



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

During Covid 19

27th September 2020
Trinity 16



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*

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of
your people who call upon you; and grant that they may
both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and
also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them;
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

Ezekiel 18.1-4,25-32 NRSV

What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning
the land of Israel, 'The parents have eaten sour grapes,
and the children's teeth are set on edge'? As I live, says
the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you
in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent

as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die. Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is unfair.' Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, 'The way of the Lord is unfair.' O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord GOD. Turn, then, and live.

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 25.1-8

Refrain: *Remember, Lord, your compassion and love.*

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies triumph over me. **R**

Let none who look to you be put to shame, but let the treacherous be shamed and frustrated. Make me to know your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you have I hoped all the day long. **R**

Remember, Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.

Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions, but think on me in your goodness, O Lord, according to your steadfast love. **R**

Gracious and upright is the Lord; therefore shall he teach sinners in the way. He will guide the humble in doing right and teach his way to the lowly. **R**

Second Reading

Philippians 2.1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, ²make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my

beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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 21.23-32 NRSV

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, 'By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?' Jesus said to them, 'I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things.⁵ Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?' And they argued with one another, 'If we say, "From heaven," he will say to us, "Why then did you not believe him?" But if we say, "Of human origin," we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.' So they answered Jesus, 'We do not know.' And he said to them, 'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not"; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, "I go, sir"; but he did

not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.'

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...

Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; 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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