St Peter and St Paul's Church, Aylesford



A Service of the Word with Holy Communion A service of Healing Sunday 18th October 2020

Welcome and gathering:

We meet in the presence of God, Who knows our needs, Hears our cries, Feels our pain,

And heals our wounds.

Opening Prayer:

Be with us, Spirit of God; nothing can separate us from your love. Breathe on us, breath of God; fill us with your saving power. Speak in us, wisdom of God; bring strength, healing and peace. The Lord is here. His Spirit is with us.

Hymn—In Christ Alone (Keith and Kristyn Getty)

In Christ alone my hope is found He is my light, my strength, my song This cornerstone, this solid ground

Firm through the fiercest drought and storm What heights of love, what depths

of peace When fears are stilled, when strivings cease

My comforter, my all in all

There in the ground, his body lay Light of the world, by darkness, slain Then bursting forth in glorious day Up from the grave, he rose again And as he stands in victory Sin's curse has lost its grip on me For I am his and he is mine Bought with the precious blood of Christ

In Christ alone, who took on flesh Fullness of God in helpless babe This gift of love and righteousness Scorned by the ones he came to save 'Til on that cross, as Jesus died The wrath of God was satisfied For every sin, on him, was laid Here, in the death of Christ, I live

No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the power of Christ in me, From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny. No power of hell, no scheme of man, Can ever pluck me from His hand. Til He returns or calls me home

Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

Invitation to confession:

Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the cross so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds we have been healed. Let us confess our sins.

Confession:

Friend of sinners, you bring hope in our despair.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.
Healer of the sick, you give strength in our weakness.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Destroyer of evil, you bring life in our dying.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Absolution

May God our Father forgive *us our* sins, and bring *us* to the fellowship of his table with his saints for ever.

Amen.

<u>Collect</u>

Almighty God,

you called Luke the physician, whose praise is in the gospel, to be an evangelist and physician of the soul: by the grace of the Spirit and through the wholesome medicine of the gospel, give your Church the same love and power to heal; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Mathew 11:25-30

At that time Jesus said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do.

"All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Hymn – Psalm 23 (Stuart Townend)

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;He makes me lie in pastures green.He leads me by the still, still waters,His goodness restores my soul.

And I will trust in You alone, And I will trust in You alone, For Your endless mercy follows me, Your goodness will lead me home.

He guides my ways in righteousness, And He anoints my head with oil, And my cup, it overflows with joy, I feast on His pure delights.

And though I walk the darkest path, I will not fear the evil one, For You are with me, and Your rod and staff Are the comfort I need to know.

Gospel Reading

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

Glory to you, O Lord

Luke 10:1-9

After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. Do not take a purse or bag or sandals; and do not greet anyone on the road.

"When you enter a house, first say, 'Peace to this house.' If someone who promotes peace is there, your peace will rest on them; if not, it will return to you. Stay there, eating and drinking whatever they give you, for the worker deserves his wages. Do not move around from house to house.

"When you enter a town and are welcomed, eat what is offered to you. Heal the sick who are there and tell them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord **Praise to you, O Christ.** <u>Reflection</u>

Hymn – Healer – Kari Jobe

You hold my every moment You calm my raging seas You walk with me through fire

And heal all my disease I trust in You, I trust in You I believe You're my healer I believe You are all I need I believe... And I believe You're my portion I believe You're more than enough for me Jesus You're all I need

You hold my every moment You calm my raging seas You walk with me through fire And heal all my disease I trust in You, Lord I trust in You

I believe You're my healer I believe You are all I need Oh, I believe

I believe You're my portion I believe You're more than enough for me Jesus You're all I need

Nothing is impossible for You Nothing is impossible Nothing is impossible for You You hold my world in Your hands Nothing is impossible for You Nothing is impossible Nothing is impossible for You You hold my world in Your hands

I believe You're my healer I believe You are all I need Oh, yes You are, yes You are

And I believe You're my portion Lord I believe You're more than enough for me Jesus You're all I need More than enough for me Jesus You're all I need

You're my healer

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Affirmation of Faith

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

<u>The Peace</u> Let love be Genuine. Never pay back evil for evil. As far as it lies with you, live at peace with everyone. (Romans 12:9,17,18) The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Hymn – There is a redeemer - Keswick

There is a redeemer, Thank you oh my father, Jesus, God's own son, For giving us your son, Precious lamb of God, Messiah, And leaving your spirit, Holy one, 'til the work on earth is done. Jesus my redeemer, There is a redeemer, Name above all names. Jesus, God's own son, Precious lamb of God, Messiah, Precious lamb of God, Messiah, Oh, for sinners slain. Holy one, Thank you oh my father, Thank you oh my father, For giving us your son, For giving us your son, And leaving your spirit, And leaving your spirit, 'til the work on earth is done. 'til the work on earth is done. When I stand in glory, And leaving your spirit, I will see his face. 'till the work on earth is done. And there I'll serve my king forever, © 1969 Sparrow In that holy place.

Offertory Prayer

God of Wisdom, we rejoice that you have provided us with numerous examples of generous giving. We obediently share this offering in full knowledge that all of our resources and assets are ultimately a gift from you. Help us to use them wisely and to share them generously. We pray in the name of your son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life, so we may live abundantly. Amen.

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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.

After Communion

In the name of Christ and trusting in His might alone, Receive Christ's healing light to make you whole. May Christ bring you wholeness of body, mind and spirit, deliver you from every evil and give you peace.

Amen

Prayer after Communion

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

Song —10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord) Matt Redman/

Anthem Lights

Chorus

Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul Worship His holy name Sing like never before, O my soul I'll worship Your holy name The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning It's time to sing Your song again Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me Let me be singing when the evening comes

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger Your name is great and Your heart is kind For all Your goodness I will keep on singing Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find *Chorus*

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger Your name is great and Your heart is kind For all Your goodness I will keep on singing Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find *Chorus* You're rich in love and You're slow to anger Your name is great and Your heart is kind For all Your goodness I will keep on singing Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find *Chorus*

And on that day when my strength is failing The end draws near and my time has come Still my soul will sing Your praise unending Ten thousand years and then forevermore *Chorus*

The Blessing

May the Father

from whom every family in earth and heaven receives its name strengthen you with his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith,

[and that, knowing his love, broad and long, deep and high beyond our knowledge, you may be filled with all the fullness of God;

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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