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in the Diocese of Birmingham



ALL SAINTS
KINGS HEATH

Bible Sunday

Holy Communion

Trinity 19, Sunday 23rd October 2022

We gather

At home, have ready in an honoured place a portion of food and something to drink. It may be bread and wine or something else. Set your Bible alongside. You might light a candle.

We imagine anyone in their homes around the parish, united in preparing for prayer.

Music as we gather: [I watch the sunrise](#)

1. I watch the sunrise lighting the sky,
casting its shadows near.
And on this morning, bright though it be,
I feel those shadows near me.

*But you are always close to me,
following all my ways.
May I be always close to you,
following all your ways, Lord.*

2. I watch the sunlight shine through the clouds,
warming the earth below.
And at the mid-day, life seems to say:
"I feel your brightness near me."

For you are always...

3. I watch the sunset fading away,
lighting the clouds with sleep.
And as the evening closes its eyes,
I feel your presence near me.

For you are always...

4. I watch the moonlight guarding the night,
waiting till morning comes.
The air is silent, earth is at rest
– only your peace is near me.
Yes you are always...

(words: John Glynn; music: Colin Murphy, arr Christopher Tambling)

When the song finishes we stand in silence. We sing:

HYMN

1. [Fill your hearts with joy and gladness](#)
sing and praise your God and mine!
Great the Lord in love and wisdom,
might and majesty divine!
He who framed the starry heavens
knows and names them as they shine.

2. Praise the Lord, his people, praise him!
Wounded souls his comfort know.
Those who fear him find his mercies,
peace for pain and joy for woe;
humble hearts are high exalted,
human pride and pow'r laid low.

3. Praise the Lord for times and seasons,
cloud and sunshine, wind and rain;
spring to melt the snows of winter
till the waters flow again;
grass upon the mountain pastures,
golden valleys thick with grain.

4. Fill your hearts with joy and gladness,
peace and plenty crown your days!
Love his law, declare his judgements,
walk in all his words and ways;
he the Lord and we his children,
praise the Lord, all people, praise!

(words: Timothy Dudley-Smith; music: Henry Smart)

Priest: Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you all.

All: And also with you.

WELCOME, BANNS and NOTICES

We pray: **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.**

We seek forgiveness

CONFESSION

Deacon: We confess our need for God's guidance and our forgetfulness of their wisdom.

Silence

May your loving mercy come to us, O Lord, and your salvation according to your word. Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Your word is a lantern to our feet and a light to our path.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

O let your mercy come to us that we may live, for your law is our delight. Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy. Amen.

(Adapted from Common Worship)

ABSOLUTION *In church forgiveness is declared for all while at home we pray:*

May the Lord enrich us with his grace, and nourish us with his blessing, the Lord defend us in trouble and keep us from all evil; the Lord accept our prayers, and absolve us from our offences, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

We sing: [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 sins 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.

(Murray)

THE COLLECT for Bible Sunday

Almighty God, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, though patience and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and or ever hold fast the hopes of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

READINGS Isaiah 45:22-end

[*click here for text:* <https://bible.oremus.org/?qI=533184515>]

and Romans 15:1-6 [<https://bible.oremus.org/?qI=533184577>]

HYMN

1. Lord, thy word abideth,
and our footsteps guideth;
who its true believeth
light and joy receiveth.

2. When our foes are near us,
then thy word doth cheer us,
word of consolation,
message of salvation.

3. When the storms are o'er us,
and dark clouds before us,
then its light directeth,
and our way protecteth.

4. Who can tell the pleasure,
who recount the treasure,
by thy word imparted
to the simple-hearted.

5. Word of mercy, giving
succour to the living;
word of life, supplying
comfort to the dying.

6. O that we, discerning
its most holy learning,
Lord, may love and fear thee,
evermore be near thee.

*(words: Henry Williams Baker;
music: Melody from M Weisse's 'Neu Gesangbüchlein [1531], adapt William Henry Monk)*

We remain standing for the GOSPEL READING Luke 4:16-24

[/https://bible.oremus.org/?q|=533184607/](https://bible.oremus.org/?q|=533184607)

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
All: Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end This is the Gospel of the Lord
All: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON from Margaret Healey-Pollett

For those worshipping at home:

When we bring good news to the poor, the imprisoned, the disabled, and the oppressed, Jesus shows, we will find God's Spirit is upon us.

Give time and space for people in those four categories to come to mind, perhaps allowing different kinds of poverty, captivity, blindness and oppression to emerge.

In that light, what might it mean for you to "please [your] neighbour for the good purpose of building up [your] neighbour"? (Romans 15:2)

Again, in that light, think of one or two specific policies that a functional government might apply to bring good news to such people.

We affirm our faith

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We stand and at home, if able, we turn to look in the direction of Church, to affirm our faith in God, revealed to us as Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

Deacon: Brothers and sisters, we stand and affirm our faith:

**All: Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures;
he was buried;
he was raised to life on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures;
afterwards he appeared to his followers
and to all the apostles;
this we have received,
and this we believe. Amen.**

(cf 1 Corinthians 15:3-7)

INTERCESSIONS in Church are led by David.

For those worshipping at home, hold before God the people and circumstances you brought to mind in your reflection.

Recalling Jesus rejected by his own at Nazareth, pray for anyone whom you feel has been harshly treated for speaking the truth. Pray too for anyone who you find arrogant or annoying or presumptuous, but may sometimes have a point.

Elsewhere in Romans we are called to pray for the people who attempt to govern us. We bring the chaos and self-imposed dysfunction of the governing party at the moment, not wanting to live with the consequences of their own choices. Read aloud, as if to them, Romans 15:5-6. Say it several times, allowing whatever degree of irony you feel to tune your voice.

Among those who are unwell we pray for Judith Allcock, Lynn Busfield and all who suffer long after effects of illness.

Among those who have died we remember Valerie Hancock, David Carter, Janet Prvulovich and Canon Priscilla White.

THE PEACE *We pause to remember each other: those worshipping at home, and those worshipping in Church and those we care for who are far away.*

Deacon: Live in harmony with one another in accordance with Christ Jesus so that together you may with one voice glorify God. The peace of the Lord be always with you. (Romans 15:5-6)

All: And also with you.

Deacon: Let us offer one another a sign of that peace.

We may share a handshake or word of peace with those around us. We are not obliged to do so, nor offended if others prefer not to.

SONG 1. [Lord, the light of your love](#) is shining,
in the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us,
set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me, shine on me.

*Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;
blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;
send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.*

2. Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
from the shadows into your radiance;
by the blood I may enter your brightness,
search me, try me, consume all my darkness.
Shine on me, shine on me.

3. As we gaze on your kingly brightness,
so our faces display your likeness,
ever changing from glory to glory;
mirrored here may our lives tell your story.
Shine on me, shine on me.

(words & music: Graham Kendrick)

The Table is prepared in Church. At home, now is the time to say the Lord's Prayer (below) and consume the food and drink you have prepared, first praying:

God, we long for Communion. With this symbolic meal stir my hope for the fellowship meal we cannot yet see, and help me wait for it with patience. **Amen.**

(cf Romans 8:2)

We tell the story of salvation

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: 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.

Storytelling God, you had too much love within your Trinity to keep it to yourself, and so you made a universe in which to bring forth the earth and an earth in which to raise up a people and a people in which to come among us in your Son, that we may know your purpose never to be, except to be with us in him for ever.

Through patriarchs and prophets, through women of courage and kings, through the redemption of failure and the transformation of faithlessness you embodied your relentless will to abide with us. In the death and resurrection of your Son and the sending of your Spirit you turned your covenant with your people into an invitation to all the world. And so we thank and praise you, with angels and archangels, singing your song of glory.

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.**

Inscribing God, in Jesus your Word was made flesh. In your Scriptures that flesh was made Word. In your church and your kingdom that Word is made flesh again. By the power of your Holy Spirit bring your scriptural promises to fulfilment in your people gathered in your name today. By that same Spirit, sanctify this bread and this cup that they may be for us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. Who, at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

A bell is rung

After supper he took the cup. Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, 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."

A bell is rung

Deacon: Great is the mystery of faith:

**All: Christ has died,
Christ is risen
Christ will come again.**

Inspiring God, you give us your Scriptures for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness and for building us up in service to you and your world. Open your children's hearts each time your church opens your Word of life. Send your Spirit upon evangelists, teachers, preachers and healers, that the wind and fire of Pentecost may thrill and transform your people today. Make your Son's disciples feel their hearts burning within them as you speak with them and they find their story in your story; until the day you draw us into your Book of Life and we are gathered between the covers of your glory, ever one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Deacon: As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:
**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.**

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

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

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died and now lives for you, and feed on him in your heart by faith with thanksgiving.

We sing: [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.

We pause to remember all who pray at home, then share the bread and wine, now for us the body and blood of Christ. We form two lines to receive bread, then wine if you wish. No one should feel obliged if you do not feel ready to share the common cup. Receiving only bread you still make your Communion fully and deeply. Do what feels most comfortable to you. If anyone prefers not to receive either, you are welcome still to come forward for a prayer of blessing. Just keep your hands by your sides and we will pray for you.

SONG *during Communion* [Take this moment](#)

1. Take this moment, sign and space;
take my friends around;
here among us make the place
where your love is found.

2. Take the time to call my name,
take the time to mend
who I am and what I've been,
all I've failed to tend.

3. Take the tiredness of my days,
take my past regret,
letting your forgiveness touch
all I can't forget.

4. Take the little child in me,
scared of growing old;
help her here to find her worth
made in Christ's own mould.

5. Take my talents, take my skills,
take what's yet to be;
let my life be yours, and yet,
let it still be me.

(words: John L Bell & Graham Maule; music: John L Bell)

We are sent out

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with your Word *[and with the body and blood of Christ]*. Strengthen us in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

THE BLESSING

[May] Christ who has nourished *us* with himself the living bread, make *us* one in praise and love, and raise *us* up on the last day: and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with *us* and remain with *us* now and always. **Amen.**

HYMN

1. [Ye holy angels bright](#)
who wait at God's right hand,
or through the realms of light
fly at your Lord's command,
assist our song,
or else the theme
too high doth seem
for mortal tongue.

2. Ye blessèd souls at rest,
who ran this earthly race,
and now, from sin released,
behold the Saviour's face,
God's praises sound,
as in his sight
with sweet delight
ye do abound.

3. Ye saints, who toil below,
adore your heav'nly King,
and onward as ye go
some joyful anthem sing;
take what he gives
and praise him still,
through good or ill,
who ever lives.

4. My soul, bear thou thy part,
triumph in God above:
and with a well-tuned heart
sing thou the songs of love;
let all thy days
till life shall end,
whate'er he send,
be filled with praise.

*(words: Richard Baxter & John Hampden Gurney;
music: John Darwall, harm William Henry Monk; descant: Sydney Hugo Nicholson)*

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: In the name of Christ, Amen.



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