



Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity An Order of the Eucharist

The Gathering

Opening Hymn:

Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.

Jesu, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all thy grace receive;
suddenly return, and never,
never more thy temples leave.

Thee we would be always give blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation,
perfectly restored in thee.

Changed from glory into glory
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise!

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Introductory Sentence:

On this eighteenth Sunday after Trinity we rejoice that, whatever the day or date, God is with us. Whatever our background, God is with us. Whatever mood we are in, God is with us. Whatever may be troubling us, God is with us.

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

The Lord be with you
and also with you

Prayer of Preparation:

**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.**

Confession:

We sometimes forget that God so loved the world that Jesus died to save us from our sins. Let us take a moment to recall that love and remember the times we have fallen short of being the people we could be.

The temptations of this world have been too strong.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

The promise of the next world has sometimes seemed a fantasy.
Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

The troubles of today's world have sometimes seemed no business of ours.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

The Absolution:

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Gloria in Excelsis:

**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 sin 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:

Almighty and everlasting God,
increase in us your gift of faith
that, forsaking what lies behind
and reaching out to that which is before,
we may run the way of your commandments
And win the crown of everlasting joy;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

A Reading from the New Testament: Philippians 4:1-9

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians

¹ Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved ² I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³ Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. ⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸ Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing,

whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 22:1-14

Alleluia, alleluia.

Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.

You have the words of eternal life

Alleluia.

Here the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ²“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ ⁵But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ ¹⁰Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹²and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen.”

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

Reflection:

Because of the APCM taking place this morning there will not be a reflection at this point in our worship.

The Creed:

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came
down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and
the Virgin Mary and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated
at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the
living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the
Son, who with the Father and the Son is
worshipped and glorified
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and
apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the
forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen**

Trusting in the promise of salvation, we give thanks for all the good things in our lives and pray for God's help for the Church, the world and ourselves. Let us pray

Intercessions:

Blessed are you, Lord our God, for you have called us to know you and to love you. You invite us to experience the joy of coming into your presence and to delight in your grace. Lord, we come depending on your grace and goodness. Blessed are you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Good and gracious God, may our lives show the joy of knowing you and your love. Let preachers and teachers encourage all who hear them to come to you in love. Bless all who seek to extend our lives by a vision of your grace and goodness. We pray for your Church in this place. Be with us in this time of great uncertainty and change, show us your way forward that your name may continue to be known. We ask your blessing on our APCM this morning, giving thanks for those who have come forward to serve you as churchwardens, PCC members and Deanery Synod representatives.

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

Good and gracious God, as we go about our daily work may we show our joy in your presence. We ask your blessing upon all who encourage us to relax, to be still and to be attentive. We pray for artists and musicians, for craftspeople and gardeners, for all who beautify our world. We remember all who live in deprived and derelict areas and pray especially for the worlds poor.

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

Good and gracious God, we thank you for the love and attention we have received through our homes and dear ones. We ask your blessing upon our families and friends and the communities in which we live and work. We remember all who strive to improve our environment. We pray for all who are homeless and those who live on the streets and of our towns and cities.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Good and gracious God, we thank you for our well-being. We ask your blessing upon all who are sad or depressed and all whose lives are darkened with troubles. In the silence of our hearts we bring before you friends and loved ones who are ill..... and all those who have asked for our prayers Karen Beale, Sophia Hill, Joanna, Joy & Victor Johnson, David Mullen, Kim Johnstone, Marion & Brian Dethridge, Julie, David Clegg, Seamus McGeoghan, Andrew Coles, Edna Jones, Doris Healey and Layaly Cordier In the quiet of our hearts we pray for any known to us who are in any particular need at this time. We lift to you Heavenly Father the residents, staff and families of Manordene Nursing Home and the pupils, staff, parents and carers of our church primary school.

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer

Good and gracious God, you invite us all into your presence, and to life eternal. May we not lose sight of the eternal through the clamour and call of the world.

We ask your blessing upon our loved ones departed and lift to you all those whose anniversary of death occurs in October Maisie Sirett, Rosina Dyer, Wally Fisher, Peggy Dimmick, Jenny Farrell, Doll Seacombe, Ron Seacombe, Laura Franklin, Lilian Wood and Stanley Kemp. May they rejoice with the saints in the fullness of eternal life.

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer

Merciful Father

accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen

The Liturgy of the Sacrament:

The Peace:

Paul wrote, "Keep on doing the things that you have learned... and the God of peace will be with you."

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Preparation of the table:

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.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation;
through your goodness we have this bread
to set before you,
which earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life.

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation;
through your goodness we have this wine
to set before you,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become for us the cup of salvation.

Blessed be God for ever.

The Eucharistic Prayer:

The Lord is here

His spirit is with us.

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.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.
From sunrise to sunset this day is holy,
for Christ has risen from the tomb
and scattered the darkness of death
with light that will not fade.
This day the risen Lord walks with your gathered people,
unfolds for us your word,
and makes himself known in the breaking of the bread.
And though the night will overtake this day
you summon us to live in endless light,
the never-ceasing sabbath of the Lord.
And so, with choirs of angels
and with all the heavenly host,
we proclaim your glory
and join their unending song of praise:

**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.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.
In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, 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.

Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died:

**Christ is risen:
Christ will come again:**

And so, Father calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once
for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.
As we offer you this our sacrifice
of praise and thanksgiving.
We bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.
Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of St. Edmund
and all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.
Amen

The Lord's Prayer:

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Breaking the Bread:

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in the one bread.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
Have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
Have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
Grant us peace.**

Giving of Communion:

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

**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 our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body and our souls
washed through his most precious blood,
and that we may evermore dwell
in him, and he in us. Amen.**

*During communion we will listen to The Lord's my shepherd, Let there be love, and
Such Love*

Post Communion:

We praise and thank you, O Christ,
for this sacred feast:
for here we receive you,
here the memory of your passion is renewed,
here our minds are filled with grace,
and here a pledge of future glory given,
when we shall feast at the table where you reign
with all the saints for ever.

**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**

The Dismissal

Closing Hymn:

Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore;
Mortals give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Jesus, the Saviour, reigns, the God of truth and love;
When He had purged our stains He took His seat above;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail, He rules o'er earth and heaven,
The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus given;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

He sits at God's right hand till all His foes submit,
And bow to His command, and fall beneath His feet:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope! Jesus the Judge shall come,
And take His servants up to their eternal home.
We soon shall hear th'archangel's voice.
The trump of God shall sound, rejoice!

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

The Blessing:

May you accept with joy God's loving invitation.
May you reject the world's distractions and temptations,
and may you give thanks for the promise of salvation.
And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Amen

The Sending Out:

The Eucharist has ended.
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

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