

The Parish Church of All Saints', Sanderstead

Extending God's Welcome to All.

Committed to Grow – in Discipleship, Service and Numbers

PARISH EUCHARIST

Sunday 4th October 2020, Trinity 17



Welcome in the name of Jesus Christ to this service of Holy Communion. [If you need a gluten-free Communion wafer, speak to one of the stewards]

Due to COVID, face coverings are to be worn, and we may not sing.

The virus has an effect on our finances. For one thing, we cannot take a collection. We rely on your giving; there is an offering plate, and also a card machine, by the North door as you exit.

The flowers at the Lectern are from Marc & Fanny Smith to say thank you for the 40+ years they have enjoyed being in Sanderstead at All Saints.

Our theme today is: *Jesus, the Cornerstone*

Please wait in silence and prepare for worship. You may like to meditate on the opening words of the Lord's Prayer,

*'Hallowed be your name,
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done'*

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

Preparation. This prayer is said

**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

Listen and hear my voice; pay attention and hear what I say,
declares the Lord. *Isaiah 28:23*

I spoke to you again and again, but you did not listen; I called to
you, but you did not answer, says the Lord. *Jeremiah 7:13*

The Lord our God is merciful and forgiving, even though we have
rebelled against him; we have not obeyed the Lord our God. We
have turned away, refusing to obey him. *Daniel 9:9-11*

Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves
no regret. *2 Corinthians 7:10.*

[A short pause]

Let us confess our sins;
**Almighty God,
our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you, through our own fault,
in thought, and word, and deed,
and in what we have left undone.
We are heartily sorry,
and repent of all our sins.
For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

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' – sung by the choir

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 minister leads us in the special prayer (the 'Collect') for today

**Almighty God,
you have made us for yourself
and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you.
Pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself,
and so bring us at last to your heavenly city
where we shall see you face to face,
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.
Amen**

The Liturgy of the Word
Please be seated for the Bible Reading

First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-5

The Song of the Vineyard

5 I will sing for the one I love a song about his vineyard:
My loved one had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. ² He dug it up and
cleared it of stones and planted it with the choicest vines.
He built a watchtower in it and cut out a winepress as well.
Then he looked for a crop of good grapes, but it yielded only bad
fruit.

³ "Now you dwellers in Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge
between me and my vineyard. ⁴ What more could have been done
for my vineyard than I have done for it? When I looked for good
grapes, why did it yield only bad?

⁵ Now I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard:
I will take away its hedge, and it will be destroyed; I will break
down its wall, and it will be trampled.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand for the...

Gospel Reading: Matthew 21:33-end

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

The Parable of the Tenants

³³ "Listen to another parable: There was a landowner who planted a
vineyard. He put a wall around it, dug a winepress in it and built a
watchtower. Then he rented the vineyard to some farmers and
moved to another place. ³⁴ When the harvest time approached, he
sent his servants to the tenants to collect his fruit.

³⁵ "The tenants seized his servants; they beat one, killed another,
and stoned a third. ³⁶ Then he sent other servants to them, more
than the first time, and the tenants treated them the same
way. ³⁷ Last of all, he sent his son to them. 'They will respect my
son,' he said.

³⁸ "But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, 'This is the heir. Come, let's kill him and take his inheritance.' ³⁹ So they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.

⁴⁰ "Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?"

⁴¹ "He will bring those wretches to a wretched end," they replied, "and he will rent the vineyard to other tenants, who will give him his share of the crop at harvest time."

⁴² Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures:

"The stone the builders rejected

has become the cornerstone;

the Lord has done this,

and it is marvellous in our eyes'?"

⁴³ "Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit. ⁴⁴ Anyone who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; anyone on whom it falls will be crushed."

⁴⁵ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard Jesus' parables, they knew he was talking about them. ⁴⁶ They looked for a way to arrest him, but they were afraid of the crowd because the people held that he was a prophet.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit

The Sermon

Ring the bright earth - John Parkinson, sung by the choir.

[1. Ring the bright earth with the loving of God, lift it and bring it to him. Give with your heart the work of your hands, offer him all that is his.

Refrain: Bring pain, bring joy, the humblest thing employ, life is this bread, this wine, broken and given for all.

2. Bring to the Lord all the pain of the earth, bless it and bring it to him. Caring and toil, work honestly done, lift them and give them to him.]

The Nicene 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.
With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.
He 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.**

The Prayers of Intercession

This response may be used:
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**

These prayers end with...

Merciful Father

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

The priest greets the people in peace

Where two or three are gathered together in my name, says the Lord, there am I in the midst of them.

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

<i>The table is prepared for the Holy Communion</i>

SONG: *In Christ alone* – sung by the choir

IN CHRIST ALONE MY HOPE IS FOUND,
he is my light, my strength, my song;
this Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! - who took on flesh,
fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
scorned by the ones he came to save:
till on that cross as Jesus died,
the wrath of God was satisfied -
for every sin on him was laid;
here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay,
light of the world by darkness slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious day
up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory
sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
for I am his and he is mine -
bought with the precious blood of Christ.

[cont.]

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
this is the power of Christ in me;
from life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
can ever pluck me from his hand;
till he returns or calls me home,
here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

Stuart Townend (b.1963) Keith Getty (b.1974)

Be present, be present, Lord Jesus Christ, our risen high priest.
Make yourself known in the breaking of bread. **Amen**

The Eucharistic Prayer (Prayer D)

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.

Almighty God, good Father to us all,
your face is turned towards the world.
In love you gave us Jesus your Son
to rescue us from sin and death.
Your Word goes out to call us home to the city where angels sing
your praise. We join with them in heaven's song:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, *[sung by the choir]*
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.

Father of all, we give you thanks for every gift that comes from
heaven.

To the darkness Jesus came as your light.
With signs of faith and words of hope
he touched untouchables with love and washed the guilty clean.

This is his story.

This is our song: Alleluia.

The crowds came out to see your Son
yet at the end they turned on him.
On the night he was betrayed he came to table with his friends
to celebrate the freedom of your people.

This is his story.

This is our song: Alleluia.

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food;
he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said:
This is my body, given for you all.
Jesus then gave thanks for the wine;
he took the cup, gave it and said:
this is my blood, shed for you all for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this in remembrance of me.

This is his story.

This is our song: Alleluia.

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup
we celebrate the cross on which he died to set us free.
Defying death he rose again
and is alive with you to plead for us and all the world.

This is his story.

This is our song: Alleluia.

Send your Spirit on us now
that by these gifts we may feed on Christ
with opened eyes and hearts on fire.
May we and all who share this food
offer ourselves to live for you
and be welcomed at your feast in heaven
where all creation worships you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

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 the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.

The Invitation

Christ welcomes you to his table.
Draw near with faith.

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.

The body of Christ keep you in eternal life. **Amen**

The blood of Christ keep you in eternal life. **Amen**

Time of Quiet

Prayer after Communion

**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 - *Christ is made the sure foundation* – sung by the choir

CHRIST IS MADE THE SURE FOUNDATION,

Christ the head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord, and precious,
binding all the Church in one,
holy Sion's help for ever,
and her confidence alone.

To this temple, where we gather,
come, O Lord of Hosts, today;
with thy wonted loving-kindness,
hear thy servants as they pray,
and thy fullest benediction
shed within its walls always.

Here vouchsafe to all thy servants
what they ask of thee to gain,
what they gain from thee for ever
with the blessed to retain,
and hereafter in thy glory
evermore with thee to reign.

Praise and honour to the Father,
praise and honour to the Son,
praise and honour to the Spirit,
ever Three and ever One;
consubstantial, co-eternal,
while unending ages run.

'Urbs beata Jerusalem' (c. 7th century) trans. John Mason Neale (1818-1866) alt.

Prayer of God's 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.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Please

*... Remain seated until the stewards direct everyone out of the
building through the NORTH door.
... Place your offering in the plate or use the card machine.
... Use hand sanitizer as you leave.*

