

Sunday 9th 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

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessèd, most glorious, the Ancient
of Days,
Almighty, victorious, thy great name we
praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in
might;
Thy justice, like mountains high soaring
above

Thy clouds which are fountains of
goodness and love.

To all life thou givest--to both great and
small;
In all life thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the
tree,
Then wither and perish; but naught
changeth thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their
sight;
All praise we would render; O help us to
see
'Tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

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: John 15:1-17

The Vine and the Branches

15 “I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. ²He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. ³You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. ⁴Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

⁵“I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. ⁷If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

⁹“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love. ¹¹I have told you this so that my joy may be in you

and that your joy may be complete. ¹²My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. ¹³Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command. ¹⁵I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. ¹⁷This is my command: Love each other.

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.**

Gathering our prayers and praises into
one,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour
has taught us

**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

Lord Jesus Christ,
You have come to us,

You are one with us,
Mary's Son;
Cleansing our souls from all their sin,
Pouring your love and goodness in,
Jesus, our love for you we sing,
Living Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ,
You have come to us,
Born as one of us,
Mary's Son.
Led out to die on Calvary,
Risen from death to set us free,
Living Lord Jesus, help us see
You are Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ,
I would come to you,
Live my life for you,
Son of God.
All you commands I know are true,
Your many gifts will make me new,
Into my life your pow'r breaks through,
Living Lord.

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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