



## **Holy Communion**

**14 January 2024, 10am**

**“Glorifying God”**

### **Welcome**

Loving God, we have come to worship you.

**Help us to pray to you in faith,  
to sing your praise with gratitude,  
and to listen to your word with eagerness;  
through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

### **Song (991)**

<sup>1</sup>*Men:* I will worship (*Women:* I will worship)  
With all of my heart (with all of my heart),  
I will praise you (I will praise you)  
With all of my strength (all my strength).  
I will seek you (I will seek you)  
All of my days (all of my days),  
I will follow (I will follow)  
All of your ways (all your ways).

<sup>2</sup>I will bow down (I will bow down),  
Hail you as King (hail you as King),  
I will serve you (I will serve you),  
Give you everything (give you everything).  
I will lift up (I will lift up)  
My eyes to your throne (my eyes to your throne),

I will trust you (I will trust you),  
I will trust you alone (trust you alone).

(David Ruis)

### **Song (1348)**

*Praise God from whom all  
blessings flow,*

*Praise him all creatures here  
below.*

*Praise him above, you heavenly  
host,*

*Praise Father, Son and Holy  
Ghost.*

*(Repeat)*

Give glory to the Father,  
Give glory to the Son,  
Give glory to the Spirit  
While endless ages run.

'Worthy the Lamb'

All heaven cries,

'To be exalted thus:'

'Worthy the Lamb'

Our hearts reply,

'For He was slain for us.'

*Praise God from whom all  
blessings flow,*

*Praise God from whom all  
blessings flow.(x4)*

(Dave Clifton and Andy Piercy)

*Praise God...*

*Praise God...*

### **Song (1259)**

*Bless the Lord, O my soul,*

*O my soul, worship his holy name.*

*Sing like never before, O my soul.*

*I'll worship your holy name.*

<sup>1</sup>The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning;

It's time to sing your song again.

Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,

Let me be singing when the evening comes.

<sup>2</sup>You're rich in love and you're slow to anger,

Your name is great and your heart is kind.

For all your goodness I will keep on singing;

Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

<sup>3</sup>And on that day when my strength is failing,  
The end draws and my time has come,  
Still my soul will sing your praise unending:  
Ten thousand years and then forevermore.

(Jonas Myrin and Matt Redman)

### **Confession**

Most merciful God,  
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
we confess that we have sinned  
in thought, word and deed.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart.  
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.  
In your mercy  
forgive what we have been,  
help us to amend what we are,  
and direct what we shall be;  
that we may do justly,  
love mercy,  
and walk humbly with you, our God.  
Amen.

### **Absolution**

### **Collect**

### **Prayer for Sonlight**

### **Readings**

#### ***Psalm 145***

- <sup>1</sup> I will extol you, my God and King,  
and bless your name for ever and ever.
- <sup>2</sup> Every day I will bless you,  
and praise your name for ever and ever.
- <sup>3</sup> Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;  
his greatness is unsearchable.
- <sup>4</sup> One generation shall laud your works to another,  
and shall declare your mighty acts.
- <sup>5</sup> On the glorious splendour of your majesty,  
and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.
- <sup>6</sup> The might of your awesome deeds shall be proclaimed,

and I will declare your greatness.  
7 They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness,  
and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.  
8 The Lord is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.  
9 The Lord is good to all,  
and his compassion is over all that he has made.  
10 All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,  
and all your faithful shall bless you.  
11 They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom,  
and tell of your power,  
12 to make known to all people your mighty deeds,  
and the glorious splendour of your kingdom.  
13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,  
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.  
The Lord is faithful in all his words,  
and gracious in all his deeds.  
14 The Lord upholds all who are falling,  
and raises up all who are bowed down.  
15 The eyes of all look to you,  
and you give them their food in due season.  
16 You open your hand,  
satisfying the desire of every living thing.  
17 The Lord is just in all his ways,  
and kind in all his doings.  
18 The Lord is near to all who call on him,  
to all who call on him in truth.  
19 He fulfils the desire of all who fear him;  
he also hears their cry, and saves them.  
20 The Lord watches over all who love him,  
but all the wicked he will destroy.  
21 My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord,  
and all flesh will bless his holy name for ever and ever.

### **1 Corinthians 6:9-20**

9 Do you not know that wrongdoers will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived! Fornicators, idolaters, adulterers, male prostitutes, sodomites, 10 thieves, the greedy, drunkards, revilers, robbers – none of these will inherit the kingdom of God. 11 And this is what some of you used to be. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God.

<sup>12</sup> 'All things are lawful for me', but not all things are beneficial. 'All things are lawful for me', but I will not be dominated by anything. <sup>13</sup> 'Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food', and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. <sup>14</sup> And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. <sup>15</sup> Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! <sup>16</sup> Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, 'The two shall be one flesh.' <sup>17</sup> But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. <sup>18</sup> Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. <sup>19</sup> Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? <sup>20</sup> For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Sermon**

### **Song (151)**

For I'm building a people of power,  
And I'm making a people of praise  
That will move through this land by my Spirit,  
And will glorify my precious name.

Build your church, Lord,  
Make us strong, Lord,  
Join our hearts, Lord, through your Son.  
Make us one, Lord,  
In your body,  
In the kingdom of your Son.

(Dave Richards)

### **Affirmation of faith**

Though he was divine,  
he did not cling to equality with God,  
but made himself nothing.  
Taking the form of a slave,  
he was born in human likeness.  
He humbled himself

and was obedient to death,  
even the death of the cross.  
Therefore God has raised him on high,  
and given him the name above every name:  
that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bow,  
and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.

## **Prayers**

### **The Peace**

#### **Hymn (560)**

<sup>1</sup>Praise my soul, the King of  
heaven;  
To his feet thy tribute bring.  
Ransomed, healed, restored,  
forgiven,  
Who like thee his praise should  
sing?  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Praise the everlasting King!

<sup>2</sup>Praise him for his grace and  
favour  
To our fathers in distress;  
Praise him, still the same forever,  
Slow to chide, and swift to bless.  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Glorious in his faithfulness.

<sup>3</sup>Father-like, he tends and spares  
us;  
Well our feeble frame he knows;  
In his hands he gently bears us,  
Rescues us from all our foes.  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Widely as his mercy flows.

<sup>4</sup>Angels, help us to adore him;  
Ye behold him face to face;  
Sun and moon, bow down before  
him,  
Dwellers all in time and space.  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Praise with us the God of grace!

(Henry Francis Lyte)

### **Prayer of thanks for our offering**

## **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.**

All honour and praise...

...and sing our joyful hymn 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.**

Accept our praises...

...the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.**

Accept through him...

...in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power**

**be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **The Lord's prayer**

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 breaking of 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.**

## **Receiving Communion**

### **Hymn (48)**

<sup>1</sup>Be still and know that I am God.  
Be still and know that I am God.  
Be still and know that I am God.

<sup>2</sup>I am the Lord that healeth thee.  
I am the Lord that healeth thee.  
I am the Lord that healeth thee.

<sup>3</sup>In thee, O Lord, I put my trust.  
In thee, O Lord, I put my trust.  
In thee, O Lord, I put my trust.

(Anonymous)

### **Hymn (673)**

<sup>1</sup>There is a Redeemer,  
Jesus, God's own son,  
Precious lamb of God, Messiah,  
Holy one.

<sup>2</sup>Jesus my Redeemer,  
Name above all names,  
Precious lamb of God, Messiah,  
O for sinners slain.

*Thank you, O my Father,  
For giving us your Son,  
And leaving your Spirit—  
Till the work on earth is done.*

<sup>3</sup>When I stand in glory  
I will see his face,  
And there I'll serve my King forever  
In that holy place.

(Melody Green)

### **Hymn (564)**

<sup>1</sup>Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear,  
Brothers and sisters, draw near,  
Praise him in glad adoration.

<sup>2</sup>Praise to the Lord, who o'er things so wondrously reigneth,  
Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth:  
Has thou not seen? All that is needful has been  
Granted in what he ordaineth.

<sup>3</sup>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,  
Who with his love doth befriend thee.

<sup>4</sup>Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath 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 (tr. Catherine Winkworth))

### **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.

### **Notices and family news**

#### **Song (1024)**

<sup>1</sup>All my days I will sing this song of gladness,  
Give my praise to the Fountain of delights;  
For in my helplessness you heard my cry,  
And waves of mercy poured down on my life.

<sup>2</sup>I will trust in the cross of my Redeemer,  
I will sing of the blood that never fails;  
Of sins forgiven, of conscience cleansed,  
Of death defeated and life without end.

*Beautiful Saviour, Wonderful Counsellor,  
Clothed in majesty, Lord of history,  
You're the Way, the Truth, the Life.  
Star of the Morning, glorious in holiness,  
You're the Risen One, heaven's Champion,  
And you reign, you reign over all!*

<sup>3</sup>I long to be where the praise is never-ending,  
Yearn to dwell where the glory never fades;  
Where countless worshippers will share one song,

And cries of 'worthy' will honour the Lamb!

*Beautiful Saviour, Wonderful Counsellor,  
Clothed in majesty, Lord of history,  
You're the Way, the Truth, the Life.  
Star of the Morning, glorious in holiness,  
You're the Risen One, heaven's Champion,  
And you reign, you reign over all!*

(Stuart Townend)

## **Blessing**

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