

## The Eucharist on Trinity Sunday 7th June 2020

*(You may like to have some bread & wine with you)*

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.**

### **OPENING HYMN Amazing Grace**

Amazing grace How sweet the sound

That saved a wretch like me

I once was lost, but now I'm 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

My chains are gone I've been set free

My God, my Savior has ransomed me

And like a flood His mercy reigns

Unending love, amazing grace

The Lord has promised good to me

His word my hope secures

He will my shield and portion be

As long as life endures

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow

The sun forbear to shine

But God, Who called me here below,

Will be forever mine.

Will be forever mine.

You are forever mine.

*[2x]*

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### Opening Reflection

*Our Gospel Passage this morning is known as the Great Commission  
And is one of the most famous passages in the Bible .*

*Christians through 2000 years have read these verses, as the church's  
marching orders,  
our mandate for mission, Christ's vision for us all. The word all comes up  
four times in just a couple of verses. Jesus has all authority. He sends his  
followers to all nations to pass on all that he has taught  
and he will be with them through all time, there is no time or place outside  
of God's love and care  
there is no limit the God's involvement in all people's lives, the details of  
Christian obedience may alter as times change, but the serious call to  
practical discipleship goes on*

*What do we understand when we hear the word all - all of us - all in it together?*

*or do we too often think of - all of us - and - all of them!*

*The news from America this week has yet again highlighted the divisions that still exist*

*a lot has been done to face up to racism. I believe that we, as a society, aren't as discriminatory now as in the past, but we still have a long way to go. We now have laws that forbid racism, but the law can't change how we think Institutional racism is when prejudice and privilege are hidden under the surface*

*when an organisation wilfully or knowingly discriminates against certain races or ethnic minorities*

*And I am sad to say we as church are a long way from getting it right*

*When one human being acts in a way that causes harm to another human being, we are within our rights to cry for justice, but when this act of brutality is perpetrated by the alleged upholders of the peace of the justice system, then our indignation our frustration and anger can often explode in a way that is damaging to our society our communities, to each other and to ourselves.*

*This week saw the footage of the murder of a black man - George Floyd - by a white justice officer - kneeling on George's neck for some 8 minutes and eventually killing him. This action has ignited riots across America and protests across the world with the slogan black lives matter on social media there has been similar slogan calling us to remember that all lives matter , which of course they do, but there are moments in time when for that season for that reason we are called stand up and to speak out in support of the race Creed sexuality or minority which is being systematically suppressed abused or even exterminated  
We can update our social media profile with the 'black lives matters' slogan but words are not enough*

*Those who seek change must move from words to deeds from passivity to action and we should be mindful that our scripture reminds us that we have all sinned and fallen short of the glory of God  
we can say sorry for the past actions, misdemeanours, mistakes and we can mean it, but words are not enough what must follow an apology is*

*change - repentance in the truest meaning of the greek word metanoia we spoke about a few weeks ago from Acts 3 verse 19 repent - turn away - seek, reconciliation , reformation, transformation,*

*Repentance is a doing word and we each need - to do our own part in changing our society and our world for the better*

We continue to pray for those suffering in this country and throughout the world, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as for all those caring for them.

Let us join together now with the words of our opening prayer:

**All 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.**

God the Father forgives us in Christ and heals us by the Holy Spirit.

Let us therefore put away all anger and bitterness, all slander and malice, and confess our sins to God our redeemer.

Father, you come to meet us when we return to you:

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Jesus, you died on the cross for our sins:

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Spirit, you give us life and peace:

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

May the Father forgive us

by the death of his Son

and strengthen us

to live in the power of the Spirit all our days.

**Amen.**

## **GLORIA**

**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.**

Let us pray.

Holy God,

faithful and unchanging:

enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth,

and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love,

that we may truly worship you,

Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

## **PSALM 8**

O LORD our Governor, how excellent is thy Name in all the world:

thou that hast set thy glory above the heavens!

Out of the mouth of very babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength,

because of thine enemies : that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.

When I consider thy heavens, even the works of thy fingers : the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained.

What is man, that thou art mindful of him : and the son of man, that thou visitest him? Thou madest him lower than the angels : to crown him with glory and worship.

Thou makest him to have dominion of the works of thy hands : and thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet;

O Lord our Governor : how excellent is thy Name in all the world!

### **THE GOSPEL READING**

Alleluia, alleluia.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, one God, who was, and who is, and who is to come, the Almighty.

**Alleluia.**

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy

Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you.

And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **SERMON**

*All join in with the Creed*

**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.**

### **INTERCESSIONS**

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

We pray that this day may be holy, good and joyful:

**We pray to you, O Lord.**

That we may offer to you our worship and our work:

**We pray to you, O Lord.**

That we may strive for the well-being of all creation:

**We pray to you, O Lord.**

Keep us good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy:

**We pray to you, O Lord.**

Sustain and support the anxious and fearful:

**We pray to you, O Lord.**

Be with those who care for the sick, and lift up all who are brought low:

**We pray to you, O Lord.**

May we find comfort knowing that nothing can separate us from your love in

Christ Jesus our Lord:

**We pray to you, O Lord.**

May we be bound together by your Holy Spirit, in communion with all your saints,

entrusting one another and all our life to Christ:

**We pray to you, O Lord.**

Let us commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray, to the mercy and protection of God.

Merciful Father,

**accept these prayers**

**for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Peace to you from God our heavenly Father.

Peace from his Son Jesus Christ who is our peace.

Peace from the Holy Spirit, the life-giver.

The peace of the triune God be always with you

**and also with you.**

### **SONG Cornerstone**

My hope is built on nothing less

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly trust in Jesus' name.  
When darkness seems to hide his face, I rest on his unchanging grace;  
in every high and stormy gale,  
my anchor holds within the veil,  
my anchor holds within the veil.  
Christ alone, cornerstone,  
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love. Through the storm, he is Lord,  
Lord of all.  
His oath, His covenant and blood support me in the 'whelming flood; when  
all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.  
When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in Him be found,  
dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless, stand before the throne.  
Christ alone, cornerstone,  
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love. Through the storm, he is Lord,  
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Christ alone, cornerstone,  
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love. Through the storm, he is Lord,  
Lord of all.  
Through the storm He is Lord, Lord of all.

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.**

Father, we give you thanks and praise through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word, through whom you have created all things; who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour. By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh; as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin, he lived on earth and went about among us; he opened wide his arms for us on the cross; he put an end to death by dying for us; and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life; so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

And now we give you thanks, most gracious God,  
holy and undivided Trinity:

because you have given us the light of the knowledge of God in the face of Jesus Christ,

that we may grow into your likeness,  
and be changed from glory to glory.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and singing:

**SANCTUS**

**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.]**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness; grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ; who, in the same night he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: 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.

### **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption. As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you. Send your Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in

the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

*All* **Amen.**

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us.

**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.**

*The president breaks the consecrated bread*

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.**

Almighty and eternal God,

you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

and live and reign in the perfect unity of love:

hold us firm in this faith,

that we may know you in all your ways

and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory,

who are three Persons yet one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER**

*Said whilst communion is received*

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ,  
for all the benefits you have given me,  
for all the pains and insults you have borne for me.  
I ask you to come spiritually into my heart.

O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know you more  
clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day.  
Amen.

## **THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL**

God the Father,  
who first loved us and made us accepted in the beloved Son, bless you.

**Amen.**

God the Son,  
who loved us and washed us from our sins in his own blood, bless you.

**Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit,  
who sheds abroad the love of God in our hearts, bless you.

**Amen.**

The blessing of the one true God,  
to whom be all love and all glory for time and for eternity,  
come down upon you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

**Hymn** Father, In my Life I see  
*sung & performed by Andy Rees*

Father, in my life I see,  
You are God who walks with me.  
You hold my life in Your hands.  
Close beside You I will stand.  
I give all my life to You, help me Father to be true!.

Jesus, in my life I see,  
You are God who walks with me.  
You hold my life in Your hands.  
Close beside You I will stand.  
I give all my life to You, help me Jesus to be true!.

Spirit, in my life I see,  
You are God who walks with me.  
You hold my life in Your hands.  
Close beside You I will stand.  
I give all my life to You, help me Spirit to be true!