

Sunday 25<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

Be thou my guardian and my guide,  
and hear me when I call;  
let not my slipp'ry footsteps slide,  
and hold me lest I fall.

The world, the flesh, and Satan dwell  
around the path I tread;  
O save me from the snares of hell,  
thou quick'ner of the dead.

And if I tempted am to sin,  
and outward things are strong,  
do thou, O Lord, keep watch within,  
and save my soul from wrong.

Still let me ever watch and pray,  
and feel that I am frail;  
that if the tempter cross my way,  
yet he may not prevail.

### 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 Readings:**

#### **Romans 3:21-26**

#### **Righteousness through Faith**

21 But now, irrespective of law, the  
righteousness of God has been  
disclosed, and is attested by the law  
and the prophets, 22 the righteousness  
of God through faith in Jesus Christ for  
all who believe. For there is no  
distinction, 23 since all have sinned and  
fall short of the glory of God; 24 they  
are now justified by his grace as a gift,  
through the redemption that is in  
Christ Jesus, 25 whom God put forward  
as a sacrifice of atonement by his  
blood, effective through faith. He did  
this to show his righteousness, because  
in his divine forbearance he had passed  
over the sins previously committed; 26  
it was to prove at the present time that  
he himself is righteous and that he  
justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

#### **1 Corinthians 15.12-17**

#### **The Resurrection of the Dead**

12 Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised  
from the dead, how can some of you  
say there is no resurrection of the  
dead? 13 If there is no resurrection of  
the dead, then Christ has not been  
raised; 14 and if Christ has not been  
raised, then our proclamation has been  
in vain and your faith has been in vain.  
15 We are even found to be  
misrepresenting God, because we  
testified of God that he raised Christ—  
whom he did not raise if it is true that  
the dead are not raised. 16 For if the  
dead are not raised, then Christ has not  
been raised. 17 If Christ has not been  
raised, your faith is futile and you are  
still in your sins.

### **Sermon**

#### **The Creed**

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is,  
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came  
down from heaven,**

**was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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**

Love Divine, all loves excelling,  
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
All thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion,  
Pure unbounded love thou art;  
Visit us with thy salvation,  
Enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit  
Into ev'ry troubled breast;  
Let us all in thee inherit,  
Let us find thy promised rest.  
Take away the love of sinning,  
Alpha and Omega be;  
End of faith, as its beginning,  
Set our hearts at liberty.

Come, almighty to deliver,  
Let us all thy life receive;  
Suddenly return, and never,  
Never more thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
Serve thee as thy hosts above,  
Pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,  
Glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then thy new creation,  
Pure and spotless let us be;  
Let us see thy great salvation,  
Perfectly restored in thee,  
Changed from glory into glory,  
Till in heaven we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before thee,  
Lost in wonder, love, and praise!

### **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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