



COMMUNITY WORSHIP HOLY COMMUNION

9th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY, 9th August 2020

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

During this service, after each hymn being announced, we will allow time for you to change the YouTube link if you choose. Also, after each passage of our Bible reading is announced we will allow time for you to look it up in your Bibles, or on your Bible Apps or Bible Gateway and follow the reading. We use the New International Version (UK).

✂ On the Second and Fourth Sundays of the month when we would have had a 9.30 service we include hymns that would have been sung then and use them to prepare our hearts for worship. Here they are:

✦ Eternal Father, strong to save <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BjcSpCSUjdk>

✦ Jesu, lover of my soul <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XFaiiPv-Q6I>

✦ In the cross of Christ I glory https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MW_F1MMH2r4&t=40s

HYMN OR SONG TO CALL US TO WORSHIP

✦ Give thanks to the Lord our God and King <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PGTZq3uCPm0>

✂ THE PSALM FOR THE DAY IS PSALM 105.1-6

¹ Give praise to the LORD, **proclaim** his name **make known** among the nations what he has done.

² Sing to him, **sing** praise to him; **tell** of all his wonderful acts. ³ **Glorify in** his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice. ⁴ **Look to the LORD**

and his strength; **seek** his face always. ⁵ **Remember** the wonders he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he pronounced, ⁶ you his servants, the descendants of Abraham, his chosen ones, the children of Jacob.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen

THE GREETING

We come together in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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.

The St George's Prayer *Our Father, as individuals and as a community may we come to know and love you more and more, may we feel your love and care through each other, may we be witnesses to Christ wherever we are, and by the power of your Holy Spirit, may we be attentive to you, to our neighbour and to your world.*

SONGS OF CELEBRATION - Particularly for the Sunday School

✦ Be bold be strong <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QQeCJ9EgLXQ>

CONFESSION

✂ St Paul says 'Be imitators of God; love as Christ loved; do not grieve the Holy Spirit;

Put away all anger and bitterness, all slander and malice.'

So let us confess our sins to God who forgives us in Christ.

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.

AN ABSOLUTION

✠ May almighty God, who sent his Son into the world to save sinners, bring *you* his pardon and peace, now and for ever. Amen.

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS is said and a SONGS OF THANKSGIVING sung

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

You call me out upon the waters (Oceans) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_RO6XxMOURA

THE COLLECT

Gracious Father, revive your Church in our day, and make her holy, strong and faithful, for your glory's sake in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

THE WORD OF GOD

✠ OLD TESTAMENT READING Genesis 37.1-4

Jacob lived in the land where his father had stayed, the land of Canaan. ² **This is the account of Jacob's family line.** Joseph, a young man of seventeen, was tending the flocks with his brothers, the sons of Bilhah and the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives, and he brought their father a bad report about them. ³ Now Israel loved Joseph more than any of his other sons, because he had been born to him in his old age; and he made an ornate^[a] robe for him. ⁴ When his brothers saw that their father loved him more than any of them, they hated him and could not speak a kind word to him.

This is the Word of the Lord, Thanks be to God

✠ NEW TESTAMENT READING Romans 10.5-15

⁵ **Moses writes this about the righteousness that is by the law:** 'The person who does these things will live by them.'^[a] ⁶ **But the righteousness that is by faith** says: 'Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?"'^[b] (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷ 'or "Who will descend into the deep?"' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸ **But what does it say?** 'The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart,' that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim: ⁹ **if you declare with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.** ¹⁰ **For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.** ¹¹ As Scripture says, 'Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame.'¹² **For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile – the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him,** ¹³ **for, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'** ¹⁴ How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? ¹⁵ And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? **As it is written: 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!'**

This is the Word of the Lord, Thanks be to God

HYMN, SONG or MUSIC to prepare to listen to the story of our Lord

Thy word <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a6LC8cu03lg>

✕ The Word was made flesh and lived among us and we have seen his glory.

✕ **THE GOSPEL** **Matthew 14.22-33**

**Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Matthew,
Glory to you O Lord**

22 Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. **23 After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray.** Later that night, **he was there alone,** **24** and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it. **25 Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake.** **26** When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. 'It's a ghost,' they said, and cried out in fear. **27 But Jesus immediately said to them:** 'Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid.' **28** 'Lord, if it's you,' **Peter replied,** 'tell me to come to you on the water.' **29 'Come,' he said.** Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came towards Jesus. **30 But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out,** 'Lord, save me!' **31 Immediately Jesus reached** out his hand and caught him. 'You of little faith,' he said, 'why did you doubt?' **32** And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. **33 Then those who were in the boat worshipped him,** saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

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

✕ **SERMON**

*May the words of my mouth and the meditation of all our hearts
be pleasing to you O Lord our Saviour*

INTRODUCTION

St Francis seemingly said that we are to preach the Gospel at all times and if necessary, use words. His emphasis was correct, our actions should proclaim our faith. Our faith should be one of integrity where our actions and words are an integrated whole. However, we will see in our readings today that words are important.

✕ **In the OLD TESTAMENT READING from Genesis 37.1-4** Jacob repeats his parents' mistakes in preferring one child over the others. But this is not our subject for today.

✕ **PSALM 105.1-6 is a very active Psalm**

✦ ... we are called to use our mouths: **1 Give praise** to the LORD, **proclaim** his name **make known** among the nations what he has done. **2 Sing** to him, **sing** praise to him; **tell** of all his wonderful acts.

✦ ... we are called to focus on him: **3 Glory in** his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice. **4 Look to the LORD** and his strength; **seek** his face always. **5 Remember** the wonders he has done

✕ **NEW TESTAMENT READING Romans 10.5-15**

✦ In v9 we read: **9 if you declare with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.**

✦ The combination of mouth and heart, of life and word ... this is the model given to us by God. It is doing what is right because we are motivated to do it – lively, warm and enabling. The Christ way is a way of life that involves intimacy (heart) and openness (lips) ...

✦ But what about secret Christians? There is a difference between being wise about how and when to speak and denying the one who saved us. We are called to talk about our Lord – sensitively, carefully, truthfully, wisely – all these are necessary – but we are called to talk.

✦ Our reading finishes up in v15, a great verse of mission: **As it is written: 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!'**

✦ **GOSPEL** Matthew 14.22-33

✦ Lying behind all mission and all service is prayer. Christ has taught and fed the 5000, he has been busy serving and successfully ministering ... so what does he do? ²³*And after he had dismissed the crowds, **he went up the mountain by himself to pray.** When evening came, **he was there alone.***

✦ The lonely life of Jesus: the call to quiet and aloneness, to solitude and solitariness, the call to learn to be alone.

✦ He allowed the disciples to worship him, as he did with St Thomas when he cried out 'My Lord and my God'. But even he felt that time alone with his heavenly Father was important.

✦ His intimacy with his Father did not prevent awareness of the world and he sees his disciples in distress and ²⁵*And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake.* Prayer is not an otherworldliness ... rather prayer enables us to be more aware of the world around us.

✦ Peter's response was typical of him ... and he was doing great as long as he kept his eyes fixed on Jesus ... then he lost his focus ... and he began to sink. He failed ... but Jesus did not let him sink, he put his hand out and picked him up. His failure was not the end and eventually there was Pentecost! His sermon has lived through history.

✦ How does it finish? ³²*When they got into the boat, the wind ceased.* ³³*And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'*

We have a message to proclaim!

We cannot be silent about something that drives us. Someone said that *Mission is one beggar telling another where food can be found (NT Niles)*. That is our privilege. Amen.

THE APOSTLES' CREED –

This is what we believe.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

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.

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.

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

O Lord, hear my prayer may be sung

These responses may be used:

Lord, in your mercy **hear our prayer** or Lord, hear us **Lord, graciously hear us.**

At the end:

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

HOLY COMMUNION

THE PEACE

✦ Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,
since as members of one body you are called to peace.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace. *All may exchange a sign of peace*

OFFERTORY HYMN - the gifts of the people may be gathered and presented
Eternal Father strong to save <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bDjwUzUnNpU>

As the grain once scattered in the fields
and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside
are now reunited on this table in bread and wine,
so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together
from the corners of the earth into your kingdom.

God of all goodness and grace, receive the gifts we offer; and grant that our whole life may give you glory and praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER – *The great prayer of praise and thanksgiving.*

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 that we should always sing of your glory, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

For you are the hope of the nations, the builder of the city that is to come. Your love made visible in Jesus Christ brings home the lost, restores the sinner and gives dignity to the despised.

In his face your light shines out, flooding lives with goodness and truth, gathering into one in your kingdom a divided and broken humanity.

Therefore with all who can give voice in your creation we glorify your name, 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.

We praise you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me. When supper was ended he took the cup of wine. Again he praised you, gave it to them 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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross. Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth. Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with all the saints to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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.**

THE COMMUNION

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.**

The Agnus Dei may be said or sung

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

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 heart by faith with thanksgiving.

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.**

The body of Christ broken for you; the blood of Christ shed for you

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Son
to share this meal with the whole household of God:

in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace,
gather people of every race and language
to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

**Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of
your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

The Dismissal – The Lord sends us out

HYMN or SONG to send us out to serve Christ

Jesus is Lord <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=csjkP4X0Veo>

✠ O God our mystery, you bring us to life, call us to freedom, and move between us with love.
May our lives may resonate with you, now and for ever.

✠ The Lord bless *you* and watch over *you*, the Lord make his face shine upon *you*
and be gracious to *you*, the Lord look kindly on *you* and give *you* peace;
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.