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in the Diocese of Birmingham



ALL SAINTS
KINGS HEATH

Pride in Fatherhood

Holy Communion

Trinity 2, Sunday 18th June 2023
Fathers' Day and Pride Weekend in Kings Heath

We gather

For those worshipping 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.

Music as we gather: [Be still, for the presence of the Lord](#)

1. Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here;
come, bow before him now, with reverence and fear.
In him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground;
be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.

2. Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;
he burns with holy fire, with splendour he is crowned.
How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

3. Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place;
he comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace.
No work too hard for him, in faith receive from him;
be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

(words & music: David J Evans, arr Richard Shephard)

When the song finishes we stand in silence.

We sing: [All people that on earth do dwell](#)

1. All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
him serve with fear, his praise forth tell,
come ye before him and rejoice.

2. The Lord, ye know, is God indeed,
without our aid he did us make;
we are his folk, he doth us feed
and for his sheep he doth us take.

3. O enter then his gates with praise,
approach with joy his courts unto;
praise, laud and bless his name always,
for it is seemly so to do.

4. For why? the Lord our God is good:
his mercy is for ever sure;
his truth at all times firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure.

5. To Father, Son and Holy Ghost,
the God whom heav'n and earth adore,
from us and from the angel-host
be praise and glory evermore.

*(words: William Kethe, from 'Day's Psalter' [1560] alt;
music: 'Genevan Psalter' [1551], attrib Louis Bourgeois)*

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

All: And also with you.

WELCOME 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

Priest God proves his love for us in that while we were sinners Christ died for
us. Therefore with confidence let us confess our sins and seek his
forgiveness. (Romans 5:8)

Silence

**All: Father, we have sinned against heaven and against you.
We are not worthy to be called your children.
We turn to you again.
Have mercy on us, bring us back to yourself
as those who once were dead but now have life
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

(cf Luke 15)

FORGIVENESS *is declared:*

[May] 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 eternal life, through Jesus Christ our
Lord. **Amen.**

We stand to give thanks for forgiveness, singing THE 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 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.

THE COLLECT for the second Sunday after Trinity

Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth: send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you. Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

READINGS [Exodus 19:2-8a](#) and [Romans 5:1-8](#)

HYMN [We have a gospel to proclaim](#)

1. We have a gospel to proclaim,
good news for all throughout the earth;
the gospel of a Saviour's name:
we sing his glory, tell his worth.

2. Tell of his birth at Bethlehem,
not in a royal house or hall,
but in a stable dark and dim,
the Word made flesh, a light for all.

3. Tell of his death at Calvary,
hated by those he came to save;
in lonely suff'ring on the cross:
for all he loved, his life he gave.

5. Tell of his reign at God's right hand,
by all creation glorified.
He sends his Spirit on his Church
to live for him, the Lamb who died.

4. Tell of that glorious Easter morn,
empty the tomb, for he was free;
he broke the pow'r of death and hell
that we might share his victory.

6. Now we rejoice to name him King:
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
This gospel-message we proclaim:
we sing his glory, tell his worth.

(words: Edward Joseph Burns; music: from William Gardiner's 'Sacred Melodies' [1815])

We remain standing for the GOSPEL READING [Matthew 9:35-10:8](#)

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

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

Alleluia! Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

SERMON in Church is from Nigel Pietroni.

For reflection at home:

Jesus found the people he ministered to sadly "harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd." His response was to send flawed but gifted people among them, increasing pastoral provision. At this stage his was particularly focussed on his own kin "the lost sheep of the house of Israel." That Matthew says this shows a foundational blessing on Israel is but a precursor to the wider mission at the end where Jesus will say that's not enough, but sends them to make disciples of "all nations". (28:19) When Moses had first shared God's promise of relationship with Israel, he described them as "a priestly kingdom". "The whole earth is mine," God had said. When we were not allowed to gather for worship during lockdown, preparing liturgy for everyone to use at home mattered a great deal to some of us as clergy. For it was the only way we could be your priests. A priest is nothing without the people at prayer. Israel is nothing without the rest of the world. Their special relationship with God was never about superiority. It was about becoming the kind of kingdom that would be a blessing to all other peoples. The Hebrew tradition made Jesus possible. We are eternally indebted for their centuries of heart-searching and struggle with God out of which the universal reach of Christ could emerge.

Looking around we might identify who seems harassed and lost; who seems in need of guidance and protection; who needs healing.

We might ask who is likely to bring the blessing, guidance, healing they need. Will it be someone from within or beyond their immediate community? Who are the bringers of calm and reassurance in your life? In your community?

We affirm our 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:

APOSTLES' CREED

**All: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

INTERCESSIONS

For those at home: in no particular order, here are some fatherly words, groups, descriptions, people for whom you might pray this Fathers' Day. See where they lead you as they prompt and move you. Some may stand out as positive, some as negative depending on your experience. Pray out of the wisdom your experience gives you.

Teenage fathers

Father-figures

Absent or careless fathers

Over-protective fathers

Provider

playmate

protector

counsellor

Mentor

Fathers who are gay

Unknown fathers

fathers grieving children

God-fathers

busy at work

unemployed

fathers living with disability: theirs or their child's

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We pray with thanksgiving for Josh Wilson and Mary getting married this weekend.

We pray for those affected by the hit and run incident on the High Street on Thursday morning, especially for Kings Heath Primary and all our schools preoccupied by street safety.

Among those who are unwell we pray for Alan Wilson, Lynn Busfield, Wendy Turner, Roger Tyrrell, David Bick and Gill Parkin.

Among those who have died we remember Brian Clucas and Tevin Gasa.

We stand for THE PEACE

Priest: Since we are justified by faith we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

(Romans 3:1)

All: And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

HYMN

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.

1. City of God, how broad and far
outspread thy walls sublime!
Thy free and loyal people are
of ev'ry age and clime.

2. One holy Church, one mighty throng,
one steadfast, high intent;
one working band, one harvest-song,
one King omnipotent.

3. How purely hath thy speech come
down
from earth's primeval youth!
How grandly hath thine empire grown
of freedom, love and truth!

4. How gleam thy watch-fires through
the night
with never-fainting ray!
How rise thy tow'rs, serene and bright,
to meet the dawning day!

5. In vain the surge's angry shock,
in vain the drifting sands;
unharm'd upon th'eternal Rock
th'eternal city stands.

(words: Samuel Johnson alt; music: Melody adapted from Thomas Haweis; descant: L Stilwell)

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.

Blessed are you, Lord God, our light and our salvation; to you be glory and praise for ever. From the beginning you have created all things and all your works echo the silent music of your praise. In the fullness of time you made us in your image, the crown of all creation. You give us breath and speech that with angels and archangels and all the powers of heaven we may find a voice to sing your praise:

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 works 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.

A bell is rung

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.

A bell is rung

Deacon: 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 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 last with all the saints to the vision of that eternal splendour for which you have created us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom and in whom, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, God 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

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. Eat 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, now for us the body of Christ.

SONG during Communion

1. In a world where people walk in darkness,
let us turn our faces to the light,
to the light of God revealed in Jesus,
to the day-star scattering our night.

*For the light is stronger than the darkness
and the day will overcome the night,
though the shadows linger all around us,
let us turn our faces to the light.*

2. In a world where suffering of the helpless
casts a shadow all along the way,
let us bear the cross of Christ with gladness
and proclaim the dawning of the day.

3. Let us light a candle in the darkness,
in the face of death a sign of life;
as a sign of hope where all seemed hopeless,
as a sign of peace in place of strife

(Words: Robert Willis; music: Richard Shephard)

We are sent out

We pray

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 live his risen

life; we who drink his cup 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 Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

[May] God the Father humble *us*; God the Son uphold *us*; God the Holy Spirit inspire *us*, and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be among *us* and remain with *us* always. **Amen.**

SONG [Sent by the Lord am I](#) *(sing 3 times)*

Sent by the Lord am I; my hands are ready now
to make the earth the place in which the kingdom comes.

Sent by the Lord am I; my hands are ready now
to make the earth the place in which the kingdom comes.

The angels cannot change a world of hurt and pain
into a world of love, of justice and of peace.

The task is mine to do, to set it really free.
Oh, help me to obey; help me to do your will.

(words: Jorge Maldonado; music: Central American folk melody, arr John L Bell)

Priest: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ, Amen.

This evening, 6.30pm Iona Service



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