

**ST PETER & ST PAUL'S
CHURCH, AYLESFORD**



**A Service of the Word
with Holy Communion**

Watching over one another

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Welcome and Gathering

Call to Worship

Come and worship – for Jesus says,
where two or three are gathered in my
name, I am there among them.

**Together we come to worship,
individuals gathered as one
in the presence of the Lord.
Amen.**

Hymn

As we are gathered, Jesus is here;
one with each other, Jesus is here.
Joined by the Spirit, washed in the blood,
part of the body, the church of God.
As we are gathered, Jesus is here,
one with each other, Jesus is here.

John Daniels

Approach and Confession

O Lord our God,
we sometimes tremble as we think of
who we are and who you are.
Bring us, in this moment, to know you.
See us as we are, and see our yearning to
be more like you.
May we lay aside anything that hinders
our journey with you, and with our
friends and neighbours.

Silence

**In the complex ways of life, Lord,
with challenges and changes
pulling us in all directions,
we sometimes find it hard,
in the heat of the moment,
to know what is right and what is wrong.
Forgive us for our failings and
wrongdoings. Forgive our insensitivities
to the ways of others. Forgive anything
that cuts us off from each other or from
you.
Amen.**

Absolution

May the Father of all mercies
cleanse us from our sins,
and restore us in his image
to the praise and glory of his name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Prayer of Praise and Thanksgiving

**God of all that is,
of all peoples and communities,
here we are, part of this place;
gathering to worship and adore you,
marvelling at your care, forgiveness
and persistence with us.
You are beyond our imagining.
Again and again, we are immersed in
your vastness and love. We thank you
and we praise you.
Amen.**

The Collect

**Almighty God,
you search us and know us:
may we rely on you in strength
and rest on you in weakness,
now and in all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

Romans 13:8-10

Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery," "You shall not murder," "You shall not steal," "You shall not covet," and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: "Love your neighbour as yourself." Love does no harm to a neighbour. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Hymn

*You have called us by our name,
we belong to you.
You have called us by our name
and we are yours.*

You have called us by our name ...

You have chosen us to be
members of your family.
In your love you have created us
to live in unity.

You have called us by our name ...

You will lead us to your light,
walk before us through the night.
You will guide us on our journey.
You will keep our vision bright.

You have called us by our name ...

You will hold us when we fall,
give new strength to hear your call.
You will never be beyond us,
for your love is all in all.

You have called us by our name ...

You will nourish, you will lead,
giving ev'ry gift we need,
for your reign will be established
from the smallest of all seeds.

You have called us by our name ...

Through our sharing here today
may our faith and life convey -
Christ our light and Christ our vision,
Christ our purpose, Christ our way.

You have called us by our name ...

Bernadette Farrell

Reading

Matthew 18.15-20

"If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that 'every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.' If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector. "Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. "Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."

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Thanks be to God.

Reflection

Affirmation of Faith

Let us declare our faith in God.

We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.

We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Response:

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

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

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Paul reminded the Romans that, 'Love does no harm to a neighbour. Therefore, love is the fulfillment of the law.'

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Let us offer our neighbours a sign of peace.

Hymn

Jesus stand among us
At the meeting of our lives
Be our sweet agreement
At the meeting of our eyes

*O Jesus we love you
So we gather here
Join our hearts in unity
And take away our fear*

So to you we're gathering
Out of each and every land
Christ the love between us
At the joining of our hands

O Jesus ...

Jesus stand among us
At the breaking of the bread
Join us as one body
As we worship you our head

O Jesus ...

Graham Kendrick

Offertory Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, thank you that you know me inside out and yet have plans for me that are for my good and your glory. We give to you today as a response to your goodness to us. May we continually strive to reflect your generous nature, offering all we can, so that others may come to know you. **Amen.**

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 thanks and praise.

... singing the hymn of your unending praise ...

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.

Great is the mystery of faith:
**Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

... in songs of everlasting praise:
**Blessing and honour and glory and
power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us so we pray
**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 the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.
**God here among us,
light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**

Invitation to Communion

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

Giving of Communion

*Please wait to be guided by a sidesperson.
There will be no words at the distribution
and there is no need to say 'Amen' at the
altar.*

*Please take your wafer back to your seat
and we will all consume together, with the
words ...*

The body of Christ. **Amen.**

Music

As we are gathered (instrumental)
John Daniels

Prayer after Communion

God our creator,
you feed your children with the true
manna, the living bread from heaven:
let this holy food sustain us through our
earthly pilgrimage until we come to that
place where hunger and thirst are no
more; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Lord, in these days of mercy,
make us quiet and prayerful;

in these days of challenge,
make us stronger in you;

in these days of emptiness,
take possession of us;

in these days of waiting,
**open our hearts to the mystery of
your cross.**

Angela Ashwin

Sending

News and Notices

Hymn

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
Tender to me the promise of his word;
In God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm
has done;
His mercy sure, from age to age the same;
His holy name, the Lord, the mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his
might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by;
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put
to flight,
The hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the
Lord
To children's children and forever more!

Timothy Dudley-Smith

Blessing

May God give us grace, compassion and
mercy, to love one another day by day,
to join our voices together in praise and
worship, and to find strength and unity
as a church community.

And the blessing of God almighty, the
Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be
among us and remain with us, and those
we love and miss, this day and always.

Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

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