**Holy Communion for Sunday 11 October 2020**

**18th Sunday after Trinity**

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

**Amen.**

**The Greeting**

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**

God the Father forgives us in Christ and heals us by the Holy Spirit.

Let us therefore put away all anger and bitterness, all slander and malice,

and confess our sins to God our redeemer.

Father, you come to meet us when we return to you:

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Jesus, you died on the cross for our sins:

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Spirit, you give us life and peace:

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

*The president says*

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** *(please stand)*

**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.**

**New Testament Reading**

**Philippians 4:1-9**

**4**Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends!

2I plead with Euodia and I plead with Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. 3Yes, and I ask you, my true companion, help these women since they have contended at my side in the cause of the gospel, along with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

4Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! 5Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. 6Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

8Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. 9Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**The Gospel**

**Matthew 22:1-14**

Hear 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, maltreated 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.’

*At the end*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

**The Creed**

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,  
source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?  
**We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,      
who took our human nature,  
died for us and rose again?  
**We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
who gives life to the people of God  
and makes Christ known in the world?  
**We believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith

of the Church.  
**This is our faith.  
We believe and trust in one God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**Prayers of Intercession**

Lord, in your mercy

**hear our prayer.**

(or)

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

*And at the end*

Merciful Father,

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

**The Peace**

*The peace is introduced*

The peace of the Lord be always with you

**and also with you.**

**Hymn:**

**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.**

*The table is prepared*

*The president takes the bread and wine.*

**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.**

Almighty God, good Father to us all,

your face is turned towards your 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,**

**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:**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

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:**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

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 our story.

**This is our song:**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

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 our story.

**This is our song:**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

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.**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

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.**

**Breaking of the Bread**

*The president 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 Agnus Dei may be used as the bread is broken*

**Jesus, Lamb of God,  
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins,  
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, redeemer of the world,  
grant us peace.**

**Giving of Communion**

God’s holy gifts

for God’s holy people.

**Jesus Christ is holy,**

**Jesus Christ is Lord,**

**to the glory of God the Father.**

*The president and people receive communion.*

*Authorized words of distribution are used and the communicant replies*

**Amen.**

**Prayer after 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 is given,

when we shall feast at that table where you reign

with all your saints for ever. **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.**

**Hymn:**

**Dismissal**

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.**

*A minister says*

Go in peace

to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**