



Parish Eucharist
for
Creationtide
1st September - Feast of St Francis

During Covid 19

13th September 2020
Trinity 14



Welcome and introduction

The Greeting

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

Hymn/song (no singing in church – Zoom or online only)

Saying sorry to God

We confess our sin, and the sins of our society, in the
misuse of God's creation.

God our Father, we are sorry for the times when we have
used your gifts carelessly, and acted ungratefully.

Hear our prayer, and in your mercy:

All forgive us and help us.

We enjoy the fruits of the harvest, but sometimes forget
that you have given them to us.

Hear our prayer, and in your mercy:

All forgive us and help us.

We belong to a people who are full and satisfied, but
ignore the cry of the hungry.

Hear our prayer, and in your mercy:

All forgive us and help us.

We are thoughtless, and do not care enough for the world
you have made.

Hear our prayer, and in your mercy:

All **forgive us and help us.**

We store up goods for ourselves alone,
as if there were no God and no heaven.

Hear our prayer, and in your mercy:

All **forgive us and help us.**

May almighty God have mercy on *us*, forgive *us our*
sins, and bring *us* to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ
our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Collect

*We keep a short period of silence and then read the Collect
prayer together*

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new
and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and
steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; through
Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns
with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and
for ever.

All **Amen.**

The Readings

Genesis 50.15-21 NRSV

Realising that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers
said, 'What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and
pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?'
So they approached Joseph, saying, 'Your father gave this
instruction before he died, "Say to Joseph: I beg you,
forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did

in harming you.” Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.’ Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, ‘We are here as your slaves.’ But Joseph said to them, ‘Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.’ In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

At the end of the Old Testament the reader says

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

The Psalm and response

Psalm 103.(1-7)8-13

Refrain: *Blessed are those who fear the Lord.*

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits. **R**

Who forgives all your sins and heals all your infirmities; Who redeems your life from the Pit and crowns you with faithful love and compassion; Who satisfies you with good things, so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's. **R**

The Lord executes righteousness and judgement for all who are oppressed. He made his ways known to Moses and his works to the children of Israel. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and of great kindness. **R**

He will not always accuse us, neither will he keep his anger for ever. He has not dealt with us according to our

sins, nor rewarded us according to our wickedness. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his mercy upon those who fear him. **R**

As far as the east is from the west, so far has he set our sins from us. As a father has compassion on his children, so is the Lord merciful towards those who fear him. **R**

Romans 14.1-12 NRSV

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. For it is written, 'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.' So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

At the end of the New Testament reading the reader says

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Matthew 18.21-35 NRSV

Peter came and said to Jesus, ‘Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?’ Jesus said to him, ‘Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves.

When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, “Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.”

And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, “Pay what you owe.” Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, “Have patience with me, and I will pay you.” But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, “You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you

pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

We keep a short time of silence after the sermon

The Creed

All We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in

accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers

We sit or kneel for prayer, each prayer ends with either;

Lord, in your mercy or Lord hear us

All hear our prayer. Lord graciously hear us

And at the end

Merciful Father,

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

The Peace

The harvest of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All and also with you.

We share the peace by nodding or waving

Preparation of the table

The table is prepared, and the gifts of the people may be gathered and presented.

Blessed are You, Lord God of all creation: through Your goodness we have this bread to set before You, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

All Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are You, Lord God of all creation: through Your goodness we have this wine to set before You, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become for us the cup of salvation.

All Blessed be God for ever.

Eucharistic Prayer G

The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise, almighty God and Father, through Jesus Christ your Son.

Through him you have created us in your own image, and made us stewards of your good creation. Through him you teach us to exult in the birds of the air, the lilies of the field, the precious and life-giving crops of the earth.

Through him you free us from the slavery of sin, giving him to die upon the cross and to rise again for our salvation.

Through him, you begin your work of new creation, as we look for a new heaven and a new earth in which your righteousness dwells.

Therefore, we join with angels and archangels, and give voice to every creature under heaven, for ever praising you and *saying*:

**All 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:

All

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. Remember, Lord, your Church in every land. Reveal her unity, guard her faith, and preserve her in peace.

Bring us at the last with The Blessed Virgin Mary 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:

**All Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**All 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 the Bread

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

**All Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Agnus Dei

**All 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.**

Giving of Communion

The president says the invitation to communion

Jesus is the lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

All Lord, I am not worthy to receive you but only say the word and I shall be healed.

We receive Christ's most precious gift to us, his body and his blood, as we make our spiritual communion

The president and people in church receive communion (only the presiding priest receives the wine)

A general 'words of distribution' will be said before distribution of the bread.

Prayers after Communion

Let us pray...

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All 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 both physically and spiritually live his risen life; we who drink his cup both spiritually and physically bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set

**before us, so we and all your children shall be free
and the whole earth live to praise your name:
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Notices

Hymn/song (no singing in church – Zoom & online only)

The Blessing

This or another seasonal blessing is said

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.

All Amen.

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

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