## **Holy Communion**

# THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT Remembrance Sunday Sunday 9 November 2025 – 10.00 am

This service is streamed live and recorded: if you prefer not to be filmed, please sit towards the back of the chapel, or, if online, please turn off your video camera.

## The Gathering

Before worship begins, the altar candles are lit, and silence is kept, after which notices may be given.

**Hymn 397** 

King of glory, King of peace,
I will love Thee;
and, that love may never cease,
I will move Thee.
Thou hast granted my request,
Thou hast heard me;
Thou didst note my working breast,
Thou hast spared me.

Wherefore with my utmost art
I will sing Thee,
and the cream of all my heart
I will bring Thee.
Though my sins against me cried,
Thou didst clear me;
and alone, when they replied,
Thou didst hear me.

Seven whole days, not one in seven,
I will praise Thee;
in my heart, though not in heaven,
I can raise Thee.
Small it is, in this poor sort
to enrol Thee:
e'en eternity's too short
to extol Thee.

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*President* In the name of the Father, and of the Son. and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Greeting

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Words of welcome or introduction.

#### 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.

#### Prayer of Penitence

Assistant In life and in death we are with the Lord. Let us turn to the Lord who is full of compassion and mercy, and ask that he will forgive us our sins, and extend his healing love upon our broken world.

> Lord Jesus, you promise a place in paradise to all who call to you in penitence and faith: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Christ Jesus, you bring comfort to those who mourn and have suffered loss: Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you speak your word of peace in times of conflict and calm our fears: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

#### **Absolution**

President May almighty God,

who sent his Son into the world to save sinners,

bring you his pardon and peace,

now and for ever.

Amen.

#### Gloria in Excelsis

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.

**Collect** 

#### President Let us pray.

Lord of the nations,
Saviour and judge of all:
remove from human hearts all bitterness and hate,
grant to those who have died in war
your mercy and forgiveness
and bring us all to the peace of your eternal Kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who suffered and died,
and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

Amen.

## The Liturgy of the Word

## First Reading

Job 19:23-27

A reading from the book of Job.

"O that my words were written down!
O that they were inscribed in a book!
O that with an iron pen and with lead
they were engraved on a rock forever!

"For I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the last he will stand upon the earth; and after my skin has been destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another."

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** 

#### Second Reading

2 Thessalonians 2:1-3,14-17

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. Let no one deceive you in any way.

For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter. Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** 

#### **Hymn 456**

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.

O 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.

O Master...

Make me a channel of Your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving of ourselves that we receive;
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

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### Gospel Alleluia Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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Gospel

Luke 20:27-38

Assistant Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. Glory to you, O Lord.

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to him and asked him a question:

"Teacher.

Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow

and raise up children for his brother.

Now there were seven brothers;

the first married a woman and died childless;

then the second

and the third married her,

and so in the same way all seven died childless.

Finally the woman also died.

In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her."

Jesus said to them,

"Those who belong to this age marry

and are given in marriage,

but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead

neither marry nor are given in marriage.

Indeed, they cannot die anymore,

because they are like angels and are children of God,

being children of the resurrection.

"And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead but of the living, for to him all of them are alive."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Gospel Alleluia
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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Sermon

Affirmation of Faith

President Let us declare our faith in God.

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 God 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

President In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father.

These or other responses may be used:

Lord, in your mercy: Or: Lord, hear us:

Hear our prayer. Lord, graciously hear us.

Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, And let light perpetual shine upon them.

At the end:

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

## The Liturgy of the Sacrament

Sign of Peace

President Jesus says:

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.

Do not let your hearts be troubled neither let them be afraid.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Assistant Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

#### Hymn 31

Amazing grace – how sweet the sound – that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found. was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come; 'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we've first begun.

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#### Preparation of the Table

President Look upon us in mercy not in judgement; draw us from hatred to love: make the frailty of our praise a dwelling place for your glory. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer

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

> 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.

Blessed are you, Lord of life, creator of heaven and earth, to you be glory and praise for ever.

For through his death on the cross, your Son Jesus Christ has broken the power of evil, and by his glorious resurrection has opened for us the gate of life eternal.

In him you seek the lost, restoring those whose lives have been shattered and torn apart. In the fullness of time, he will gather all things to himself, enfolding us and all who have died in war in his undying love.

And so we pray that we who have set our hope on Christ may come to the peace of heaven, there, with angels and archangels, to sing your praise for ever:

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.

Father, on the night before he died, Jesus shared a meal with his friends.

He took the bread, and thanked you. He broke it, and gave it to them, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me.

After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine. He thanked you, and gave it to them, saying:

Drink this, all of you.
This is my blood,
the new promise of God's unfailing love.
Do this to remember me.

Assistant Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life: Lord Jesus, come in glory.

President Father, as we bring this bread and wine,

and remember his death and resurrection.

send your Holy Spirit,

that we who share these gifts

may be fed by Christ's body and his blood.

Pour your Spirit on us that we may love one another. work for the healing of the earth, and share the good news of Jesus. as we wait for his coming in glory.

For honour and praise belong to you, Father, with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit: one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

President As our Saviour taught us, so 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.

Breaking of the Bread

*President* 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.

Agnus Dei

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.

#### Invitation to Communion

President 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.

#### Communion

If you receive communion in your own church, you are welcome to receive communion here. If you do not normally receive communion, you are invited to come forward and receive a blessing.

#### **Prayer after Communion**

President Let us pray.

God, our refuge and strength, bring near the day when wars shall cease and poverty and pain shall end, that earth may know the peace of heaven through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

#### Blessing

President God grant to the living grace, to the departed rest, to all people unity peace and concord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Sending Out

Assistant

Go in peace to love your neighbour.
Go in power to work for reconciliation.
Go in hope to proclaim the resurrection.
Thanks be to God.

#### **Hymn 689**

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son, endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won; angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away, kept the folded grave-clothes where Thy body lay. Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son, endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won.

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb; lovingly He greets us, scatters fear and gloom; let the Church with gladness hymns of triumph sing, for her Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting.

Thine be the glory . . .

No more we doubt Thee, glorious Prince of life; life is nought without Thee: aid us in our strife; make us more than conquerors, through Thy deathless love: bring us safe through Jordan to Thy home above.

Thine be the glory . . .

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10.55 am Act of Remembrance in the Village Square.

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