

# ST PETER & ST PAUL'S CHURCH, AYLESFORD



## Holy Communion

(Common Worship Order One)

Trinity 15 - 20th September 2020

### The Gathering

Welcome

Hymn

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven!  
To his feet thy tribute bring;  
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
who like me his praise should sing?  
Alleluiah! Alleluiah!  
Praise the everlasting King!

Praise him for his grace and favour  
to our fathers in distress;  
praise him still the same as ever,  
slow to chide and swift to bless.  
Alleluiah! Alleluiah!  
Glorious in his faithfulness!

Father-like, he tends and spares us;  
well our feeble frame he knows;  
in his hands he gently bears us,  
rescues us from all our foes.  
Alleluiah! Alleluiah!  
Widely as his mercy flows!

Angels, help us to adore him;  
ye behold him face to face;

sun and moon, bow down before him,  
dwellers all in time and space.  
Alleluiah! Alleluiah!  
Praise with us the God of grace!

*Henry Francis Lyte*

### The Greeting

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

### 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.**

### Prayers of Penitence

### Summary of the Law

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:  
The first commandment is this: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.'

The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

**Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

### Invitation to confession

God so loved the world  
that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ  
to save us from our sins,  
to be our advocate in heaven,  
and to bring us to eternal life.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace with all.

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.**

#### Absolution

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.**

#### Gloria in Excelsis

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.**

#### The Collect

**Lord God,  
defend your Church from all false  
teaching and give to your people  
knowledge of your truth,  
that we may enjoy eternal life  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

#### The Liturgy of the Word

##### First Reading

Philippians 1.21-30

For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labour for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body. Convinced of this, I know that I will remain, and I will continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith, so that through my being with you again your boasting in Christ Jesus will abound on account of me. Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in the one Spirit, striving together as one for the faith of the gospel without being frightened in any way by those who oppose you. This is a sign to them that they will be destroyed, but that you will be saved - and that by God. For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe in him, but also to suffer for him, since you are going through the same struggle you saw I had, and now hear that I still have.

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

## Hymn

In our day of thanksgiving one psalm let  
us offer  
for the saints who before us have found  
their reward;  
when the shadow of death fell upon  
them, we sorrowed,  
but now we rejoice that they rest in the  
Lord.

In the morning of life, and at noon, and at  
even,  
he called them away from our worship  
below;  
but not till his love, at the font and the  
altar,  
supplied them with grace for the way they  
should go.

These stones that have echoed their  
praises are holy,  
and dear is the ground where their feet  
have once trod;  
yet here they confessed they were  
strangers and pilgrims,  
and still they were seeking the city of  
God.

Sing praise, then, for all who here sought  
and here found him,  
whose journey is ended, whose perils are  
past;  
they believed in the light; and its glory is  
round them,  
where the clouds of earth's sorrows are  
lifted at last.

*William H Draper*

## Gospel Reading

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Matthew 20.1-16

"For the kingdom of heaven is like a  
landowner who went out early in the  
morning to hire workers for his vineyard.

He agreed to pay them a denarius for the  
day and sent them into his vineyard.  
"About nine in the morning he went out  
and saw others standing in the  
marketplace doing nothing. He told them,  
'You also go and work in my vineyard, and  
I will pay you whatever is right.' So they  
went. "He went out again about noon and  
about three in the afternoon and did the  
same thing. About five in the afternoon  
he went out and found still others  
standing around. He asked them, 'Why  
have you been standing here all day long  
doing nothing?' "Because no one has  
hired us,' they answered. "He said to  
them, 'You also go and work in my  
vineyard.'

"When evening came, the owner of the  
vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the  
workers and pay them their wages,  
beginning with the last ones hired and  
going on to the first.' "The workers who  
were hired about five in the afternoon  
came and each received a denarius. So  
when those came who were hired first,  
they expected to receive more. But each  
one of them also received a denarius.  
When they received it, they began to  
grumble against the landowner. 'These  
who were hired last worked only one  
hour,' they said, 'and you have made  
them equal to us who have borne the  
burden of the work and the heat of the  
day.' "But he answered one of them, 'I am  
not being unfair to you, friend. Didn't you  
agree to work for a denarius? Take your  
pay and go. I want to give the one who  
was hired last the same as I gave you.  
Don't I have the right to do what I want  
with my own money? Or are you envious  
because I am generous?' "So the last will  
be first, and the first will be last."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon

## The Creed

Let us declare our faith in God, Father,  
Son and Holy Spirit.

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## Prayers of Intercession

*Response*

Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

*And at the end*

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

## The Liturgy of the Sacrament

### The Peace

We are all one in Christ Jesus.  
We belong to him through faith,  
heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

### Hymn

O God, you search me and you know me.  
All my thoughts lie open to your gaze.  
When I walk or lie down, you are before me;  
ever the maker and keeper of my days.

You know my resting and my rising.  
You discern my purpose from afar.  
And with love everlasting you besiege me;  
in ev'ry moment of life or death, you are.

Before a word is on my tongue, Lord,  
you have known its meaning through and through.

You are with me, beyond my understanding;  
God of my present, my past and future, too.

Although your Spirit is upon me,  
still I search for shelter from your light.  
There is nowhere on earth I can escape you;  
even the darkness is radiant in your sight.

For you created me and shaped me,  
gave me life within my mother's womb.  
For the wonder of who I am, I praise you;  
safe in your hands, all creation is made new.

*Bernadette Farrell*

### Offertory Prayer

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,  
the glory, the splendour, and the majesty;  
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

**All things come from you,  
and of your own do we give 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 thanks and praise.**

*The president praises God for his mighty acts and all respond*

**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.**

*The president recalls the Last Supper*

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

*The Prayer ends*

**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 this bread  
to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

## 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.

**We do not presume to come to this  
your table, merciful Lord, trusting in  
our own righteousness, but in your  
manifold and great mercies.  
We are not worthy so much as to gather  
up the crumbs under your table. But  
you are the same Lord whose nature is  
always to have mercy.  
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,  
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son  
Jesus Christ, that our sinful bodies may  
be made clean by his body and that we  
may evermore dwell in him and he in  
us. Amen.**

## Words of Distribution

The body of Christ.  
**Amen.**

## Prayer after Communion

*Silence is kept*

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your  
perpetual mercy; and, because without  
you our human frailty cannot but fall,  
keep us ever by your help from all  
things hurtful, and lead us to all things  
profitable to our salvation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**



**Almighty God,  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the body 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.**

## The Dismissal

### News and Notices

### Hymn

Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go,  
my daily labour to pursue;  
thee, only thee, resolved to know,  
in all I think or speak or do.

The task thy wisdom hath assigned  
O let me cheerfully fulfil;  
in all my works thy presence find,  
and prove thy good and perfect will.

Thee may I set at my right hand,  
whose eyes my inmost substance see,  
and labour on at thy command,  
and offer all my works to thee.

Give me to bear thy easy yoke,  
and ev'ery moment watch and pray,  
and still to things eternal look,  
and hasten to thy glorious day;

For thee delightfully employ  
whate'er thy bounteous grace hath giv'n,  
and run my course with even joy,  
and closely walk with thee to heav'n.

*Charles Wesley*

### Blessing

The peace of God,  
which passes all understanding,  
keep your hearts and minds  
in the knowledge and love of God,  
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;

and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you  
always.

**Amen.**

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

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