

Sunday 20th September – 9.15am 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

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
Forgive our foolish ways!
Reclothe us in our rightful mind,
In purer lives thy service find,
In deeper rev'ence praise,
In deeper rev'ence praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard,
Beside the Syrian sea,

The gracious calling of the Lord,
Let us, like them, without a word,
Rise up and follow thee,
Rise up and follow thee.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above,
Where Jesus knelt to share with thee
The silence of eternity,
Interpreted by love!
Interpreted by love!

Drop thy still dews of quietness,
Till all our strivings cease;
Take from our souls the strain and
stress,
And let our ordered lives confess
The beauty of thy peace,
The beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our
desire
Thy coolness and thy balm;
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
Speak through the earthquake, wind
and fire,
O still small voice of calm!
O still small voice of calm!

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: Exodus 14: v 10-22

10 As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites
looked back, and there were the
Egyptians advancing on them. In great
fear the Israelites cried out to the Lord.
11 They said to Moses, 'Was it because
there were no graves in Egypt that you
have taken us away to die in the

wilderness? What have you done to us,
bringing us out of Egypt? 12 Is this not
the very thing we told you in Egypt,
"Let us alone and let us serve the
Egyptians"? For it would have been
better for us to serve the Egyptians
than to die in the wilderness.' 13 But
Moses said to the people, 'Do not be
afraid, stand firm, and see the
deliverance that the Lord will
accomplish for you today; for the
Egyptians whom you see today you
shall never see again. 14 The Lord will
fight for you, and you have only to
keep still.'

15 Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Why
do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites
to go forward. 16 But you lift up your
staff, and stretch out your hand over
the sea and divide it, that the Israelites
may go into the sea on dry ground. 17
Then I will harden the hearts of the
Egyptians so that they will go in after
them; and so I will gain glory for myself
over Pharaoh and all his army, his
chariots, and his chariot drivers. 18 And
the Egyptians shall know that I am the
Lord, when I have gained glory for
myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and
his chariot drivers.'

19 The angel of God who was going
before the Israelite army moved and
went behind them; and the pillar of
cloud moved from in front of them and
took its place behind them. 20 It came
between the army of Egypt and the
army of Israel. And so the cloud was
there with the darkness, and it lit up

the night; one did not come near the other all night.

21 Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. 22 The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

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.**

Communion

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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...

... for ever praising you and saying:

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.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

Dying you destroyed our death,

rising you restored our life:

Lord Jesus, come in glory.

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.**

Every time we eat this bread
and drink this cup,
**we proclaim the Lord's death
until he comes.**

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his
supper.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be
healed**

Closing Hymn

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
Hold me with thy pow'ful hand:
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
Feed me now and evermore,
Feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain,
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fiery cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through:
Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer,
Be thou still my strength and shield,
Be thou still my strength and shield.

When I read the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side:
Songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.

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.**

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