

A service for Holy Eucharist - Season of Creation 2<sup>nd</sup> EP WEEK 2

A LIVING COMMUNITY

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September, 2020 15th Sunday after Pentecost**

## 1 CALL TO WORSHIP

Be with us Spirit of God

**For you rejoice in diversity and unity.**

You generate and nurture;

**You dare to risk and you hold safe.**

Speak into us the wisdom of God;

**Bring strength, healing and peace.**

The Lord be with you

**And also with you**

## 2 HYMN

For the healing of the nations,  
    Lord, we pray with one accord;  
for a just and equal sharing  
    of the things that earth affords.  
To a life of love in action  
    help us rise and pledge our word.

Lead your people into freedom,  
    from despair your world release,  
that, redeemed from war and hatred,  
    all may come and go in peace.  
Show us how, through care and goodness,  
    fear will die and hope increase.

All that kills abundant living,  
    let it from the earth be banned:  
pride of status, race or schooling,  
    dogmas that obscure your plan.  
In our common quest for justice  
    may we hallow life's brief span.

You, Creator-God, have written  
    your great name on humankind;  
for our growing in your likeness,  
    bring the life of Christ to mind;  
that by our response and service  
    earth its destiny may find.

3

THE PENITENCE

Dear God of healing and restoration, at times  
We have been blind to the needs of others  
Blind to the hurts and abuses we have caused  
Blind to the privileges we take for granted  
**Lord let our eyes be opened.**

Dear God of healing and restoration, at times  
We have seen our neighbours as enemies  
We cringe in fear of those who are different  
We shame and demean the poor and needy  
**Lord let our eyes be opened.**

Dear God of healing and restoration, at times  
We have refused kindness and compassion  
We have not shared our own bounty  
We have not been a blessing to others  
**Lord let our eyes be opened.**

Give us the power to follow you  
Make us humble enough to carry others  
Make us aware enough to see their need  
**Lord let our eyes be opened. Amen**

May God who loved the world so much that he sent his son to be our Saviour, forgive us our sins,  
pour into our hearts his compassion, his wisdom, and his strength, and make us holy to serve him in  
the world, that all creation may recognise its worth through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### 4 THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Let us pray,

**Lord you called your people out of Egypt  
To new purpose and responsibility in the Promised Land.  
Bind us together in care for each other  
And deepen in us our vocation  
To care for the community of life  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord  
Amen**

#### THE WORD OF GOD

##### *5 The First Reading*

A reading from Romans 14:1-12 or Exodus 14:19-31

*After the reading is said*

Hear the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

6 Psalm 114

**Glory to the Father and to the Son:  
And to the Holy Spirit.  
As it was in the beginning:  
Is now and will be for ever. Amen**

7 *The Gospel*

Listen to the Good News proclaimed in the Gospel according to Matthew 18:21-35

**Glory to Christ our Saviour**

*After the reading*

This is the Gospel of Christ

**Praise to Christ our Lord**

8 *The Sermon*

9 THE CREED (AFFIRMATION OF FAITH)

Together, we affirm our faith:

**I believe and trust in God the Father who made the world  
I believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ who redeemed humankind.  
I believe and trust in his Holy Spirit who gives life to the people of God.  
I believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen**

10 THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

O Great Creator who paints beauty everywhere.  
Weeds have grown up in holy and sacred places.  
All our labour of reconciliation seems in vain  
And the virus threatens to undo our gatherings.

We feel overwhelmed with the troubles.  
People are plagued by many worries.  
The Selfish and the arrogant refuse to see  
That we are interdependent and one family.

You created us, diverse and gifted in beauty  
With resources and talents enough to share,  
Yet we would hoard and hide it for ourselves  
Turning the strangers into our enemies.

Make us one people today, dear Lord  
Make us worry only about the whole family  
Give us your beauty and generous creativity  
That we might be woven together in love.

## Amen

### 11 THE PEACE

You are the peace of all things calm  
You are the place to hide from harm  
You are the light that shines in the dark  
You are the heart's eternal spark  
You are the door that's open wide  
You are the guest who waits inside  
You are the stranger at the door  
You are the calling of the poor

The peace of the Lord be with you always  
**Peace be with you**

### 12 HYMN

Will you let me be your servant,  
Let me be as Christ to you?  
Pray that I may have the grace  
To let you be my servant, too.

We are pilgrims on a journey,  
We are travellers on the road;  
We are here to help each other  
Walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you  
In the night-time of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you,  
Speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping;  
When you laugh I'll laugh with you.  
I will share your joy and sorrow  
'Til we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven  
We shall find such harmony,  
Born of all we've known together  
Of Christ's love and agony

THE PRESENTATION OF GIFTS for pledges and offerings received via internet banking  
Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours. All things come from you, and of your own do we give you. Amen.

### 13 THE GREAT THANKSGIVING –

*Please have some bread and wine/grape juice available*

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread and wine to offer, given by the earth and fruit of the vine, made by human hands.

**For us it becomes the bread of life, the cup of salvation. Blessed be God forever!**

The First SoC Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you

**And also with you**

Lift up your hearts

**We lift them to the Lord**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God of all Creation

**It is right to give God thanks and praise**

You spoke the Word and all that is in heaven and on the earth, all things came to be. Your Spirit hovered over the primal elements, and you brought forth life in forms innumerable, including this our fragile earth, and we amongst its inhabitants.

As our past is in you, so our hope for the future rests with you. As we have turned from your way, so we turn again to the warmth of your love. Through you all things are brought to new life.

And now we give you thanks for the glories of your creation given into our care, and for the opportunities we have to share that richness with all your people.

And so with the wonders of creation and the songs of praise of all your creatures both in heaven and on earth we praise you now and forever saying:

**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.**

In the night that Jesus was betrayed, he took bread, work of human hands, gift of our earth, and gave thanks to God. He broke the bread to speak to us of the breaking of his body upon the cross.

He gave it to his friends and said:

*Take and eat, for this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.*

He took the wine, work of human hands, gift of our earth, and gave thanks to God, Creator. He poured out the wine to speak to us of the pouring out of his blood. He gave it to his friends saying:

*This is my blood of the new covenant, shed for you and for all creation for the forgiveness of sins. Every time you drink of the wine, do this in remembrance of me.*

So we proclaim the mystery of faith

**Christ has died,  
Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again**

Therefore God, we who seek your reconciliation; we who need reconciliation one with another; we who hope for reconciliation with all creation, draw close to this mystery.

In being broken, poured out and buried, life sprang forth again. In the breaking, there is an opening up; in the pouring out, there are the roots of sharing; in the death and burial, there is the seed of the new life to come.

As we look in our world, in our lives, and in our hearts, for his second coming, keep us close to this vision that we have seen. Through the giving in the bread and wine reconcile us to our world. Send upon us, and upon all your creation, the life-giving Spirit who first moved upon the waters of the deep. Stir in us the creative and redeem the destructive. Unite us with you through the body and blood of your Son, your word made flesh.

By whom, and with whom and in whom, in the unity of your Creative Spirit, with all that has been, is, and will be in your universe, we stand before you and worship you, God of all, in songs of everlasting praise,

**Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen**

#### The Lord's Prayer

As Christ has taught us we are bold to 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. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen**

The bread which we break, is it not a sharing of the body of Christ?

**We, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.**

**Jesus Lamb of God have mercy on us, Jesus bearer of our sins have mercy on, Jesus redeemer of the world, give us your peace.**

A moment of quiet

**We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table, but you are the same Lord, whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us.**

**Draw near and receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.**

As we partake of the bread, either on our own, or with those gathered with us we say,  
**The body of Christ, broken for you. Amen**

As we share the wine we say,  
**The blood of Christ, shed for you. Amen**

Pause

#### 14 THE CONCLUSION

Give thanks, for the Lord is gracious  
**His mercy endures forever**

Loving Creator of seasons and lifetimes  
You ask us to follow but we would lead  
You ask us to be humble and deny ourselves  
But we ache to return to greatness that never was.

We want so much to be renewed and energized  
Yet we refuse to let our power go to others  
We hold on tight to the control we don't have  
And refuse to see your face in the need around us.

Let us be like those ancestors before us  
Who always saw the holy in each and everyone  
Who saw your imprint in the sand and mountains  
Who lived for others and lived for the Divine.

Strengthen us for service today and everyday  
Make us humble enough to follow you daily  
Into dark alleys and teeming streets of need  
Let us be the love you wish to share with our world.

#### 15 Notice

#### 16 THE BLESSING

Go out into the world rejoicing,  
And encounter the Creator who waits to meet you there;  
Rejoice in its richness and diversity and  
Live as those who praise God for all its bounty;  
And the blessing of the Creator God,  
The Eternal Father, the Risen Son and  
The promised Holy Spirit  
Bless you that you might be a blessing to  
Others today and always.  
Amen

## DISMISSAL

Tend the earth, care for God's good creation,  
and bring forth the fruits of righteousness.

Love your neighbour and

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

## **17 RECESSIONAL –**

1 For the beauty of the earth,  
for the beauty of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies,

Refrain:

Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our sacrifice of praise.

2 For the beauty of each hour  
of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale and tree and flower,  
sun and moon and stars of light: [Refrain]

3 For the joy of human love,  
brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth, and friends above,  
pleasures pure and undefiled: [Refrain]

4 For each perfect gift of thine,  
to our race so freely given,  
graces human and divine,  
flowers of earth and buds of heaven: [Refrain]

5 For thy church which evermore  
lifteth holy hands above,  
offering up on every shore  
her pure sacrifice of love, [Refrain]