

Welcome to St John's



Holy Communion 14th August 2022 10th Sunday in Pentecost

- You are most welcome to our service today.
- The service is led by **Revd Steve Butler**.
- Everyone is welcome to receive the sacrament.
- There are hand sanitiser stations should you wish to use them.

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Opening Hymn

1. The God of Abraham praise,
who reigns enthroned above,
Ancient of everlasting Days,
and God of love:
Jehovah, great I AM,
by earth and heav'n confessed;
we bow and bless the sacred name,
for ever blest.
2. The God of Abraham praise,
at whose supreme command
from earth we rise, and seek the joys
at his right hand:
we all on earth forsake,
its wisdom, fame and pow'r;
and him our only portion make,
our shield and tow'r.
3. The God of Abraham praise,
whose all-sufficient grace
shall guide us all our happy days,
in all our ways:
he is our faithful friend;
he is our gracious God;
and he will save us to the end,
through Jesus' blood.

4. He by himself has sworn
we on his oath depend
we shall, on eagles' wings upborne,
to heav'n ascend:
we shall behold his face,
we shall his pow'r adore,
and sing the wonders of his grace
for evermore.
5. The whole triumphant host
give thanks to God on high:
`Hail, Father, Son and Holy Ghost!
they ever cry:
Hail, Abraham's God and ours!
We join the heav'nly throng,
and celebrate with all our pow'rs
in endless song.

Collect for Purity

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.

Summary of the Law

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:
The first commandment is this:
"Hear, O Israel, 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.

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

Confession

God is love and we are God's children.

There is no room for fear in love.

We love because God loved us first.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith.

(Silence)

God our Father, we confess to you and to our fellow members in the Body of Christ that we have sinned in thought, word and deed, and in what we have failed to do.

We are truly sorry.

Forgive us our sins, and deliver us from the power of evil, for the sake of your Son who died for us, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

God, who is both power and love, forgive us and free us from our sins, heal and strengthen us by the Holy Spirit, and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria

Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo

Gloria, Gloria, Aleluia, Alleluia *(Taize)*

Collect *(Pentecost 10)*

Almighty God, you have sent into our hearts the Spirit of your Son. Give us grace to dedicate our

freedom to your service, that all people may know the glorious liberty of the children of God; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Psalm

Psalm 82 *(We pause at the asterisk)*

1 God takes his stand in the council of heaven;*

he gives judgement in the midst of the gods:

2 'How long will you judge unjustly,* and show favour to the wicked?

3 Save the weak and the orphan;* defend the humble and needy

4 Rescue the weak and the poor;* deliver them from the power of the wicked.

5 They do not know, neither do they understand; they go about in darkness;* all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

6 Now I say to you, 'You are gods,* and all of you children of the Most High;

7 Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals,* and fall like any prince.'

8 Arise, O God, and rule the earth,* for you shall take all nations for your own.

**Glory to God, Source of all being,
Eternal Word and Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now,
And shall be forever. Amen**

Readings

Jeremiah 23:23-29

23:23 Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? 23:24 Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. 23:25 I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!" 23:26 How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back--those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? 23:27 They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. 23:28 Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. 23:29 Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

11:29 By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. 11:30 By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. 11:31 By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. 11:32 And

what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets-- 11:33 who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, 11:34 quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. 11:35 Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. 11:36 Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. 11:37 They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented-- 11:38 of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. 11:39 Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, 11:40 since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect. 12:1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, 12:2 looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Gospel

(When the reading is announced, we say..)

Glory to Christ our Saviour.

Luke 12:49-56

12:49 "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! 12:50 I have a baptism with which to be baptised, and what stress I am under until it is completed! 12:51 Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! 12:52 From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; 12:53 they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law." 12:54 He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. 12:55 And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. 12:56 You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

(At the end, we say...)

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

Reflection

Steve

Apostles Creed

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.

The Prayers

(Prayer is offered: for the world and its people, for those who suffer and those in need, for the Church and its members)

The Peace

We meet in Christ's name.

Let us share his peace.

(We offer one another a word of peace)

Offering Song

As a fire is meant for burning with a bright and warming flame, so the church is meant for mission, giving glory to God's name.

Not to preach our creeds or customs, but to build a bridge of care, we join hands across the nations, finding neighbours everywhere.

We are learners;
 we are teachers;
 we are pilgrims on the way.
 We are seekers; we are givers;
 we are vessels made of clay.
 By our gentle, loving actions,
 we would show that Christ is light.
 In a humble, listening Spirit,
 we would live to God's delight.

As a green bud in the springtime
 is a sign of life renewed,
 so may we be signs of oneness
 'mid earth's peoples, many hued.
 As a rainbow lights the heavens
 when a storm is past and gone,
 may our lives reflect the radiance
 of God's new and glorious dawn.

Liturgy of the Sacrament

Let us present our offerings to the Lord.

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 we give you.

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 God thanks and praise.

Worship and praise belong to you,
 Father, in every place and at all times.
 All power is yours.

You created the heavens and
 established the earth;

you sustain in being all that is.

In Christ your Son our life and yours

are brought together in a wonderful
 exchange.

He made his home among us
 that we might for ever dwell in you.
 Through your Holy Spirit
 you call us to new birth
 in a creation restored by love.
 As children of your redeeming
 purpose we offer you our praise,
 with angels and archangels
 and the whole company of heaven,
 singing the hymn of your unending
 glory:

Holy, holy, holy Lord

God of power and might.

**Heaven and earth are full of your
 glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he, O blessed is he

who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest

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(Please feel free to sit)

Glory and thanksgiving be to you,
 most loving Father,
 for the gift of your Son born in human
 flesh

He is the Word existing beyond time,
 both source and final purpose,
 bringing to wholeness all that is
 made.

Obedient to your will he died upon
 the Cross.

By your power you raised him from
 the dead.

He broke the bonds of evil
 and set your people free
 to be his Body in the world.

On the night when he was given up to
 death,

knowing that his hour had come,
having loved his own,
he loved them to the end.

At supper with his disciples
he took bread and offered you thanks.
He broke the bread,
and gave it to them, saying:
"Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken
for you."

After supper, he took the cup,
he offered you thanks,
and gave it to them saying:
"Drink this, all of you.
This is my Blood of the new covenant;
it is poured out for you, and for all,
that sins may be forgiven.
Do this in remembrance of me."

**We now obey your Son's command.
We recall his blessed passion and
death, his glorious resurrection and
ascension; and we look for the
coming of his Kingdom. Made one
with him, we offer you these gifts
and with them ourselves, a single,
holy, living sacrifice.**

Hear us, most merciful Father,
and send your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon this bread and this wine,
that, overshadowed by your Spirit's
life-giving power,
they may be the Body and Blood of
your Son, and we may be kindled with
the fire of your love and renewed for
the service of your Kingdom.

**Help us, who are baptised into the
fellowship of Christ's Body
to live and work to your praise and
glory; may we grow together in
unity and love until at last, in your**

**new creation, we enter into our
heritage in the company of the
Virgin Mary, the apostles, and
prophets, and of all our brothers
and sisters living and departed.**

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be to you,
Lord of all ages, world without end.
Amen.

The living bread is broken
for the life of the world.
Lord, unite us in this sign.

As our Saviour has 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.
Do not bring us
to the time of trial
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

**Lamb of God, you take away
the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away
the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away
the sins of the world:
grant us peace.**

The Communion

*(All are invited to receive, standing
at the front of the Altar Rail)*

Thanksgiving

Give thanks to our gracious God,
whose mercy endures for ever.

**Eternal God, we have received a
token of your promise. May we who
have been nourished by holy things
live as faithful heirs of your
promised kingdom, in the name of
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Closing Hymn

1. May the grace of Christ our Saviour,
and the Father's boundless love,
with the Holy Spirit's favour,
rest upon us from above.
2. Thus may we abide in union
with each other and the Lord,
and possess, in sweet communion,
joys which earth cannot afford.

Blessing

The peace of God, which passes all
understanding, keep your hearts and
minds in the knowledge and love of
God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our
Lord: 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

Go in peace to love and serve the
Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Notices

Magazine

The summer edition of the church magazine is available now. There are printed copies in church, and you can download it from the website. Thanks very much to Tony for editing and Liz for printing.