

# ST. LAURENCE CHURCH ALL AGE FAMILY COMMUNION THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY 4TH JULY 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

Passcode: 009675

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.

<u>Hymn</u>: (Please stand if you are able)

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,

In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,

Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,

Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,

Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;

Thy justice like mountains high soaring above

Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life Thou givest, to both great and small;

In all life Thou livest, the true life of all;

We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,

And wither and perish, but nought changeth Thee.

Great Father of Glory, pure Father of Light

Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;

All laud we would render, O help us to see:

'Tis only the splendour of light hideth Thee.

Please sit

#### **Greeting and Welcome**

Today we hear how Jesus was teaching with great wisdom, but the people found it hard to believe in him. Let us listen and find out why. But first, let tell God we are sorry for our sins

#### **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**

God in all things, help us to recognise your Son Jesus in all people – those we know well and those who we will never meet but who are part of our global family. **Amen.** 

#### Reading

#### Mark 6:1-6

Jesus left that place and went back to his home town, followed by his disciples. On the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue. Many people were there; and when they heard him, they were all amazed. "Where did he get all this?" they asked. "What wisdom is this that has been given him? How does he perform miracles? Isn't he the carpenter, the son of Mary, and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon? Aren't his sisters living here?" And so they rejected him.

Jesus said to them, "Prophets are respected everywhere except in their own home town and by their relatives and their family."

He was not able to perform any miracles there, except that he placed his hands on a few sick people and healed them. He was greatly surprised, because the people did not have faith. Then Jesus went to the villages around there, teaching the people.

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

<u>Hymn</u> (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
Be still for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place

#### Reflection

#### The Creed

Father, we adore You, lay our lives before You, how we love You.

Jesus we adore You, lay our lives before You, how we love You.

Spirit, we adore You, lay our lives before You, how we love You.

#### **Prayers**

We pray together as members of one global family: Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer** 

Nourished by the Word of God, we place our prayers and petitions before him, who loves us beyond measure.

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

That the Church may continue to serve the spiritual and physical needs of the people of our Diocese and parish Lord, in your mercy Hear our prayer

That Church leaders may have the courage to stand firm in the teachings of Christ and preach the true freedom that he brings, Lord, in your mercy

#### Hear our prayer

That public officials may constantly work to protect the welfare of the weak and the dignity of all people Lord, in your mercy

#### Hear our prayer

That those who are suffering from Covid and long Covid may know God's healing presence and power

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

That those trapped by poverty or poor health may be strengthened by God's saving love and by caring people who help them, Lord, in your mercy

#### Hear our prayer

That those who have died may know the peace of the risen Christ.

We pray for those recently departed: Geraldine Van Der Westhuizen, Malcolm Martin, Trevor Thomas.

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

Harry Harttrup, Frank Collins, Raymond Dreyer, Mary Porter, George Williams, Grace Dreyer, Biddy Woods, Gloria Cox, Rosemary Whittome, Philip Warner, Alfred Mills, Reginald Wheelhouse.

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

God our Father, as you answer the prayers we have presented to you today, grant us the strength and

today, grant us the strength and courage to answer your call to holiness. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

#### We share God's peace

We stand to sing

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

<u>Hymn</u>: (Please stand if you are able)

I, The Lord Of Sea And Sky,
I Have Heard My People Cry.
All Who Dwell In Dark And Sin,
My Hand Will Save.
I Who Made The Stars Of Night,
I Will Make Their Darkness
Bright.
Who Will Bear My Light To
Them?
Whom Shall I Send?

Here I Am Lord, Is It I, Lord? I Have Heard You Calling In The Night.

I Will Go Lord, If You Lead Me. I Will Hold Your People In My Heart.

I, The Lord Of Snow And Rain, I Have Borne My People's Pain. I Have Wept For Love Of Them, They Turn Away. I Will Break Their Hearts Of Stone, Give Them Hearts For Love Alone.

I Will Speak My Word To Them Whom Shall I Send?

Here I Am Lord, Is It I, Lord? I Have Heard You Calling In The Night.

I Will Go Lord, If You Lead Me. I Will Hold Your People In My Heart.

I, The Lord Of Wind And Flame
I Will Tend The Poor And Lame.
I Will Set A Feast For Them,
My Hand Will Save
Finest Bread I Will Provide,
Till Their Hearts Be Satisfied.
I Will Give My Life To Them,
Whom Shall I Send?

Here I Am Lord, Is It I, Lord? I Have Heard You Calling In The Night.

I Will Go Lord, If You Lead Me. I Will Hold Your People In My Heart.

The bread, wine and bread of friendship are placed on the altar.

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

The wine we offer which symbolizes 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.

<u>Hymn</u> - while Communion is distributed

Sweet Sacrament divine, hid in thine earthly home, lo, round thy lowly shrine, with suppliant hearts we come; Jesus, to thee our voice we raise in songs of love and heartfelt praise:

sweet Sacrament divine.

Sweet Sacrament of peace, dear home for every heart, where restless yearnings cease and sorrows all depart; there in thine ear all trustfully we tell our tale of misery: sweet Sacrament of peace.

Sweet Sacrament of rest, ark from the ocean's roar, within thy shelter blest soon may we reach the shore; save us, for still the tempest raves,

save, lest we sink beneath the waves:

sweet Sacrament of rest.

Sweet Sacrament divine, earth's light and jubilee, in thy far depths doth shine thy Godhead's majesty; sweet light, so shine on us, we pray,

that earthly joys may fade away: sweet Sacrament divine.

#### **Post- Communion Collect**

Loving God, allow me to serve others and never count the cost. Energize us with your Holy Spirit so that we may give of our talents, time, and treasures in ways that will most benefit your Son, who we are called to see in each person. In doing so, may we give perfect praise to you, forever and ever. Amen.

#### The Blessing

#### **Notices**

<u>Hymn</u> (please stand if you are able)

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,

Whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy,

Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,

Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, At the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,

Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,

Be there at our labours and give us, we pray,

Your strength in our hearts, Lord, At the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindliness, Lord of all grace,

Your hands swift to welcome, Your arms to embrace. Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,

Your love in our hearts, Lord, At the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,

Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm, Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,

Your peace in our hearts, Lord, At the end of the day.

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