Hear the sound of hearts returning to You,
we turn to You
In Your Kingdom broken lives are made new,
You make us new
'Cause when we see You
we find strength to face the day
In Your presence all our fears are washed away,
washed away

Hosanna, Hosanna.....

4 You unravel me
With a melody
You surround me with a song
Of deliverance
From my enemies
'Til all my fears are gone

*I'm no longer a slave to fear
I am a child of God (x2)*

From my mother's womb
You have chosen me
Love has called my name
I've been born again
Into Your family
Your blood flows through my veins

*I'm no longer a slave to fear
I am a child of God*

You split the sea
So I could walk right through it
My fears are drowned in perfect love
You rescued me
So I could stand and say
I am a child of God

*I'm no longer a slave to fear
I am a child of God*

5. Blessing and honour,
Glory and power
Be unto the Ancient of Days;
From every nation,
All of creation
Bow before the Ancient of Days.

*Every tongue in heaven and earth
Shall declare Your glory,
Every knee shall bow at Your throne
In worship;*

*You will be exalted, O God,
And Your kingdom shall not pass away,
O Ancient of Days.*

Your kingdom shall reign over all the earth:
Sing unto the Ancient of Days;

For none shall compare to Your matchless worth:
Sing unto the Ancient of Days.

6. I am a new creation,
No more in condemnation,
Here in the grace of God I stand
My heart is overflowing,
My love just keeps on growing,
Here in the grace of God I stand.

And I will praise you Lord,
Yes I will praise you Lord,
And I will sing of all that you have done.

A joy that knows no limit,
A lightness in my spirit,
Here in the grace of God I stand.

READING: 1 Peter 3:13-4:11

¹³Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? ¹⁴But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. 'Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened.' ¹⁵But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, ¹⁶keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behaviour in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. ¹⁷For it is better, if it is God's will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil. ¹⁸For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit. ¹⁹After being made alive, he went and made proclamation to the imprisoned spirits – ²⁰to those who were disobedient long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, ²¹and this water symbolises baptism that now saves you also – not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience towards God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand – with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.

Living for God

⁴Therefore, since Christ suffered in his body, arm yourselves also with the same attitude, because whoever suffers in the body has finished with sin. ²As a result, they do not live the rest of their earthly lives for evil human desires, but rather for the will of God. ³For you have spent enough time in the past doing what pagans choose to do – living in debauchery, lust, drunkenness, orgies, carousing and detestable idolatry. ⁴They are surprised that you do not join them in their reckless, wild living, and they heap abuse on you. ⁵But they will have to give account to him who is ready to judge the living and the dead. ⁶For this is the reason the gospel was preached even to those who are now dead, so that they might be judged according to human standards in regard to the body, but live according to God in regard to the spirit. ⁷The end of all things is near. Therefore be alert and of sober mind so that you may pray. ⁸Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. ⁹Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. ¹⁰Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of

God's grace in its various forms. ¹¹If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL: Matthew 16:24-26

Reader: Hear the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

All: Glory to you O Lord

²⁴Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. ²⁶What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you O Christ

SERMON: Ayo 'THORNBIRD':

"Responding to suffering in a Godly way"

PRAYERS: led by Jane

PEACE: Robert

COMMUNION PRAYER

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.**

The 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 the 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

Prayer after 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.**

7. Beauty for brokenness, hope for despair,
Lord in the suffering, this is our prayer,
bread for the children, justice, joy, peace,
sunrise to sunset, your kingdom increase.

Shelter for fragile lives, cures for their ills,
work for the craftsmen, trade for their skills.
Land for the dispossessed, rights for the weak,
voices to plead the cause of those who can't speak.

*God of the poor, friend of the weak,
give us compassion, we pray,
melt our cold hearts, let tears fall like rain.
Come, change our love, from a spark to a flame.*

Refuge from cruel wars, havens from fear,
cities for sanctuary, freedoms to share.
Peace to the killing fields, scorched earth to green,
Christ for the bitterness, his cross for the pain.

Lighten our darkness, breathe on this flame,
until your justice burns brightly again;
until the nations learn of your ways,
seek your salvation and bring you their praise.

8. Jesus Christ I think upon your sacrifice:
you became nothing, poured out to death.
Many times I've wondered at your gift of life,
and I'm in that place once again.
I'm in that place once again.

*And once again I look upon the
cross where you died,
I'm humbled by your mercy and
I'm broken inside.
Once again I thank you,
Once again I pour out my life.*

Now you are exalted to the highest place,
King of the heavens where one day I'll bow.
But for now I marvel at this saving grace,
And I'm full of praise once again.
I'm full of praise once again.

9. In my life Lord, be glorified, be glorified;
In my life Lord, be glorified today.

In your Church Lord, be glorified, be glorified;
In your Church Lord, be glorified today.

10. Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won;
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.

*Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb,
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let the Church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for her Lord now liveth, death hast lost its sting:

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life;
life is nought without thee; aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors through thy
deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above: