



<u>Face Masks</u>

As per government guidelines, please wear a face covering in church. Those who are leading/reading at the service may remove their face covering whilst they are leading/reading but must observe socialdistancing whilst doing so.

Contact Tracing

We are obliged to get the contact details of everyone who attends this service. These will only be used in the event of someone attending the service being diagnosed with Covid-19, in which event, they will be passed to the health authorities for Contact Tracing purposes. Please complete the form which is available at the church doors and drop into the box provided. If they are not required for Contact Tracing purposes, they will be destroyed after 28 days.

<u>Hymn Singing</u>

Due to the Covid-19 restrictions we are not permitted to sing in church this morning. Charles Pearson, our organist, is going to play the tune of the hymns chosen for this service and I invite you to reflect upon the words which have been included in this service sheet as you listen to the music.

Greeting

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

Hymn No. 420 (I am the bread of life)

[Verses 1-3]

'I am the bread of life. They who come to me shall not hunger; they who believe in me shall not thirst

No-one can come to me unless drawn by the Father.'

'And I will raise them up, And I will raise them up, And I will raise them up on the last day.'

'They bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world, and they who eat of this bread, they shall live for ever, they shall live for ever.'

'Unless you eat of the flesh of the Son of Man, and drink of his blood, and drink of his blood, you shall not have life within you.' <u>Collect for Purity</u> 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 Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Please sit or kneel)

The Penitence

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.

This is the first and great commandment.

And the second is like it.

You shall love your neighbour as yourself.

On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets.

Lord, have mercy on us, and write these laws in our hearts.

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ, to save us from our sins, to intercede for us in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life. Let us then confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace.

(Silence)

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned in thought and word and deed,

and in what we have left undone. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may walk in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

Almighty God,

who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy on you,

pardon and deliver you from all your sins,

confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,

and keep you in eternal life;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Gloria – we are omitting the Gloria as we are required to keep the service as short as possible

<u>The Collect of the Ninth Sunday</u> <u>after Trinity</u>

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of his grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

<u>The Gradual Hymn - Hymn No. 403</u> (Sanctuary)

Bread of the world, in mercy broken, wine of the soul, in mercy shed, by whom the words of life were spoken,

and in whose death our sins are dead; look on the heart by sorrow broken, look on the tears by sinners shed; and be your feast to us the token that by your grace our souls are fed.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

(Please stand, if you are able)

<u> The Holy Gospel - John 6: 24-35</u>

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to John, chapter 6, beginning at verse 24.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

²⁴So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

25 When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' ²⁶Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.' ²⁸Then they said to him, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?' ²⁹Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.' ³⁰So they said to him, 'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? ³¹Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness: as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat." ' ³²Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to

the world.' ³⁴They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.' **35** Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

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



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The Sermon

(Please stand)

<u>The Nicene Creed (shortened version)</u> 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. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, Amen.

(Please kneel or sit)

<u>Intercessions</u> Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer*.

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

Due to the Covid-19 restrictions we are not permitted to share a sign of peace in the way that we usually would... maybe a smile or a wave would be good!



(Please stand, if you are able)

<u>The Peace</u>

Jesus said, A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. John 13: 34

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

<u>Offertory Hymn - Hymn No. 425</u> (Maryton)

The Offertory Hymn is going to be played by Charles Pearson, as an instrumental piece.

THE MINISTRY OF THE SACRAMENT

Christ, our passover has been sacrificed for us, therefore let us celebrate the feast.

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 him thanks and praise.

Father, almighty and everliving God, at all times and in all places, it is right to give you thanks and praise: and so with all your people, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying: 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!

(Please feel free to stand, sit or kneel)

Blessed are you, Father, the creator and sustainer of all things; you made us in your own image; male and female you created us; even when we turned away from you, you never ceased to care for us, but in your love and mercy you freed us from the slavery of sin, giving your only begotten Son to become man and suffer death on the cross to redeem us; he made there the one complete and allsufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world: he instituted, and in his holy Gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death until he comes again:

On the night that he was betrayed he took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, 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 when he had given thanks to you, he gave it to them, saying, Drink this, all of you, for 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, Father, with this bread and this cup we do as Christ your Son commanded:

we remember his passion and death, we celebrate his resurrection and ascension, and we look for the coming of his kingdom.

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; and as we eat and drink these holy gifts, grant by the power of the life-giving Spirit that we may be made one in your holy Church and partakers of the body and blood of your Son, that he may dwell in us and we in him:

Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, Almighty Father, for ever and ever. Amen. The Lord's Prayer



<u>Breaking of the Bread</u> The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ. **We being many are one body**,

for we all share in the one bread.

<u>Invitation</u>

Due to COVID-19 restrictions and in the interests of having as little movement of the congregation as possible, please remain in your seat to receive Holy Communion.

The Communion



The Great Silence

You are invited to take some time to reflect, having received Holy Communion.

<u>The Post Communion Prayer</u> Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God: In that new world where you reveal the fulness of your peace, gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen who has come into the world.

<u>The Dismissal</u> Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **In the name of Christ**. **Amen**.

In the interests of trying to keep all who come to our churches safe, please take away this service sheet and any other items that you may have brought with you or used in church this morning. Thank you.

Stay well and stay safe.

<u>The Blessing</u>

Hymn No. 420 (I am the bread of life) [Verses 4-5]

'I am the Resurrection, I am the Life. They who believe in me, even if they die, they shall live for ever.'

'And I will raise them up, And I will raise them up, And I will raise them up on the last day.'

Yes Lord, we believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God

<u>SERVICES NEXT</u> SUNDAY

8.30 Holy Communion in ST Thomas' Church

10.30 MORNING PRAYER IN ST PHILIP AND ST JAMES' CHURCH (LIVE-STREAMED)

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