

Welcome to  
your Parish Church  
in the Diocese of Birmingham



ALL SAINTS  
KINGS HEATH

# Not so among you

Holy Communion for Trinity 21, Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2024

## 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:*

1. You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,  
who abide in his shadow for life,  
say to the Lord: "My refuge,  
my rock in whom I trust."

*And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
bear you on the breath of dawn,  
make you to shine like the sun,  
and hold you in the palm of his hand.*

2. The snare of the fowler will never capture you,  
and famine will bring you no fear;  
under his wings your refuge,  
his faithfulness your shield.

3. You need not fear the terror of the night,  
nor the arrow that flies by day;  
though thousands fall about you,  
near you, they shall not come.

*(words & music: Michael Joncas)*

*When the song finishes we stand in silence.*

*We sing: [Majesty, worship his majesty](#) (sing twice)*

Majesty, worship his majesty;  
unto Jesus be glory, honour and praise.  
Majesty, kingdom authority  
flow from his throne unto his own: his anthem raise.

So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus;  
magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus the King.  
Majesty, worship his majesty,  
Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all kings.

*(words & music: Jack W Hayford)*

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

**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

Deacon We confess the ways in which, like sheep we have gone astray, and  
turned to our own way. Yet by Jesus' bruises we can be healed.  
*(cf Isaiah 53:6 and 53:5b)*

**All: Father eternal, giver of light and grace,  
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour,  
in what we have thought, in what we have said and done,  
through ignorance, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We have wounded your love, and marred your image in us.  
We are sorry and ashamed, 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 lead us out from darkness to walk as children of light.  
Amen.**

**FORGIVENESS** *is declared:*

*[May]* the God of love bring *us* back to himself, forgive *us our* sins, and assure *us* of his eternal love in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*We stand to give thanks for forgiveness, singing* THE GLORIA (Murray)

[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 twenty first Sunday after Trinity

Grant, we beseech you, merciful Lord, to your faithful people,  
pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins and  
serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is  
alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God,  
now and for ever. **Amen.**

READINGS [Isaiah 53:4-end](#) and [Hebrews 5:1-10](#)

HYMN

1. O for a closer walk with God,  
a calm and heav'nly frame;  
a light to shine upon the road  
that leads me to the Lamb.

2. What peaceful hours I once  
enjoyed,  
how sweet their mem'ry still!  
But they have left an aching void  
the world can never fill.

3. The dearest idol I have known,  
whate'er that idol be,  
help me to tear it from thy throne,  
and worship only thee.

4. So shall my walk be close with God,  
calm and serene my frame;  
so purer light shall mark the road  
that leads me to the Lamb.

*(words: William Cowper; music Charles Hutcheson)*

*We remain standing for the GOSPEL READING [Mark 10:35-45](#)*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

**All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the end* This is the Gospel of the Lord

**All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON *in Church is offered by David*

*At Home:*

*Mark's Gospel begins "the beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God..." (Mk1:1) which is in the style of an Imperial announcement of the accession of a new Emperor or news of a great victory. Mark then shows Jesus appointing twelve male disciples. He intends us at first to think the story, or news, is underwriting the male dominated power structure of the time. Gradually, though, he shows Jesus subverting this, as we have seen in recent weeks, comparing himself to a child, talking of his suffering, sacrifice and humiliation at the hands of the patriarchal regime and now, in today's reading, speaking gently and poetically about the approaching suffering and describing that hierarchy, saying firmly "it is not so among you." With a shock, his disciples hear him overwhelm their competitiveness with the assertion of his role as a slave/servant. What sounded like approval turns out to be judgement and dismantling of the regime.*

*The Met is now under scrutiny for its bizarre response to 21 accusations against Mohammad al Fayed of sexual assault and rape which they received since the 1970s. The role of other employees in facilitating the assaults is chilling to consider. There are other strange silences which may, in time, come under scrutiny. There has for decades been a somewhat embarrassing story appearing periodically of al Fayed's resentment that he was never given British citizenship. Who made that decision? More importantly, why did the Home Office not want to go there? Did they know of his abusive reputation? While the Met was poor in responding to many cases of assault against women, and its misogynist culture is still in desperate need of healing, one wonders if there was any pressure from above that ensured the force did not bring these accusations into the public realm of prosecution. Conspiracy theories will no doubt abound, but what is clear is that it is not only the abusive character of one bully that caused so much harm to the dignity and wholeness of innocent women. The culture that raised such a man to such status, the confidence trick of the power he wielded, the sleaziness of henchmen making threats to victims and the silence of senior employers and institutions are all community matters involving all of us.*

*This is a hideous case of what Jesus described as "Lord[ing] it over them." This terrible, sordid and depressingly familiar pattern is highlighted and judged to this day by the subversive life of Jesus Christ the Son of God. Our human tendency to bully and conspire with bullying is so serious that God came in Christ to enter and absorb, in his torture and death, the vilest abuse of human power. He came to judge and redeem us by exemplifying*

*the service, compassion and courage (characterised as "obedience" to God in Hebrews) that present an antidote to the abuse of power. He came to face down our worst, then, in rising again, still offer forgiveness to us.*

*The assault on Jesus' body, culminating in multiple piercing with nails, it has been observed, cries out in heart-rending solidarity with all who have been raped. It proclaims God's solidarity with all victims of the abuse of power. His rising, unembarrassed by the wounds he now painlessly displays, dazzlingly banishes the shame that victims are made to feel, when it is the abuser and his collaborators who should feel shame. Yet the grace of God does not stop there. The offer of forgiveness and healing is for the whole culture, the whole community whose common assumptions and silences have perpetuated the conditions in which male dominated power play is normalised and thuggery is propagated.*

*James and John are drawn away from their hierarchical fixation by Jesus' non-violent poetry ("baptism," "cup" – see his prayer in Gethsemane, Mk 14:36). The other disciples are then drawn away from their hierarchical resentment by his disarming image of himself as slave. This is not servile victimhood. This is powerful subversion of a whole empire and the thuggishness it perpetuates even in this subculture of a new religious movement. Now it might be time for us to pray for our culture and institutions and wonder what healing and service might look like among us today.*

## We affirm our faith

### APOSTLES' CREED

*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:*

**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

*At home:*

*Bring to mind any institution, community or sub culture in which you have witnessed or experienced the abuse of power. Lay them before God and ask for his healing light to shed upon them.*

*We pray for all whose service is over looked or undervalued.*

*We pray for God's judgment and healing for any wielding power with arrogance, violence, a spirit of entitlement or, indeed, fear.*

*We pray for the dignity and well-being of those whose story of abuse at the hands of Mohammad al Fayed is coming into public consciousness, and for honest analysis of the institutional assumptions that allowed his sustained behaviour to go unchecked.*

*We pray for Priests of every kind and every faith to be a humble role model for every soul to find their priestly vocation in their own walk of life, that we may all make God known to those around us and learn of God from each other.*

*We stand for THE PEACE*

Deacon: 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: The peace of the Lord be always with you**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

HYMN [O Lord, my God](#)

1. O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder  
consider all the works thy hand has made,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed.

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee:  
how great thou art, how great thou art.*

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2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander  
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,  
and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze.

3. And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,  
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in  
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
he bled and died to take away my sin.

4. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart;  
when I shall bow in humble adoration,  
and there proclaim: my God, how great thou art.

*(words: 'O Støre Gud' by Karl Boberg, trans Stuart K Hine;  
music: Swedish folk melody, arr Stuart K Hine)*

*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.*

## 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.**

Thanks and praise belong to you Lord God, now and for ever,  
because when you laid the foundation of the earth the morning  
stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy.  
You called your chosen people to be a priestly kingdom and a holy  
nation, and to Jesus you said "You are my Son, today I have  
begotten you." Although he was your Son, he learned obedience  
through what he suffered on the cross; and having been made  
perfect, he became through the resurrection the source of eternal  
salvation for all who obey him. And so with all the company of  
heaven we sing your song of glory.

**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.**

Humble God, in Christ you were great among us by being our servant, and you were first among us by becoming slave of all. You invite us to your table and serve us as your guests. We rejoice to be here because in Jesus you gave us your life as a ransom for many. Send your Holy Spirit upon us as we sit at your right and left hand, sharing the cup that you drink. By that same Spirit, sanctify these gifts of bread and wine 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.**

Our God and King, in the power of your Holy Spirit visit all who live under tyranny today. Lift up the hearts of your children who languish with loud cries and tears. Deal gently with the ignorant and the wayward, since in Christ you took on the mantle of our weakness. Inspire your church to become the high priest of all creation, and make your people perfect through obedience. Hasten the day when heaven comes to earth and the world is full of your glory, ever one God, gracious Father, servant Son, gentle Spirit, Trinity of mercy and love. **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.*

HYMNS *during Communion* [What a friend we have in Jesus](#)

1. What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and grief to bear!  
What a privilege to carry ev'rything to him in prayer!  
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,  
all because we do not carry ev'rything to God in prayer!

2. Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged: take it to the Lord in prayer!  
Can we find a friend so faithful, who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness – take it to the Lord in prayer!

3. Are we weak and heavy-laden, cumbered with a load of care?  
Jesus only is our refuge, take it to the Lord in prayer!  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
In his arms he'll take and shield thee, thou wilt find a solace there.

*(words: Joseph Medlicott Scriven; music: Charles Crozat Converse)*

## The Lord's my shepherd

1. The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want.  
He makes me down to lie  
in pastures green. He leadeth me  
the quiet waters by.

2. My soul he doth restore again,  
and me to walk doth make  
within the paths of righteousness,  
e'en for his own name's sake.

3. Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,  
yet will I fear no ill.  
For thou art with me, and thy rod  
and staff me comfort still.

4. My table thou has furnishèd  
in presence of my foes,  
my head thou dost with oil anoint,  
and my cup overflows.

5. Goodness and mercy all my life  
shall surely follow me.  
And in God's house for evermore  
my dwelling-place shall be.

*(words: Psalm 23 from 'The Scottish Psalter' [1650];  
music: Brother James Leith Macbeth Bain, arr Christopher Tambling)*

## We are sent out

*We pray* **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

Christ Crucified draw you to himself to find in him a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope and the assurance of sins forgiven. And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

HYMN [How shall I sing that majesty](#)

1. How shall I sing that majesty  
which angels do admire?  
Let dust in dust and silence lie;  
sing, sing, ye heav'nly choir.  
Thousands of thousands stand around  
thy throne, O God most high;  
ten thousand times ten thousand sound  
thy praise; but who am I?

2. Thy brightness unto them appears,  
whilst I thy footsteps trace;  
a sound of God comes to my ears,  
but they behold thy face.  
They sing because thou art their Sun;  
Lord, send a beam on me;  
for where heav'n is but once begun  
there alleluias be.

3. How great a being, Lord, is thine,  
which doth all beings keep!  
Thy knowledge is the only line  
to sound so vast a deep.  
Thou art a sea without a shore,  
a sun without a sphere;  
thy time is now and evermore,  
thy place is ev'rywhere.

*(words: John Mason; music: Kenneth Naylor)*

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

*This afternoon 3pm at St Dunstan's **Pause for Hope:**  
an ecumenical service of prayer for all whose lives  
are affected by Cancer.*

## *This evening, 6.30pm **Iona Service***

*Join us for our monthly service offering a reflective space in the tradition of the Iona community. The gathering will include music and creative activity.*

*Every week the Iona community on the island of Iona, in the Inner Hebrides, has a service in the Abbey Church that offers worshippers an opportunity to focus on their part in the injustices of the world. The Iona community has a commitment to peace and justice.*

*This coming Sunday, our Iona Service here at All Saints, will similarly create simple space for worship with a peace and justice theme. All Welcome.*



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