



## **Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity An Order of the Eucharist**

### **The Gathering**

#### **Opening Hymn:**

To God be the glory, great things he has done!  
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,  
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,  
and opened the life gate that we may go in.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father thro' Jesus the Son,  
and give him the glory, great things he has done!

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!  
To ev'ry believer the promise of God;  
the vilest offender who truly believes,  
that moment from Jesus forgiveness receives.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father thro' Jesus the Son,  
and give him the glory, great things he has done!

Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,  
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
but purer and higher and greater will be  
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father thro' Jesus the Son,  
and give him the glory, great things he has done

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### **Introductory Sentence:**

We gather to worship God our Father, whose forgiveness and  
mercy are as limitless as his love.

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:**

God forgives all who truly repent, and so we bring to the Lord all that we have done wrong and all that we have failed to do.

For the times when we have put our own interests before the needs of others.

Lord have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the times when we have treated others unfairly.

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

For the times when we have failed to forgive.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

### **The Absolution:**

Almighty God,  
who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon us,  
pardon and deliver us from all our sins,  
confirm and strengthen us in all goodness,  
and keep us 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 God,  
whose only Son has opened for us  
a new and living way into your presence:  
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills  
to worship you in spirit and truth;  
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: Romans 14:1-12**

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. <sup>2</sup> Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. <sup>3</sup> Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. <sup>4</sup> Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

<sup>5</sup> Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. <sup>6</sup> Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God.

<sup>7</sup> We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves.

<sup>8</sup> If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. <sup>9</sup> For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

<sup>10</sup> Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. <sup>11</sup> For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God."

<sup>12</sup> So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

For the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Reading:** Matthew 18:21-35

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.**

<sup>21</sup> Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" <sup>22</sup> Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

<sup>23</sup>“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. <sup>24</sup> When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; <sup>25</sup> and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. <sup>26</sup> So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ <sup>27</sup> And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. <sup>28</sup> But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ <sup>29</sup> Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ <sup>30</sup> But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. <sup>31</sup> When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. <sup>32</sup> Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. <sup>33</sup> Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ <sup>34</sup> And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. <sup>35</sup> So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

This is the gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you O Christ.**

**Reflection:**

What is the first thing that comes to mind when you think of the word forgive? Is there a past incident in your life that needs the forgiveness of another person because of a word or action you have done or maybe is there somebody that you need to forgive because of a past hurt done to you?

As Christians God asks us to forgive others the hurts and wrongs that they do to us and that we should ask the forgiveness of others if we are the perpetrators of hurt.

How difficult do you find it to forgive others or say a meaningful sorry when you have done wrong to another? We can all play the blame game and hold onto past hurts, let things fester and relationships break down but is that true to living as a Christian, a child of God? God has revealed his love and forgiveness through his Son Jesus. Through him we are redeemed, healed and forgiven therefore we too should offer forgiveness to those who hurt us.

In our gospel reading today we hear Peter ask Jesus if he should forgive someone who has wronged him as many as seven times. Jesus reply? "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times." In the Bible, seven is symbolic of completeness or totality, and seventy-seven represents complete and utter totality. If someone wrongs us, we must always completely forgive them. It isn't easy is it? I would add a small caveat here, it is extremely hard to forgive somebody who doesn't want to be forgiven or doesn't see that they have done anything wrong.

But let us reflect on the complete and utter totality of the forgiveness God asks of us.

To emphasise the point that he is making Jesus tells a story in which a king orders a slave and his family to be sold for non-payment of an almost impossibly enormous debt. When the slave begs for more time to pay, the king takes pity on him and forgives him the entire debt. But the slave does not do the same when he is owed the equivalent of a couple of months' wages. He uses violence and throws his debtor into prison. When the king is told what has happened, he is angry and punishes the unmerciful slave, just as the slave had punished the one who owed him money.

The message is the same as that in Matthew's version of the Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6v12) which has the line "Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors". After teaching the prayer Jesus elaborates on it, saying, (v14) "For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you; but if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses."

It underlines that forgiveness is, or should be, a never-ending circle. We forgive others because God forgives us and because we forgive others, God forgives us.

A failure to forgive can result in festering resentment; a deep abiding anger that can lead to physical symptoms related to stress, anxiety and depression. If resentment turns to hatred or violence, it can have a devastating impact on individuals and communities, potentially lasting for generations. Failure to forgive can indeed be a form of self-torture that is ultimately more damaging for those who harbour grudges than those with whom they are angry.

On the other hand, research has shown that learning to forgive improves mental and physical health, makes people more hopeful for their future and leads them to grow in kindness, respect, generosity and love towards others. Amen

### **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**

**Intercessions:**

Blessed are you, Lord our God,  
for you have revealed your love and forgiveness  
through your Son Jesus Christ.

Through him we are ransomed, healed and forgiven.  
As we have freely received, may we freely give.  
Blessed are you Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

God of mercy, we come to you for forgiveness and renewal.  
We ask you to bless all who are seeking to change their lives  
and live to serve others and to glorify you.  
Though we are unworthy we seek your acceptance of us.  
May your Church reveal your love  
in its care for all who come to it.  
Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer**

God of mercy, we ask your blessing  
upon the poor, hungry and homeless of the world,  
and all migrant and displaced peoples.  
We pray for all that are struggling with debt, those who are  
bankrupt and all who have lost the little they had, especially  
during this time of pandemic.  
We bring before you all who are fearful for their future.  
Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer**

God of mercy, you have given to us richly; may we richly give.  
Let us not hoard or squander  
the good things that you have given us.  
Let us help those in need and use our gifts to your glory.  
We ask your blessing upon our homes and upon all who have  
enriched our lives by their goodness.  
Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer**

We pray for anyone experiencing ill health or grief. 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 Gary & Dawn, Angie Skinner, Gary Walters, Seamus  
McGeoghan, Andrew Coles, Edna Jones, Terry Kent, Frank &

Seb Sullivan, Doris Healey, Karen Beale, Sophia Hill, Joanna, Joy & Victor Johnson, David Mullen, Kim Johnstone, Marion & Brian Dethridge and Julie. In the quite 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**

Loving and forgiving God, we give thanks that we are ransomed, healed forgiven.

We ask your blessing upon our friends and loved ones departed, that knowing your forgiveness they may rejoice in your love. We lift to you all those whose anniversary of death occurs in September Jack Bruce, Pearl Russell, Geoff Smith, Sheila Rider, Victor Newbon, Jim Avery, Harry Johnson, Janet Askew, Clive Chown, Jack Raine, Phil Lampard, Arthur Letchford and Charlie Budgen.

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:**

We are the body of Christ.

In the one Spirit we were all baptised into the one body. Let us pursue all that makes for peace and builds up our common life.

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 Just as I am without one  
plea, Such Love, Be still for the presence of the Lord*

### **Post Communion:**

Lord God, the source of truth and love,  
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,  
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,  
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



**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:**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!  
Come, ye who hear; now to his temple draw near,  
join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigning;  
shelters thee under his wings, yea so gently sustaining!  
Hast thou not seen how thy desires ever have been  
granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend  
thee;  
surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,  
if with his love he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him.  
Let the Amen sound from his people again;  
gladly for aye we adore him.

*Joachim Neander (1650-1680) trans. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)*

### **The Blessing:**

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; 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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