



ST. LAURENCE CHURCH
ALL AGE FAMILY COMMUNION
THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER
TRINITY
1ST. AUGUST 2021

Welcome to our All Age Communion Family Service. Thank you for joining us this morning. May God bless you as you share in this act of worship. There are toilet facilities at the back of the church

The Zoom details for this service are:

Meeting ID: 880 6739 1814

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Please ensure that you are all wearing your face masks. Thank you. As we gather and prepare to join in worship together, music is played on the organ.

Hymn: (Please stand if you are able)

As the deer pants for the water
So my soul longs after you
You alone are my hearts desire
And I long to worship you

Refrain You alone are my
strength ,my shield

To you alone may my spirit yield
You alone are my hearts 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
Refrain

You are my friend and you are
my brother
Even though you are king
I love you more than any other
So much more than anything.
Refrain

Please sit

Greeting and Welcome

Today we hear Jesus say
something very special about who
he is. He says “I am the bread of
life.” But what does this mean?
Let’s find out together today...

Confession

We confess to you our selfishness
and lack of love: fill us with your
Spirit.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

We confess to you our fear and
failure in sharing our faith: fill us
with your Spirit.

Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

We confess to you our
stubbornness and lack of trust: fill
us with your Spirit.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Opening Prayer

Living God, whose Son Jesus fed
the hungry with the bread of his
life and the word of his kingdom:
renew your people with your
heavenly grace, and in all our
weakness sustain us with your true
and living bread, Jesus Christ our
Lord; who lives and reigns with
you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Reading - John 6:24-35

**When the crowd saw that Jesus
was not there, nor his disciples,
they got into those boats and
went to Capernaum, looking for
him.**

**When the people found Jesus on
the other side of the lake, they
said to him, “Teacher, when did
you get here?”**

**Jesus answered, “I am telling
you the truth: you are looking
for me because you ate the bread
and had all you wanted, not
because you understood my**

**miracles. Do not work for food
that goes bad; instead, work for
the food that lasts for eternal
life. This is the food which the
Son of Man will give you,
because God, the Father, has
put his mark of approval on
him.”**

**So they asked him, “What can
we do in order to do what God
wants us to do?”**

**Jesus answered, “What God
wants you to do is to believe in
the one he sent.”**

**They replied, “What miracle
will you perform so that we may
see it and believe you? What will
you do? Our ancestors ate
manna in the desert, just as the
scripture says, ‘He gave them
bread from heaven to eat.’”**

**“I am telling you the truth,”
Jesus said. “What Moses gave
you was not the bread from
heaven; it is my Father who
gives you the real bread from
heaven. For the bread that God
gives is he who comes down
from heaven and gives life to the
world.”**

**“Sir,” they asked him, “give us
this bread always.”**

**“I am the bread of life,” Jesus
told them. “Those who come to**

me will never be hungry; those who believe in me will never be thirsty.”

This is the word of the Lord,
Praise to you, O God.

Hymn (Please stand if you are able)

Be still for the presence of the Lord,
The Holy One is here
Come bow before Him now,
With reverence and fear
In Him no sin is found
We stand on holy ground
Be still for the presence of the Lord,
The Holy One is here

Be still for the glory of the Lord,
Is shining all around
He burns with holy fire,
With splendour He is crowned
How awesome is the sight
Our radiant King of light
Be still for the glory of the Lord,
Is shining all around

Be still for the power of the Lord,
Is moving in this place
He comes to cleanse and heal,
To minister His grace
No work too hard for Him
In faith receive from Him
Be still for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place

Reflection

Baptism of Matilda Cecilia Ella Rook

Prayers

We know we need God's help
and so we pray together:

We pray for the Church of God
throughout the world and for
the Church in our Diocese, for
Justin and Rose our Bishops.,
that God may continue to bless
their ministry among us. Lord,
in your mercy...**Hear our
prayer**

We pray for Matilda Cecilia Ella
Rook baptised today, that all
things belonging to the Holy
Spirit may continue to live and
grow in her. Lord, in your
mercy...**Hear our prayer**

We give thanks for Holy
Communion, and we pray that
we may live in Christ as he is in
us. Lord, in your mercy...**Hear
our prayer**

We pray for the leaders of the
world: that they may work

together to make sure that all people have enough to eat.
Lord, in your mercy...**Hear our prayer**

We pray for all people who are hungry or thirsty in our world today: that they may get the help and support that they need to have enough food to eat and clean water to drink. Lord, in your mercy...**Hear our prayer**

We pray for our parish, family and friends: that with God's help we may do all that we can to share with other people and to make the world a better place for everyone to live. Lord, in your mercy...**Hear our prayer**

We pray for all who are sick and suffering, especially those who suffer from long Covid, that they may know God's presence and peace in their lives. Lord, in your mercy...**Hear our prayer**

We pray that those who have died may know the peace of the risen Christ.

We pray for those recently departed:

We pray for those whose anniversary of death occurs this month:

Olivia Mason, Kevin Fitzpatrick, Douglas Nurney, Eric Warren, Gordon Garwood -Warren, William Livermore, Gerald Abbey, Frederick Skeet.

Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer**

Christ Jesus, Bread of Life, lead us to reach out to one another so that no one in our world may go hungry. Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer**

Merciful Father
Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

We share God's peace (Please stand if you are able)

**Shalom, Shalom,
May peace be with you,
Throughout your days;
In all that you do,
May peace be with you,
Shalom, Shalom.
(Repeat)**

Hymn: (Please remain standing
if you are able)

I am the bread of life.
He who comes to me shall not
hunger;
he who believes in me shall not
thirst.
No one can come to me
unless the Father draw him.

Refrain And I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up on the last
day.

The bread that I will give
is my flesh for the life of the
world,
and he who eats of this bread,
he shall live for ever,
he shall live for ever.

Refrain

Unless you eat
of the flesh of the Son of Man
and drink of his blood,
and drink of his blood,
you shall not have life within
you.

Refrain

I am the resurrection,
I am the life.
He who believes in me
even if he die,
he shall live for ever.

Refrain

Yes, Lord, I believe
that you are the Christ,
the Son of God,
who has come
into the world.

Refrain

*The bread and wine are placed
on the altar.*

The bread we offer which sym-
bolizes our work, becomes for us
the Body of Christ. **Amen**

The wine we offer which symbol-
izes our leisure, becomes for us
the Blood of Christ. **Amen.**

We offer to God all that we are so
we sing:

**All that I am, all that I do,
all that I'll ever have, I offer
now to you.
Take and sanctify these gifts
for your honour, Lord.
Knowing that I love and serve
you is enough reward.
All that I am, all that I do,
all that I'll ever have I offer
now to you.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you
And also with you

Lift up your hearts

We lift them to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

It is right to give him thanks and praise

Why do we give thanks and praise at this table?

We give thanks for all that God has done for us.

God the Father created the heavens, the earth and everything in them; and created us in his own image.

Let us give thanks and praise

Christ our Lord became human like us, and died to save us.

Let us give thanks and praise

God sent the Holy Spirit to gather us together as the people of God

Let us give thanks and praise

So come let us join together to worship this God who loves

We say:

**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.**

Please sit/kneel

We praise you Father that before Jesus our Saviour suffered and died, he gave us this holy meal to share and told us to continue it until he comes again.

Why do we eat bread together at this table?

On the night before he died, Jesus took bread. After giving thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying, "Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Why do we drink from the cup together at this table?

In the same way after supper Jesus took the cup, saying. "This cup is God's new covenant sealed with my blood, poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me"

What do we remember at this table?

We remember the Father's gracious love for us, Christ's death and resurrection for us, and the Spirit's tender care for us.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

We say:

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

Merciful Father, pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. In eating and drinking together may we be made one with Christ and with one another. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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.

A Prayer as we join with those watching and worshipping with us on Zoom

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above `all things and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never

permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

The Distribution of Communion

Please remain in your place. Communion will be brought to you. Please hold out your open hands and the sacrament will be gently dropped into them by the Vicar in silence. This is the only way you are allowed to receive communion at present.

At this time of infectious disease, Communion is distributed IN ONE KIND ONLY. The Church of England, together with the whole Catholic Church, teaches that, in receiving in one kind, the entirety of the Sacrament of our Lord's Body and Blood is received.

Hymn - while Communion is distributed

Let us break bread together on our knees.

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Refrain:

When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees.

Let us drink wine together on our knees.

Refrain

Let us praise God together on our knees.

Let us praise God together on our knees.

Refrain

Post- Communion Collect

Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God: in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace, gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The Blessing

**God's grace go with you,
Christ's goodness be about you,
the Spirit's guidance lead you,
that you may walk in the way of peace, and the blessing....**

Notices

Hymn (please stand if you are able)

Guide me, O my great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but you are mighty;
hold me with your powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of
heaven,
feed me now and evermore,
feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain,
where the healing waters flow.
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,
ever be my strength and shield,
ever be 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 sing to you,
I will ever sing to you.

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

Let us bless the Lord
Thanks be to God

May the divine assistance remain
with us always.
**And with all our brothers and
sisters in Christ.**

May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. **And rise in glory.**
Amen.

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A Notice from the Vicar and the Churchwardens

We have been planning for the time when we are able to start two new initiatives in St Laurence Church; *The Babyccino Café* and an *After School Chill Out* meeting point.

The Babyccino café will offer mums and their young children the opportunity to meet and socialise over a cup of coffee.

The after- school chill out (ASCO) will provide a relaxing hour after school for young people to chill out, talk and play games.

We have a list of resources that would help both initiatives and which we would like to start gathering together. If you have access to anything on our list that you would be able to donate for use at these groups, we would be delighted to hear from you! With thanks.

Ali and Liz

Table tennis table and equipment	Table football	Board games e.g. Twister, Monopoly etc.
Modern games	Small cushions	Drawing materials, paper, pencils, felt pens
Glue, sellotape, scissors	Large floor cushions	CD player
Donations for purchase of children's folding tables and chairs	Donations towards purchase of disposable cups, plates	Donations for purchase of refreshments
Good condition toddler toys	Construction toys	Lego, wooden bricks