



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

During Covid 19

20th September 2020
Trinity 15



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*

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon
your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your
people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that,
always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith
and active in service; 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 Reading

Jonah 3.10-4.11 NRSV

When God saw what the people of Nineveh did, how they
turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about
the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them;
and he did not do it. But this was very displeasing to
Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the LORD and

said, 'O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.' And the LORD said, 'Is it right for you to be angry?' Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, 'It is better for me to die than to live.' But God said to Jonah, 'Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?' And he said, 'Yes, angry enough to die.' Then the LORD said, 'You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labour and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?'

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 145.1-8

Refrain: *Great is the Lord and highly to be praised.*

I will exalt you, O God my King, and bless your name for ever and ever. Every day will I bless you and praise your name for ever and ever. Great is the Lord and highly to be praised; his greatness is beyond all searching out. **R**

One generation shall praise your works to another and declare your mighty acts. They shall speak of the majesty of your glory, and I will tell of all your wonderful deeds. They shall speak of the might of your marvellous acts, and I will also tell of your greatness. **R**

They shall pour forth the story of your abundant kindness and joyfully sing of your righteousness. The Lord is gracious and merciful, long-suffering and of great goodness. **R**

Philippians 1.21-30 NRSV

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain.²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents.

For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well— since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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 20.1-16 NRSV

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." When

those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'

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...

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead

us to all things profitable to our salvation; through 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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