



**ST. LAURENCE CHURCH
THE PARISH EUCHARIST
ZOOM SERVICE CELEBRATED IN
CELTIC STYLE
THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRIN-
ITY**

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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.

**Music throughout the service
(Although we may not join in to sing, the words of some verses of**

hymns are printed here to help you reflect on them as you listen)

Hymn

(Please stand if you are able)

**All hail the power of Jesus' name!
let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem
and crown him Lord of all.**

**Crown him, ye morning stars of light,
who fixed this floating ball;
now hail the Strength of Israel's might,
and crown him Lord of all.**

**Crown him, ye martyrs of your God,
who from his altar call;
extol the Stem-of-Jesse's Rod,
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 crownèd Lord of all.**

Welcome/The Gathering

Gather us in, the lost and the lonely,
the broken and breaking, the tired
and aching, who long for the nour-
ishment found at your feast.

Gather us in

The done and the doubting, the
wishing and wondering, the puzzled
and pondering, who long for your
company, found at your feast.

Gather us in

The proud and pretentious the sure
and superior the never inferior who
long for the levelling found at your
feast

Gather us in

The bright and the bustling, the stir-
rers, the shakers, the kind laughter
makers who long for the deeper joys
found at your feast

Gather us in

From corner or limelight, from man-
sion or campsite, from fears and ob-
session, from tears and depression,
from untold excesses, from treasured
successes; to meet, to eat, to be
given a seat; be joined to the vine;
be offered new wine; become like
the least; be found at the feast

Gather us in!

Confession

Create a clean heart within me, O
God, so that it may become your
chosen shelter and the resting place
of the Holy Spirit. I take the cross
upon me, over the tablet of my heart,
and I beseech the living God of the
universe, may the light of lights
come to my dark hard heart so that I
may live in the power of your love.

Amen.

Almighty God, who forgives all who
truly repent, have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your
sins, confirm and strengthen you in
all goodness, and keep you in life
eternal; through Jesus Christ our
Lord. **Amen**

Collect

**O God, the protector of all who
trust in you, without whom nothing
is strong, nothing is holy: increase
and multiply upon us your mercy;
that with you as our ruler and
guide we may so pass through
things temporal that we lose not
our hold on things eternal; grant
this, heavenly Father, for our Lord
Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive
and reigns with you, in the unity of
the Holy Spirit, one God, now and
for ever. Amen**

Gospel - Mark 6:30-34; 53-56

The apostles gathered together with Jesus and reported all they had done and taught. He said to them, “Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while.” People were coming and going in great numbers, and they had no opportunity even to eat. So they went off in the boat by themselves to a deserted place. People saw them leaving and many came to know about it. They hastened there on foot from all the towns and arrived at the place before them.

When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

When they had crossed over, they landed at Gennesaret and anchored there. As soon as they got out of the boat, people recognized Jesus. They ran throughout that whole region and carried the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went—into villages, towns or countryside they placed the sick in the market places. They begged him to let them touch even the edge of his cloak, and all who touched it were healed. This is the Gospel of the Lord,
Praise to you, O Christ.

Reflection

Affirmation of Faith

There is no other God, there never was and there never will be, than God the Father, unbegotten and without beginning, the Lord of the universe, as we have been taught.

And His son Jesus Christ, whom we declare to have always been with the Father in a way that baffles description. He was made man, defeated death and received into heaven by the Father and given power over all names, in heaven, on earth and under the earth.

We believe in Him and look for His coming soon as a judge of all, treating everyone according to their faith and deeds. He has poured out His Spirit on us in abundance, the gift and guarantee of eternal life. We acknowledge and adore Him as one God in the Trinity of the Holy Name. Amen.

The Prayers of the Church

As sheep who have found their shepherd, we pray through Christ our Lord.

Lord God, we thank you for your work in the Church, where your followers attempt to be members

one of another in the body of your son. We thank you for those times when you are able to work through us, and for the privilege such responsibility affords. And we thank you that, when needed, you work around and in spite of our efforts, for you know our frailties. Guide us, O Lord, as we seek to serve you.

Lord, in your mercy - Hear our prayer

Lord, whose beauty is beyond our imagining, and whose power we cannot comprehend: show us your glory so far as we can grasp it, while shielding us from more knowledge than we can bear until we may look upon you without fear. Your Spirit is around us in the air we breathe; your glory touches us in the light that we see, the fruitfulness of the earth, and the joy of its creatures. You have written for us your revelation, as you have granted us your daily bread: teach us how to use it.

Lord, in your mercy - Hear our prayer

Lord, help us to know and love the people whom you have planted as

our fellow labourers in the vineyard. May we be fresh air and nourishment to each other, through your grace. And if we become bruised, and find it hard to grow together, you have promised to break down the divisions between us. Where fields are overgrown with thorns, you will disperse every trace of bitterness and replant. And in you shall we find our peace.

Lord, in your mercy - Hear our prayer

Lord, you have compassion on your people in all their needs, and have promised your steadfast love if we do but build on you as our cornerstone. You look into our hearts and see a beauty worth the battle: you watch over our growth and find a purpose worth the pain. The past bears your footprints; the future holds your hope; but, above all, be the presence in our present, O Lord, our comforter.

Lord, in your mercy - Hear our prayer

We pray for our own country and its peoples, for HM the Queen, her

ministers and all who hold authority and power. Help the nation to not forget its Christian heritage of charity and service - for the good of all its peoples.

Lord, in your mercy - Hear our prayer.

We pray for our young people who will be leaving the security of full time education and entering the varied world of employment. Help them to find fulfilment in their chosen careers as we remember those who still seek work of any kind.

Lord, in your mercy - Hear our prayer.

In this time of heightened security we remember those who put their lives on the line for our security, Police, Firefighters, Lifeboat crews, members of the armed forces and others - and we pray for them and their families.

Lord, in your mercy - Hear our prayer.

We pray now for those that we know who are in some special need

at this time as we share a brief moment of silence together.

(A short period of silence and reflection)

As we have named them in our hearts so let them feel your presence and friendship in their lives as we commit them to your loving care.

Lord, in your mercy - Hear our prayer.

We also remember those who have been drawn to their eternal rest and are now in your safe keeping. We pray for those who mourn their passing and treasure memories of times past. We pray for:

Those recently departed:

Josephine Howe

Those whose Years' Mind occur 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

**We keep a time of silence as we
offer to God our own particular
petitions**

Merciful Father

**Accept these prayers for the sake of
your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ,
Amen.**

So, in the presence of the Bread of
Life who refused food for himself in
order to nourish others, we deepen
our devotion by praying His words:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name; thy king-
dom come; thy will be done, on
earth as it is in heaven. Give us
this day our daily bread, And for-
give us our trespasses, as we for-
give 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**

Hymn

(Please stand if you are able)

**The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never.
I nothing lack if I am his,
and he is mine forever.**

**Where streams of living water
flow,
my ransomed soul he leadeth;
and where the verdant pastures
grow,
with food celestial feedeth.**

**Perverse and foolish, oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me;
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home, rejoicing, brought me.**

**In death's dark vale I fear no ill,
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still,
thy cross before to guide me.**

**Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
thy unction grace bestoweth;
and oh, what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!**

**And so through all the length of
days,
thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy
praise
within thy house forever.**

Prayer of Adoration

Heaven is here, and earth and the space between them is thin. Distance may divide, but Christ's promise unites those bounded by time, those blessed by eternity.

Let heaven be glad;

Let the whole earth cry GLORY!

Heaven is here, and earth, and the Church above and below is one. Peter is here, and Paul, Martha and all the Mary's, the saints from far back and those who left us not long ago.

And only sight prevents us from seeing them, one with us on the other side.

Let heaven be glad

Let the whole earth cry GLORY!

Heaven is here, and earth, and the God who made them is present. The lamb, glorious on the throne, sits beside us; the Spirit of God, the Dove makes her resting place among us. God inhales the breath of our prayers and spreads a table for our satisfaction.

Let heaven be glad.

Let the whole earth cry GLORY!

Blessing and honour and glory and power be to our God for ever and ever.

Amen!

The Invitation

He was always the guest. In the homes of Peter and Jairus, Martha and Mary, Joanna and Susanna. At the meal tables of the wealthy where he pleaded the case of the poor, he was always the guest. Upsetting polite company, befriending isolated people; welcoming the stranger, he was always the guest.

But here, at this table, He is the host. Those who wish to serve Him must first be served by Him, those who wish to follow Him, must first be fed by Him, those who would wash His feet, must first let Him make them clean.

For this is the table where God intends us to be nourished.

This is the time when God can make us new.

So come, you who hunger and thirst for a deeper faith, a better life, a fairer world. Jesus Christ who has sat at our tables, now invites us to be guests at His.

The Story

What we do here, we do in imitation of what Christ first did. To his followers in every age, Jesus gave an example and command rooted in the experience he shared with his disciples in an upstairs room in Jerusalem.

On the night when he was betrayed, as they were sitting at a meal, Jesus

took a piece of bread and broke it, he gave it to the disciples saying 'This is my body. It is broken for you.

Do this to remember me.'

Later after they had eaten, he took a cup of wine and said 'This cup is the new relationship with God made possible because of my death. Drink this all of you, to remember me.'

So now, we do as Jesus did. We take this bread and this wine, the produce of the earth and fruit of human labour. In these Jesus has promised to be present; through these, Christ can make us whole.

**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 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 our thanks and
praise**

It is indeed right for you made us, and before you made us you made the world we inhabit, and before the world you made the eternal home in which, through Christ we have a place.

All that is spectacular, all that is plain have their origin in you; all that is lovely, all who are loving point to you as their fulfilment. And grateful as we are for the world we know and the universe beyond our ken, we particularly praise you, whom eternity cannot contain, for coming to earth and entering time in Jesus.

For his life which informs our living, for his compassion which changes our hearts, for his clear speaking which contradicts our harmless generalities, for his disturbing presence, his innocent suffering, his fearless dying, his rising to life breathing forgiveness, we praise you and worship him.

Here too our gratitude rises for the promise of the Holy Spirit, who even yet, even now, confronts us with your claims and attracts us to your goodness. Therefore we gladly join our voices to the song of the Church on earth and in heaven:

Holy, holy, holy, holy.

**Holy, holy, Lord God almighty!
And we lift our hearts before you
as a token of our love:
holy, holy, holy, holy.**

**Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit,
come and fill our hearts anew,
Holy Spirit.
And we lift our voice before you as
a token of our love,
Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit.**

And now, lest we believe that our praise alone fulfils your purpose, we fall silent and remember him who came because words weren't enough.

Setting our wisdom, our will, our words aside, emptying our hearts and bringing nothing in our hands, we yearn for the healing, the holding, the accepting, the forgiving which Christ alone can offer... Merciful God, send now in kindness, your Holy Spirit to settle on this bread and wine and fill them with the fullness of Jesus.

And let that same Spirit rest on us, converting us from the patterns of this passing world, until we conform to the shape of Him whose food we now share. **Amen.**

Among friends, gathered round a table, Jesus took bread and broke it, and said, 'This is my body—broken for you'.

Later he took a cup of wine and said 'This is the new relationship with God made possible because of my death. Take it, all of you, to remember me.'

He whom the universe could not contain, is present to us in this bread. He who redeemed us and called us by name now meets us in this cup. So take this bread and this wine. In them God comes to us so that we may come to God.

**Holy, holy, holy, holy.
Holy, holy, Lord God almighty!
And we lift our hearts before you
as a token of our love:
holy, holy, holy, holy.**

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.**

Music is played while Holy Communion is distributed

Post Communion Collect

**Eternal God, comfort of the
afflicted and healer of the broken,
you have fed us at the table of life
and hope: teach us the ways of
gentleness and peace, that all the
world may acknowledge the
kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ
our Lord. Amen.**

The Peace

Christ who has nourished us, is our peace. Strangers and friends, male and female, old and young. He has broken down the barriers to bind us to him and to each other. Having tasted His goodness, let us share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always
with you.

And also with you.

The Peace is shared.

**In gratitude, in deep gratitude for
this moment, this meal, these people,
we give ourselves to you.
Take us out to live as changed people
because we have shared the
Living Bread and cannot remain
the same.**

**Ask much of us, expect much from
us, enable much by us and encourage
many by us. So Lord may we
live to your glory, both as inhabitants
of earth and citizens of the
commonwealth of heaven.**

Amen.

Benediction

On our heads and our homes

The blessing of God

In our coming and going

The Peace of God

In our life and believing

The Love of God
Be with us all
Today until the end of time.
Amen.

The Blessing

God, who from the death of sin
raised you to new life in Christ, keep
you from falling and set you in the
presence of his glory; and the blessing ...

Hymn (Please stand if you are able)

**All for Jesus--all for Jesus,
this our song shall ever be;
for we have no hope, nor Saviour,
if we have not hope in thee.**

**All for Jesus--thou wilt give us
strength to serve thee, hour by
hour,
none can move us from thy
presence,
while we trust thy love and power.**

**All for Jesus--at thine altar
thou wilt give us sweet content;
there, dear Lord, we shall receive
thee
in the solemn sacrament.**

All for Jesus--thou hast loved us;

**all for Jesus--thou hast died;
all for Jesus--thou art with us;
all for Jesus crucified.**

**All for Jesus--all for Jesus--
this the Church's song must be;
till, at last, her saints are gathered
one in love and one in thee.**

**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. Alleluia Alleluia**