

**Informal Communion Service  
Eighth Sunday after Trinity – 21st July 2024**

***Welcome & Notices  
Opening responses***

God is good  
**All the time.**

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***Opening Prayer***

*Let us pray.*

**Faithful one, whose word is life:  
come with saving power to free our praise,  
inspire our prayer and shape our lives,  
for the kingdom of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***Opening Song: We have come into this place***

**We have come into this place  
And gathered in his name to worship him  
We have come into this place  
And gathered in his name to worship him  
We have come into this place  
And gathered in this name to worship Christ the Lord.  
Worship him, Christ, the Lord.**

**So forget about yourself  
And concentrate on him and worship him  
So forget about yourself  
And concentrate on him and worship him  
So forget about yourself  
And concentrate on him and worship Christ the Lord.  
Worship him, Christ, the Lord.**

**Let us lift up holy hands  
And magnify his name and worship him  
Let us lift up holy hands  
And magnify his name and worship him**

**Let us lift up holy hands  
And magnify his name and worship Christ the Lord.  
Worship him, Christ, the Lord.  
So let us worship him, Christ, the Lord**

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## ***Confession***

Now is the time to turn to God and seek his mercy  
for we have strayed from his ways like lost sheep.  
But like a good shepherd he has sought us and saved us  
and longs to forgive our sins

*we join together in prayer*

For the actions which have angered you,  
we are truly sorry

**In your mercy, Lord forgive us**

For the words which have wounded you,  
we are truly sorry

**In your mercy, Lord forgive us**

For the thoughts which have betrayed you,  
we are truly sorry

**In your mercy, Lord forgive us**

For the failure to love you with all our heart  
and to love our neighbours as ourselves,  
we are truly sorry

**In your mercy, Lord forgive us**

For the times when we have used your gifts carelessly,  
and acted ungratefully,  
we are truly sorry

**In your mercy, Lord forgive us**

For the times when we ignored the cry of the hungry,  
and not cared enough for the world you have made,  
we are truly sorry

**In your mercy, Lord forgive us**

May the Father of all mercies  
cleanse us from our sins,  
and restore us in his image,  
to the praise and glory of his name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

The Bible declares,  
happy are those whose sins are forgiven,  
whose wrongs have been pardoned.  
To them the Lord says *'I will teach you the way you should go'*  
Be glad & rejoice because of what the Lord has done.

*We join together in response*

**Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
His love goes on forever,  
Sing a new song to the Lord  
He has done wonderful things**

**Song:      *From heaven you came***

**From heaven you came helpless babe  
entered our world your Glory veiled  
Not to be served but to serve  
And give your life that we might live**

***This is our God, the Servant King  
He calls us now to follow him  
To bring our lives as a daily offering  
Of worship to the Servant King***

**There in the garden of tears  
My heavy load he chose to bear  
His heart with sorrow was torn  
Yet "Not my will but yours", he said**

***This is our God, the Servant King  
He calls us now to follow him  
To bring our lives as a daily offering  
Of worship to the Servant King***

**Come see his hands and his feet  
The scars that speak of sacrifice  
Hands that flung stars into space  
To cruel nails surrendered**

***This is our God, the Servant King  
He calls us now to follow him  
To bring our lives as a daily offering  
Of worship to the Servant King***

**So let us learn how to serve  
And in our lives enthrone him  
Each other's needs to prefer  
For it is Christ we're serving**

***This is our God, the Servant King  
He calls us now to follow him  
To bring our lives as a daily offering  
Of worship to the Servant King***

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***Reading: Mark 6.30-34, 53-56 (Peter)***

<sup>30</sup> The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to him all they had done and taught. <sup>31</sup> Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, “Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest.”

<sup>32</sup> So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place. <sup>33</sup> But many who saw them leaving recognized them and ran on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. <sup>34</sup> When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things.

<sup>53</sup> When they had crossed over, they landed at Gennesaret and anchored there. <sup>54</sup> As soon as they got out of the boat, people recognized Jesus. <sup>55</sup> They ran throughout that whole region and carried the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. <sup>56</sup> And wherever he went—into villages, towns or countryside—they placed the sick in the marketplaces. They begged him to let them touch even the edge of his cloak, and all who touched it were healed.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*Reflection*

*Offertory Song:            Make me a channel of your peace*

**Make me a channel of your peace.  
Where there is hatred let me bring your love.  
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord  
And where there's doubt, true faith in you.**

*Oh, Master grant that I may never seek  
So much to be consoled as to console  
To be understood as to understand  
To be loved as to love with all my soul.*

**Make me a channel of your peace  
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope  
Where there is darkness, only light  
And where there's sadness, ever joy.**

*Oh, Master grant that I may never seek  
So much to be consoled as to console  
To be understood as to understand  
To be loved as to love with all my soul.*

**Make me a channel of your peace  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned  
In giving to all men that we receive  
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.**

*Oh, Master grant that I may never seek  
So much to be consoled as to console  
To be understood as to understand  
To be loved as to love with all my soul.*

**Make me a channel of your peace.  
Where there is hatred let me bring your love.  
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord  
And where there's doubt, true faith in you.**

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## ***Offertory Prayer***

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,  
the glory, the splendour, and the majesty;  
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

**All things come from you,  
and of your own do we give you.**

## ***Affirmation of Faith***

*Let us declare our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.*

**We believe in God the Father,  
God Almighty, by whose plan  
earth and heaven sprang to being,  
all created things began**

**We believe in Christ the Saviour,  
Son of God in human frame,  
virgin-born, the child of Mary  
upon whom the Spirit came.**

**Christ, who on the cross forsaken,  
like a lamb to slaughter led,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
he descended to the dead.**

**We believe in Jesus risen,  
heaven's King to rule and reign,  
to the Father's side ascended  
till as Judge he comes again.**

**We believe in God the Spirit;  
in one Church, below, above:  
saints of God in one communion,  
one in holiness and love.**

**So by faith, our sins forgiven,  
Christ our Saviour, Lord and friend,  
we shall rise with him in glory  
to the life that knows no end.**

**Responses**

Lord in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer**

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

*Collect for Eighth Sunday after Trinity*

**Lord God,  
your Son left the riches of heaven and became poor for our sake:  
when we prosper save us from pride,  
when we are needy save us from despair,  
that we may trust in you alone;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

*Holy 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 right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;  
in your love you made us for yourself.  
When we turned away you did not reject us,  
but came to meet us in your Son.  
**You embraced us as your children  
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life  
that we might live in him and he in us.  
**He opened his arms of love upon the cross  
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends  
he took bread, and 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.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:  
his body is the bread of life.**

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 for the forgiveness of sins;  
do this in remembrance of me.

**Father we do this in remembrance of him:  
his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death  
and celebrate his rising in glory,  
send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine  
may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

**As we eat and drink these holy gifts  
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world  
we offer you this sacrifice of praise  
and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest**

### ***The Lord's Prayer***

*As our Saviour taught us so we pray:*  
**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
Your kingdom come,  
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.**



**Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power and the glory  
are yours now and for ever.  
Amen**

***Breaking of Bread***

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**

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.  
**Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father**

***Giving of Communion***

Draw near with faith.  
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ  
which he gave for you,  
and his blood which he shed for you.  
Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you,  
and feed on him in your hearts  
by faith with thanksgiving.

***Songs during Communion:      Broken for me  
I will offer up my life***

***Broken for me, broken for you,  
the body of Jesus broken for you.***

**He offered his body, he poured out his soul,  
Jesus was broken that we might be whole:**

***Broken for me, broken for you,  
the body of Jesus broken for you.***

**Come to my table and with me dine,  
eat of my bread and drink of my wine:**

***Broken for me, broken for you,  
the body of Jesus broken for you.***

**This is my body given for you,  
eat it remembering I died for you:**

***Broken for me, broken for you,  
the body of Jesus broken for you.***

**This is my blood I shed for you,  
for your forgiveness, making you new:**

***Broken for me, broken for you,  
the body of Jesus broken for you.***

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**I will offer up my life  
In spirit and truth,  
Pouring out the oil of love  
As my worship to you.  
In surrender I must give my every part;  
Lord, receive the sacrifice  
Of a broken heart.**

***Jesus, what can I give, what can I bring  
To so faithful a friend, to so loving a King?  
Saviour, what can be said, what can be sung  
As a praise of your name  
For the things you have done?  
Oh, my words could not tell, not even in part,  
Of the debt of love that is owed  
by this thankful heart.***

**You deserve my every breath  
For you've paid the great cost;  
Giving up your life to death,  
Even death on a cross.  
You took all my shame away,  
There defeated my sin,  
Opened up the gates of heaven,  
And have beckoned me in.**

*Jesus, what can I give, what can I bring  
To so faithful a friend, to so loving a King?  
Saviour, what can be said, what can be sung  
As a praise of your name  
For the things you have done?  
Oh, my words could not tell, not even in part,  
Of the debt of love that is owed  
by this thankful heart.*

*I will offer up my life. (repeat twice)*

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### ***Prayer after Communion***

**Almighty and eternal God,  
you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
and live and reign in the perfect unity of love:  
hold us firm in this faith,  
that we may know you in all your ways  
and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory,  
who are three Persons yet one God,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

### ***The Peace***

Peace to you from God who is our Father.  
Peace from Jesus Christ who is our peace.  
Peace from the Holy Spirit who gives us life.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace

### ***Opportunity for sharing***

#### ***Final Hymn: Jesus is the name we honour***

**Jesus is the name we honour;  
Jesus is the name we praise.  
Majestic name above all other names,  
the highest Heaven and Earth proclaim  
that Jesus is our God.**

***We will glorify, we will lift him high,  
we will give him honour and praise,  
we will glorify, we will lift him high,  
we will give him honour and praise.***

**Jesus is the name we worship;  
Jesus is the name we trust.  
He is the King above all other kings,  
let all creation stand and sing  
that Jesus is our God.**

***We will glorify, we will lift him high,  
we will give him honour and praise,  
we will glorify, we will lift him high,  
we will give him honour and praise.***

**Jesus is the Father's splendour;  
Jesus is the Father's joy.  
He will return to reign in majesty,  
and every eye at last will see  
that Jesus is our God.**

***We will glorify, we will lift him high,  
we will give him honour and praise,  
we will glorify, we will lift him high,  
we will give him honour and praise.*** (repeat chorus)

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## ***Blessing***

May God keep you in all your days.  
May Christ shield you in all your ways.  
May the Spirit bring you healing and peace.  
May God the Holy Trinity drive all darkness from you  
and pour upon you blessing and light.

The blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

***'Playout' instrumental***