

# Service of Morning Communion

Easter 6 - 9 May 2021

## Welcome

## Hymn

## The Greeting

The Lord be with you

**ALL** and also with you.

## Prayer of Preparation

**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.

## Prayers of Penitence

Remember, Lord, Your compassion and love, for they are everlasting.

Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy.

Remember not the sins of our youth or our transgressions, but think on us in your goodness O Lord, according to your steadfast love.

Christ have mercy. Christ have mercy.

O keep our souls and deliver us; let us not be put to shame, for we have put our trust in you. Amen.

## Absolution

## The Collect

## The LITURGY of the WORD

## Reading

### **Acts 10:44-48 (New International Version)**

While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on Gentiles. For they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God.

Then Peter said, "Surely no one can stand in the way of their being baptized with water. They have received the Holy Spirit just as we have." So he ordered that they be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked Peter to stay with them for a few days.

## HYMN

### Gospel Reading

#### **John 15:9-17 (New International Version)**

“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. This is my command: Love each other.

### SERMON

The sermon can be found after the service on our website [www.stjamesroundsgreen.com](http://www.stjamesroundsgreen.com) or on our Facebook page.

### The Creed

**We believe in God, the almighty Father, who is the creator of heaven and earth. We believe in Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, given birth by the Virgin Mary and suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried, He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day He rose from the dead, ascended into heaven, is seated at the Father's right hand. He will return to judge the living and the dead.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and in everlasting life. Amen.**

### The Peace

#### Prayers of Intercession

##### **Intercessions for Easter 6 (2021)**

Father God of love, through Jesus your love extends beyond all boundaries to encompass the whole world; and you desire your people to be ‘one with you and each other’ just as you and Jesus are one.

We pray today for churches of every denomination where that unity is not evident and instead discord and dissention are paramount. Send your Spirit upon all who share your name as members of the same family of faith; and fill

all of us with your gracious love and compassion for those we struggle to agree with, let alone love.

Help all churches to face up to the reality that you need to be the centre of all things; not just the life and purpose of the church but also the centre of each one of us as individuals; so that we will reveal you in truth to those around us and glorify your name above all else.

Father God of love, your Spirit breaks through the restrictions of nationality, race, colour, and language. Through the power of your Spirit, instil into all nations of the world, particularly world leaders, a real sense that we are all members of the same human family; and, as such, we all have a responsibility to desire the best for all, even those who are different from ourselves.

Strengthen all who foster and seek peace; guide and nurture governments, local and national, in the ways of Godly integrity and justice; inspire people of all nations to look for the good in their neighbouring nations and come together to work for the benefit of all.

Father God of love, you call us to be friends with our neighbours in our community. We know that the dynamics between neighbours living around our church can often be volatile and destructive. Give us your concern for the needs of all who live in our community. Expand our compassion beyond our personal networks and affiliations to encompass those who are hurting, lonely, struggling with the every day of life.

Thank you for all those who actively and purposefully work to improve the lives of others and the environment in which we all live.

We pray for all those elected to official roles last Thursday; that they will use their power selflessly and imaginatively for the improvement of all facilities.

Father God of love, you are always drawing us to abide in your love. Hold in your embrace all who are ill in whatever form that takes and any who are at the limits of their endurance.....May your healing and wholeness upon them be a witness to your enduring love.

## **HYMN**

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER H

The Lord is here.

**ALL His Spirit is with us.**

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.**

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation; in your love you made us for yourself. When we turned away you did not reject us, but came to meet us in your Son.

**ALL You embraced us as your children and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us.

**ALL He opened his arms of love upon the cross and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends he took bread, and 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.

**ALL Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his body is the bread of life.**

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 for the forgiveness of sins; do this in remembrance of me.

**ALL Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory, send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

**ALL As we eat and drink these holy gifts make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole church throughout the world we offer you this sacrifice of praise and lift our voice to join the eternal song in heaven:

**ALL Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

Let us now continue in prayer using the words our Saviour taught us:  
**ALL: 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.**

### **Breaking of the Bread**

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.

### **Invitation to Communion**

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 for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

**ALL** Most merciful Lord, your love compels us to come in. Our hands were unclean, our hearts were unprepared; we were not fit even to eat the crumbs from under your table. But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation, and share your bread with sinners.

So, cleanse and feed us with the precious body and blood of your Son, that he may live in us and we in him; and that we, with the whole company of Christ, may sit and eat in your kingdom. Amen.

### **THE PRIEST AND THE PEOPLE RECEIVE COMMUNION.**

#### **Prayer after Communion**

**ALL** Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

#### **Hymn**

#### **Blessing**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

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