



Midhurst Parish Church

Sunday 15th August 2021, 10:30am

Back to Church Sunday. A Service of Holy Communion

This order of service is for you to use as you join in with our service from home via Zoom.

Meeting ID: 342 119 948

Preparing for the service at home

- *You may like light a candle if it is safe to do so.*
- *You are welcome to have some bread and wine (or other drink) ready to receive at the point of Communion.*

Greeting

The Lord be with you.

All and also with you.

My soul magnifies the Lord,

All and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour.

Notices are given and the following hymn is sung.

JESUS IS LORD! Creation's voice proclaims it,
for by His power each tree and flower
was planned and made.
Jesus is Lord! The universe declares it;
sun, moon and stars in heaven cry: Jesus is Lord!

*Jesus is Lord! Jesus is Lord!
Praise Him with 'Hallelujahs'
for Jesus is Lord!*

2. Jesus is Lord! Yet from His throne eternal
in flesh he came to die in pain on Calvary's tree.
Jesus is Lord from Him all life proceeding,
yet gave His life as ransom thus setting us free.

Refrain

3. Jesus is Lord! O'er sin the mighty conqueror,
From death He rose and all His foes shall own
his name
Jesus is Lord! God sends his Holy Spirit
To show by works of power that Jesus is Lord.

Refrain

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The Confession

The priest invites us confession and then, together, we say...

All Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

A Prayer Before We Read

Loving, gracious God, who does not put us in order – greatest to least, best to worst, loved most to loved least, or any other order: be with us as we spend time with one another and with you. Help us to listen to you as you speak to us and challenge us, love us and encourage us. **Amen.**

The First Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans.

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

Romans 5:1-8

This is the word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God.

The following hymn is sung.

**MY JESUS, MY SAVIOUR
Lord there is none like you.
All of my days I want to praise
the wonders of your mighty love.
My comfort, my shelter
tower of refuge and strength.
Let every breath, all that I am
never cease to worship you.**

**Shout to the Lord all the Earth, let us sing.
Power and majesty, praise to the King!
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
at the sound of your name.
I sing for joy at the work of your hands.
Forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand.
Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.**

Darlene Zschech

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The Gospel reading

The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, 'The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the way?' But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, 'Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.' Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, 'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

Mark 9:30-37

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

An Affirmation of Faith

Let us declare our faith in God.

All We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named. We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love. We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high. We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

cf Ephesians 3

The Sermon

The Prayers

The following response may be used.

Lord, in your mercy,

All Hear our prayer.

Our Prayer for Growth

All God of Mission, who alone brings growth to your Church, send your Holy Spirit to give vision to our planning, wisdom to our actions, and power to our witness. Help our church to grow in numbers, in spiritual commitment to you, and in service to our local community, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Peace

Christ is our peace. He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross.

We meet in his name and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All and also with you.

We share the peace, using sign language.

The following song is sung.

I CANNOT TELL how he whom angels worship
should stoop to love the peoples of the earth,
or why as shepherd he should seek the wand'rer
with his mysterious promise of new birth.
But this I know, that he was born of Mary
when Bethl'em's manger was his only home,
and that he lived at Nazareth and laboured,
and so the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is come.

2. I cannot tell how silently he suffered,
as with his peace he graced this place of tears,
or how his heart upon the cross was broken,
the crown of pain to three and thirty years.
But this I know, he heals the broken-hearted,
and stays our sin, and calms our lurking fear,
and lifts the burden from the heavy laden,
for still the Saviour, Saviour of the world is here.

3. I cannot tell how he will win the nations,
how he will claim his earthly heritage,
how satisfy the needs and aspirations
of east and west, of sinner and of sage.
But this I know, all flesh shall see his glory,
and he shall reap the harvest he has sown,
and some glad day his sun will shine in splendour
when he the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is
known.

4. I cannot tell how all the lands shall worship,
when, at his bidding, ev'ry storm is stilled,
or who can say how great the jubilation
when ev'ry heart with perfect love is filled.
But this I know, the skies will thrill with rapture,
and myriad, myriad human voices sing,
and earth to heav'n and heav'n to earth, will
answer:
'At last the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is King!'

*William Young Fullerton (1857-1932)
Traditional Irish Melody*

Prayer at the Preparation of the Table

Wise and gracious God, you spread a table before us;
nourish your people with the word of life and the bread of heaven. **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

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.

The president praises God for his mighty Acts and all respond

**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.**

The president recalls the Last Supper, and the following acclamation is used.

Great is the mystery of faith:

All Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The prayer concludes...

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever.

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

**All 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 Breaking of the Bread and Invitation

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.**

Come to this table not because you must, but because you may.

Come not because you have all faith, but because you have some faith and would like to grow.

Come because you love the Lord a little, and would like to love him more.

Come because all is ready, and because we are his body.

We consume our bread and wine as prompted by the words 'The Body of Christ' and 'The Blood of Christ.'

Prayer after Communion

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. **Amen**

Our final hymn is sung...

CHRIST TRIUMPHANT, ever reigning,
Saviour, Master, King,
Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining,
hear us as we sing:
*Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, the eternal name.*

2. Word incarnate, truth revealing,
Son of Man on earth!
power and majesty concealing
by Your humble birth:
Yours the glory....

3. Suffering servant, scorned, ill-treated,
victim crucified!
death is through the cross defeated,
sinners justified:
Yours the glory...

4. Priestly King, enthroned for ever
high in heaven above!
sin and death and hell shall never
stifle hymns of love:

Yours the glory...

5. So, our hearts and voices raising
through the ages long,
ceaselessly upon You gazing,
this shall be our song:

*Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, the eternal name.*

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Music: Michael Baughen © Jubilate Hymns.

The Blessing and Dismissal

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.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

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