

Sunday 16th August – 9.30am Service



Order of Service

Please join in with the words in bold

Welcome

We come from scattered lives to meet with God.

Let us recognize his presence with us.

Silence is kept.

As God's people, the Church, we have gathered,
to worship him.
let us pray together....

**Faithful one, whose word is life:
come with saving power
to free the praise of your Church,
inspire our prayer
and shape our lives
for the kingdom of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Opening Hymn

Crown him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon his throne;
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
All music but its own:
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity.

Crown him the Virgin's Son,
The God incarnate born,
Whose arm those crimson trophies won

Which now his brow adorn:
Fruit of the mystic Rose,
As of that Rose the Stem;
The Root whence mercy ever flows,
The Babe of Bethlehem.

Crown him the Lord of love!
Behold his hands and side,
Rich wounds yet visible above
In beauty glorified:
No angel in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his burning eye
At mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of peace,
Whose power a scepter sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease,
Absorbed in prayer and praise:
His reign shall know no end,
And round his pierced feet
Fair flowers of Paradise extend
Their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years,
The Potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres,
Ineffably sublime.
Glossed in a sea of light,
Where everlasting waves
Reflect his throne; the Infinite!
Who lives, and loves, and saves.

Confession and Responses

Jesus Christ, risen Master and triumphant Lord,

We the Church, come to you in sorrow for our sins,
and confess to you our weakness and unbelief.

We have lived by our own strength,
and not by the power of your resurrection.
In your mercy, forgive us.
forgive us and help us.

We have lived by the light of our own eyes,
as faithless and not believing.
In your mercy, forgive us.
forgive us and help us.

We have lived for this world alone,
and doubted our home in heaven.
In your mercy, forgive us.
forgive us and help us.

Absolution

May the God of love and power
forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Bible Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-10

The Living Stone and a Chosen People

4 As you come to him, the living Stone—
rejected by humans but chosen by God and
precious to him— 5 you also, like living
stones, are being built into a spiritual house
to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual
sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus
Christ. 6 For in Scripture it says:

“See, I lay a stone in Zion,
a chosen and precious cornerstone,
and the one who trusts in him
will never be put to shame.”

7 Now to you who believe, this stone is
precious. But to those who do not believe,

“The stone the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone,”

8 and,

“A stone that causes people to stumble
and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the
message—which is also what they were
destined for.

9 But you are a chosen people, a royal
priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special
possession, that you may declare the
praises of him who called you out of
darkness into his wonderful light. 10 Once
you were not a people, but now you are
the people of God; once you had not
received mercy, but now you have received
mercy.

Sermon

The Creed

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?
**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus
Christ?
**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our
Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the
Father,**

and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Intercessions

Lord in thy mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

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

**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.**

Closing Hymn

Christ triumphant, ever reigning,
Saviour, Master, King,
Lord of heav'n, our lives sustaining,
Hear us as we sing:
*Yours the glory and the crown,
The high renown, th'eternal name.*
Word incarnate, truth revealing,
Son of Man on earth!

Pow'r and majesty concealing
By your humble birth:
*Yours the glory and the crown,
The high renown, th'eternal name.*

Suff'ring servant, scorned, ill-treated,
Victim crucified!
Death is through the cross defeated,
Sinners justified:
*Yours the glory and the crown,
The high renown, th'eternal name.*

Priestly King, enthroned for ever
High in heav'n above!
Sin and death and hell shall never
Stifle hymns of love:
*Yours the glory and the crown,
The high renown, th'eternal name.*

So, our hearts and voices raising
Through the ages long,
Ceaselessly upon you gazing,
This shall be our song:
*Yours the glory and the crown,
The high renown, th'eternal name.*

Blessing and Close

Now to him who is able to do
immeasurably more than all we can ask or
conceive, by the power which is at work
among us, to him be glory in the Church
and in Christ Jesus throughout all ages.
Amen.

**Thank you for joining in
with our service this week.**

See you next week!

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