

## Order of service for Eucharist for Sunday October 11th

Welcome and we are glad you can join us for our service today.  
You may like to have some bread and wine ready for the time of  
Communion.

And so we begin with a moment of silence to remember the presence  
of God with us.

In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen  
Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus  
Christ be with you

### **Prayer of Preparation**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and  
from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our  
hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may  
perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through  
Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Prayers of Penitence**

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: The first commandment is this:

'The Lord our God is the only Lord.

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your  
soul, with all your mind,  
and with all your strength.'

The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'

There is no other commandment greater than these.

On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

*God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ to  
save us from our sins, to be our advocate in heaven, and to bring us  
to eternal life. Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,*

*firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace with all.*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen

*Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

### **The Collect**

God, our judge and saviour, teach us to be open to your truth and to trust in your love, that we may live each day with confidence in the salvation which is given through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

### **Gospel Reading**

#### **Matthew 22: 1 - 14**

22 Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying: <sup>2</sup> "The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. <sup>3</sup> He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come. <sup>4</sup> "Then he sent some more servants and said, 'Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner: My oxen and fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.' <sup>5</sup> "But they paid no attention and went off—one to his field, another to his business. <sup>6</sup> The rest seized his servants, mistreated them and killed them. <sup>7</sup> The king was enraged. He sent his army and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. <sup>8</sup> "Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come. <sup>9</sup> So go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.' <sup>10</sup> So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, the bad as

well as the good, and the wedding hall was filled with guests. <sup>11</sup> "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. <sup>12</sup> He asked, 'How did you get in here without wedding clothes, friend?' The man was speechless. <sup>13</sup> "Then the king told the attendants, 'Tie him hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

<sup>14</sup> "For many are invited, but few are chosen."

**This is the Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **Affirmation of Faith**

We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.

We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

### **Prayers of Intercession**

Everlasting God, you promised that your presence would always go with your chosen people, the Jews, so we pray that we too may always find you accompanying us on our life journey and that ultimately we would find your deep peace in our lives

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Loving God we hold the needs of our sisters and brothers as dearly as our own needs. Help us to love you with all our hearts and with all our souls and with all our minds and to love our neighbours as ourselves. With these commandments before us, we offer our thanksgivings and our petitions on behalf of the church throughout the world.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Creator God, we pray for the peoples of the world that they may enjoy un-perverted justice whether they be poor or rich, great or small. We pray that those who use violence and terror to bring about their desires and those who then so readily seek revenge following acts of terrorism may instead pursue all that makes for peace.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Father God, we thank you for our families and friends. We thank you for modern technology which enables us to hear and see them so easily and to keep in touch even though separated by great distances. We especially pray for those who are separated from their families because of Covid 19

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Loving God, friend of those in need, your Son Jesus has loosened our burdens and healed our spirits. We lift before you for those still burdened, those seeking healing, those in need within the church and the world.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Merciful God, your Son Jesus was moved to tears at the grave of Lazarus his friend. Look with compassion on those bereaved and grieving at the loss of a loved one; give to their troubled hearts the light of hope and strengthen in all of us the gift of faith, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Faithful God, at the start of this new week and recognising your trust in us to live and preach the Gospel make us always more ready to please you rather than to seek the praise of the secular world

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

## **The Peace**

Peace to you from God our heavenly Father.

Peace from his Son Jesus Christ who is our peace.

Peace from the Holy Spirit, the life-giver.

The peace of God be always with you, Please share a sign of peace with those who are with you

**Hymn            We love the place O God**

We love the place, O God,  
wherein thine honour dwells;  
the joy of thine abode  
all earthly joy excels.

It is the house of prayer,  
wherein thy servants meet;  
and thou, O Lord, art there  
thy chosen flock to greet.

We love the word of life,  
the word that tells of peace,  
of comfort in the strife,  
and joys that never cease.

We love to sing below  
For mercies freely given  
But O, we long to know  
The triumph song of heaven.

Lord Jesus, give us grace  
on earth to love thee more,  
in heaven to see thy face,  
and with thy saints adore.

### **Preparation of the Table**

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life. Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become for us the cup of salvation.

### **The Eucharistic Prayer**

The Lord is here. His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, Lord God, our light and our salvation; to you be glory and praise for ever. From the beginning you have created all things and all your works echo the silent music of your praise. In the fullness of time you made us in your image, the crown of all creation. You give us breath and speech, that with angels and archangels and all the powers of heaven we may find a voice to sing your praise:

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.

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord as a mother tenderly  
gathers her children, you embraced a people as your own. When  
they turned away and rebelled your love remained steadfast.  
From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary, to be the  
living bread, in whom all our hungers are satisfied. He offered his  
life for sinners, and with a love stronger than death, he opened  
wide his arms on the cross. On the night before he died, he came  
to supper with his friends and, taking bread, he gave you thanks.  
He broke it and gave it to them, saying: Take, eat; this is my body  
which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks,  
and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new  
covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness  
of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith: Christ has died: Christ is risen:  
Christ will come again.

Father, we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all  
upon the cross; we remember his dying and rising in glory, and we  
rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand. Pour out your  
Holy Spirit as we bring before you these gifts of your creation;  
may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son. As we eat  
and drink these holy things in your presence, form us in the  
likeness of Christ, and build us into a living temple to your glory.  
Bring us at the last with St John the Baptist and all the saints to  
the vision of that eternal splendour for which you have created us;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord, by whom, with whom, and in whom,

with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you,  
Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:  
Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever.  
Amen.

As our Saviour taught us, we pray

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.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ: though we are  
many, we are one body because we all share in one bread.

Jesus lamb of God have mercy upon us; Jesus bearer of our sins, have  
mercy upon us; Jesus redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.

### **Giving of Communion**

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us, therefore let us keep the  
**feast**. Where possible, and in the place where we are, we eat a piece  
of bread and drink a sip of wine as a symbol of the communion to  
which Christ invites us all.

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Father of all, we give you thanks and praise that when we were still  
far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living,  
he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.  
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his

cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us in this hope that we have grasped; so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name

Amen

Blessing

*May the love of our good and generous God guide and protect us;  
may the hope of the gospel sustain us and bring us joy;  
when we are lost or lonely; when the road ahead seems hard  
or when the darkness gathers,*

*may the light and peace of Christ be ours and the blessing  
of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be  
with you and those you love now and for ever*

**Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord; in the name of Christ, Amen