

# Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October – 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

I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
'Come unto me and rest;  
Lay down, thou weary one, lay down  
Thy head upon my breast.'  
I came to Jesus as I was,  
So weary, worn and sad;  
I found in him a resting place,  
And he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
'Behold, I freely give  
The living water, thirsty one;  
Stoop down and drink and live.'  
O came to Jesus, and I drank  
Of that life-giving stream;  
My thirst was quenched, my soul  
revived,  
And now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
'I am this dark world's light;  
Look unto me, thy morn shall rise,  
And all thy day be bright.'  
I looked to Jesus, and I found  
In him my star, my sun;  
And in that light of life I'll walk  
Till travelling days are done.

### 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 1:1-14**

#### **The Word Became Flesh**

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being 4 in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7 He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. 8 He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. 9 The true light,

which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

10 He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. 11 He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. 12 But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, 13 who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

14 And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

### **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**

All my hope on God is founded;  
he doth still my trust renew.  
Me through change and chance he  
guideth,  
only good and only true.  
God unknown,  
he alone  
calls my heart to be his own.

Human pride and earthly glory,  
sword and crown betray his trust;  
what with care and toil he buildeth,  
tower and temple, fall to dust.  
But God's power,  
hour by hour,  
is my temple and my tower.

God's great goodness aye endureth,  
deep his wisdom, passing thought:  
splendour, light, and life attend him,  
beauty springeth out of naught.  
Evermore,  
from his store  
new-born worlds rise and adore.

Still from earth to God eternal  
sacrifice of praise be done,  
high above all praises praising  
for the gift of Christ his Son.  
Christ doth call  
one and all:  
ye who follow shall not fall.

## **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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