

# Service of Morning Communion

## 2nd Sunday Trinity Sunday – 13 June 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

#### **2 Corinthians 5:6-17 (New International Version)**

Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord. <sup>7</sup> For we live by faith, not by sight. <sup>8</sup> We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. <sup>9</sup> So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it. <sup>10</sup> For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

<sup>11</sup> Since, then, we know what it is to fear the Lord, we try to persuade others.

What we are is plain to God, and I hope it is also plain to your conscience. <sup>12</sup> We are not trying to commend ourselves to you again, but are giving you an opportunity to take pride in us, so that you can answer those who take pride in

what is seen rather than in what is in the heart. <sup>13</sup> If we are “out of our mind,” as some say, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. <sup>14</sup> For Christ’s love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. <sup>15</sup> And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

<sup>16</sup> So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. <sup>17</sup> Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

## **HYMN**

### **Gospel Reading**

#### **Mark 4:26-34 (New International Version)**

<sup>26</sup> He also said, “This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. <sup>27</sup> Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. <sup>28</sup> All by itself the soil produces grain—first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. <sup>29</sup> As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come.”

<sup>30</sup> Again he said, “What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? <sup>31</sup> It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds on earth. <sup>32</sup> Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds can perch in its shade.”

<sup>33</sup> With many similar parables Jesus spoke the word to them, as much as they could understand. <sup>34</sup> He did not say anything to them without using a parable. But when he was alone with his own disciples, he explained everything.

## **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 Trinity 2 (2021)**

**Lord**, your love has the power to urge us on with proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ and living lives seeking to glorify him.

We pray especially today for churches where spirits are downhearted, and the people of God feel defeated and crushed. Give them renewed confidence to trust that you will bring new growth and fresh life. Pour your energy and hope into them, particularly the leaders, and reassure them of your abiding presence with them.

While we are few in numbers here at St James, may we remain steadfast and faithful in all that you call us to do for the furthering of your kingdom in our area.

**Lord**, very often there is little of your love to be seen at work in the governments around the world. Too many people in positions of power seek only to satisfy their own selfish needs rather than addressing the needs of those they govern. Money is spent unwisely and recklessly on futile schemes which don't benefit the poorest and most deprived in our societies.

We pray that, despite the seemingly endless cycle of continuing unrest and discord, you will raise up new leaders full of wisdom and integrity and filled with a deep desire to promote peace to all.

**Lord**, we thank you for the love shown in our community. We thank you for the hard work which goes on, often behind the scenes.

We particularly thank you again for the Action Centre and ask for your blessing on them as they seek funding for their 2 major summer programmes of feeding the families and the children's play scheme. We pray that enough funding for these ventures will be forthcoming. Guide them in the planning process which had been made ever more onerous due to Covid restrictions.

We pray too that an atmosphere of calm will be prevalent at the school gates at drop off and pick up times when tempers can be frayed, and volatile situations can erupt.

**Lord**, your love is strong enough to hold us through all trials and tribulations. We ask you to look with compassion on all who are crying out for relief from their suffering, whether it be in body, mind, or spirit. We name them silently to you now.....May they experience your continuous loving-kindness, relief from pain, calm and peace in place of stress and anxiety, and the reality of being safe in your care.

## **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.