



**I CANNOT TELL HOW HE WHOM ANGELS WORSHIP**

should stoop to love the peoples of the earth,  
or why as shepherd he should seek the wand'rer  
with his mysterious promise of new birth.  
But this I know, that he was born of Mary,  
when Bethl'em's manger was his only home,  
and that he lived at Nazareth and laboured,  
and so the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is come.

I cannot tell how silently he suffered,  
as with his peace he graced this place of tears,  
or how his heart upon the cross was broken,  
the crown of pain to three and thirty years.  
But this I know, he heals the broken-hearted,  
and stays our sin, and calms our lurking fear,  
and lifts the burden from the heavy laden,  
for yet the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is here.

I cannot tell how he will win the nations,  
how he will claim his earthly heritage,  
how satisfy the needs and aspirations  
of east and west, of sinner and of sage.  
But this I know, all flesh shall see his glory,  
and he shall reap the harvest he has sown,  
and some glad day his sun shall shine in splendour  
when he the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is known.

I cannot tell how all the lands shall worship,  
when, at his bidding, ev'ry storm is stilled,  
or who can say how great the jubilation  
when ev'ry heart with love for him is filled.  
But this I know, the skies will thrill with rapture,  
and myriad, myriad human voices sing,  
and earth to heav'n, and heav'n to earth, will answer:  
'At last the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is King!'

words: William Fullerton

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

*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.**

*Prayers of Penitence*

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:  
The first commandment is this:  
'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord;  
You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,  
with all your soul, with all your mind,  
and with all your strength'.

The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself'.  
There is no other commandment greater than these.  
On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets  
**Amen. Lord, have mercy**

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ to  
save us from our sins, to be our advocate in heaven, and to bring  
us to eternal life.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to  
keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace with all.

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour  
in thought and word and deed,  
through negligence, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,  
forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in  
newness of life  
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

May the Father forgive you  
by the death of his Son  
and strengthen you to live in the power of the Spirit  
all your days. **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*

**God our judge and Saviour,  
teach us to be open to your truth  
and to trust in your love,  
that we may live each day  
with confidence in the salvation which is given  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**



**PSALM: 119:97-104**

<sup>97</sup> Oh, how I love your law!

I meditate on it all day long.

**<sup>98</sup> Your commands are always with me  
and make me wiser than my enemies.**

<sup>99</sup> I have more insight than all my teachers,  
for I meditate on your statutes.

**<sup>100</sup> I have more understanding than the elders,  
for I obey your precepts.**

<sup>101</sup> I have kept my feet from every evil path  
so that I might obey your word.

**<sup>102</sup> I have not departed from your laws,  
for you yourself have taught me.**

<sup>103</sup> How sweet are your words to my taste,  
sweeter than honey to my mouth!

**<sup>104</sup> I gain understanding from your precepts;  
therefore I hate every wrong path.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit  
As it was in the beginning, is now and shall be for ever.  
Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING: JOB 28: 20-END**

<sup>20</sup> Where then does wisdom come from?  
Where does understanding dwell?

<sup>21</sup> It is hidden from the eyes of every living thing,  
concealed even from the birds in the sky.

<sup>22</sup> Destruction and Death say,  
“Only a rumour of it has reached our ears.”

<sup>23</sup> God understands the way to it  
and he alone knows where it dwells,

<sup>24</sup> for he views the ends of the earth  
and sees everything under the heavens.

<sup>25</sup> When he established the force of the wind  
and measured out the waters,  
<sup>26</sup> when he made a decree for the rain  
and a path for the thunderstorm,  
<sup>27</sup> then he looked at wisdom and appraised it;  
he confirmed it and tested it.  
<sup>28</sup> And he said to the human race,  
“The fear of the Lord—that is wisdom,  
and to shun evil is understanding.”

This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**



HYMN

**THE LORD'S MY SHEPHERD, I'll not want;**

He makes me lie in pastures green.  
He leads me by the still, still waters,  
his goodness restores my soul.

*And I will trust in you alone.  
And I will trust in you alone,  
for your endless mercy follows me,  
your goodness will lead me home.*

He guides my ways in righteousness,  
and he anoints my head with oil,  
and my cup, it overflows with joy,  
I feast on his pure delights.

And though I walk the darkest path,  
I will not fear the evil one,  
for you are with me, and your rod and staff  
are the comfort I need to know.

Stuart Townend (b.1963)

## **GOSPEL READING: JOHN 11:17-36**

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

### *Jesus Comforts the Sisters of Lazarus*

<sup>17</sup> On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. <sup>18</sup> Now Bethany was less than two miles<sup>[a]</sup> from Jerusalem, <sup>19</sup> and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother. <sup>20</sup> When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home.

<sup>21</sup> "Lord," Martha said to Jesus, "if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup> But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask."

<sup>23</sup> Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again."

<sup>24</sup> Martha answered, "I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day."

<sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; <sup>26</sup> and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

<sup>27</sup> "Yes, Lord," she replied, "I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world."

<sup>28</sup> After she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary aside. "The Teacher is here," she said, "and is asking for you." <sup>29</sup> When Mary heard this, she got up quickly and went to him. <sup>30</sup> Now Jesus had not yet entered the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. <sup>31</sup> When the Jews who had been with Mary in the house, comforting her, noticed how quickly she got up and went out, they followed her, supposing she was going to the tomb to mourn there.

<sup>32</sup> When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."

<sup>33</sup> When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. <sup>34</sup> "Where have you laid him?" he asked.

"Come and see, Lord," they replied.

<sup>35</sup> Jesus wept.

<sup>36</sup> Then the Jews said, "See how he loved him!"

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The Sermon*



*The Choir now sing an Anthem:*

*Jesu, joy of man's desiring, holy wisdom, love most bright.  
Drawn by thee, our souls aspiring unto uncreated light.  
Life may bring its grief and sorrow; there will be a glorious morrow.  
Thou dost ever lead thine own, in the love of joys unknown*

*(Music by J S Bach)*

*THE CREED*



**The Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

*The Prayers of Intercession*



*Any suitable form may be used*

*These prayers end with...*

Merciful Father

**Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour  
Jesus Christ. Amen**

*THE PEACE*

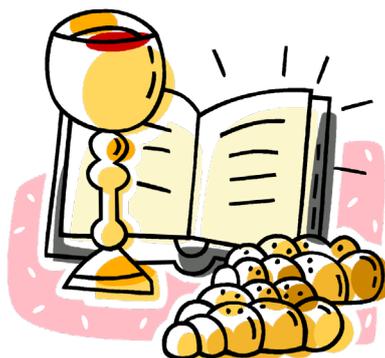


*The priest greets the people in peace*

Accept the peace that God gives, share that peace with others.  
Live in peace, the peace that only God can give.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

## ***The Liturgy of the Sacrament***



*HYMN, while the table is prepared*

**SAFE IN THE SHADOW OF THE LORD,**  
beneath his hand and power,  
I trust in him, I trust in him,  
my fortress and my tower.

My hope is set on God alone,  
though Satan spreads his snare,  
I trust in him, I trust in him,  
to keep me in his care.

From fears and phantoms of the night,  
from foes about my way,  
I trust in him, I trust in him,  
by darkness as by day.

His holy angels keep my feet  
secure from every stone;  
I trust in him, I trust in him,  
and unafraid go on.

Strong in the everlasting Name,  
and in my Father's care,  
I trust in him, I trust in him,  
who hears and answers prayer.

Safe in the shadow of the Lord,  
possessed by love divine,  
I trust in him, I trust in him,  
and meet his love with mine.

Timothy Dudley-Smith (b.1926)

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation.  
You bring forth bread from the earth  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation.  
You create the fruit of the vine.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

## **The Eucharistic Prayer (Prayer A)**

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 indeed right; it is our duty and our joy,  
at all times and in all places  
to give you thanks and praise,  
holy Father, heavenly King,  
almighty and eternal God,  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

For he is your living Word;

through him you have created all things from the beginning  
and formed us in your own image.

Through him you have freed us from the slavery of sin,  
giving him to be born of a woman and to die upon the cross;  
you raised him from the dead and exalted him to your right hand  
on high.

Through him you have sent upon us  
your holy and life-giving Spirit,  
and made us a people for your own possession.

Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and singing:

**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.**

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,  
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
and as we follow his example and obey his command,  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us his body and his blood;  
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.

Therefore, heavenly Father,  
we remember his offering of himself  
made once for all upon the cross;  
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;  
we look for the coming of your kingdom,  
and with this bread and this cup  
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Jesus Christ is Lord  
**Lord, by your cross and resurrection  
you have set us free.  
You are the Saviour of the world**

Accept through him, our great high priest,  
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,  
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts  
in the presence of your divine majesty,  
renew us by your spirit,  
inspire us with your love  
and unite us in the body of your son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,  
we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

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

Let us pray 

As our Saviour taught us, so we 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.  
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.**

*The priest breaks the consecrated 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 one bread.**

*The Invitation*

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.**

**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.**

*The Holy Communion is distributed.*

*Everyone is invited. All who receive Holy Communion in their own churches are welcome. The stewards will guide you.*

*If you would prefer to partake in just one form - a wafer - please indicate by saying "one" to the Priest. If you would like both bread and wine please say "both" and the Priest will then dip your wafer in the wine and place it in your hands. When receiving communion, it is customary to say 'Amen' as you receive the elements.*

*If you do not wish to receive Communion bow your head for a prayer of blessing.*

*Time of Quiet*

<i>Prayers after Communion</i>
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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 is given,  
when we shall feast at that table where you reign  
with all your 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**

*Any notices and announcements.*

*Prayer of God's Blessing*

To the Mighty God, who is able to keep us from falling,  
to the Saving Christ, who upholds all who are down,  
to the powerful Spirit, who restores us to life,  
to our loving and life-giving God be glory and praise;  
and the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you.

**Amen.**

*Hymn*



**I WILL SING THE WONDROUS STORY**

of the Christ who died for me,  
how he left the realms of glory  
for the cross on Calvary.  
Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story  
of the Christ who died for me -  
sing it with his saints in glory,  
gathered by the crystal sea.

I was lost but Jesus found me,  
found the sheep that went astray,  
raised me up and gently led me  
back into the narrow way.  
Days of darkness still may meet me,  
sorrow's path I oft may tread;  
but his presence still is with me,  
by his guiding hand I'm led.

He will keep me till the river  
rolls its waters at my feet:  
then he'll bear me safely over,  
made by grace for glory meet.  
Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story  
of the Christ who died for me -  
sing it with his saints in glory,  
gathered by the crystal sea.

*Dismissal*

Go out from this place, to love and serve the Lord  
**In the name of Christ, Amen**

*Final Voluntary: Hornpipe by G F Handel.*

*Coffee & refreshments in St. Catherine's Aisle. Do come along.*



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