#### **Face Masks**

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 social-distancing 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.

#### **Hymn Singing**

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.



### <u>Greeting</u>

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

## Opening Hymn No. 448 (The Feast is Ready)

The trumpets sound, the angels sing, the feast is ready to begin; the gates of heaven are open wide, and Jesus welcomes you inside.

Sing with thankfulness songs of pure delight,

come and revel in heaven's love and light;

take your place at the table of the King -

the feast is ready to begin, the feast is ready to begin.

Tables are laden with good things: O taste the peace and joy he brings! He'll fill you up with love divine, he'll turn your water into wine.

The hungry heart he satisfies, offers the poor his paradise. Now hear, all heaven and earth applaud the amazing goodness of the Lord!

(Please stand)

Collect for Purity

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

## The Collect of the 11th Sunday after Trinity

O God,

you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity:

Mercifully grant to us such a measure

of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

#### THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

## The Gradual Hymn - It's Your Blood (No. 250, The Source 1)

It's your blood that cleanses me, it's your blood that gives me life, it's your blood that took my place in redeeming sacrifice, and washes me whiter than the snow, than the snow.

My Jesus,
God's precious sacrifice.

(Please stand, if you are able)

## The Holy Gospel - John 6: 51-58

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to John, chapter 6, beginning at verse 51.

## Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

own from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.'

52 The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, 'How can this man

give us his flesh to eat?' 53 So Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. 54 Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; 55 for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. <sup>56</sup>Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. <sup>57</sup> Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. 58 This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever'

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

(Please sit)

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My Jesus,

God's precious sacrifice.

#### The Sermon

(Please stand, if you are able)

The Nicene Creed (shortened version)
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)

## The Peace

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.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Due to the Covid-19 restrictions we will be having a retiring collection; there are baskets at the doors of the church in which you may place your collection or envelope. You may wish to donate to the church online or electronically and the treasurers would be happy to give you the required details.

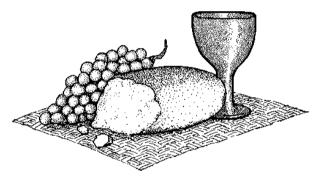
## Offertory Hymn - Hymn No. 451 (Aurelia - Hymn No. 528)

We come as guests invited when Jesus bids us dine, his friends on earth united to share the bread and wine; the bread of life is broken, the wine is freely poured for us, in solemn token of Christ our dying Lord.

We eat and drink, receiving from Christ the grace we need,

and in our hearts believing on him by faith we feed; with wonder and thanksgiving for love that knows no end, we find in Jesus living our ever-present friend.

One bread is ours for sharing, one single fruitful vine, our fellowship declaring renewed in bread and wine: renewed, sustained and given by token, sign and word, the pledge and seal of heaven, the love of Christ our Lord.



# THE MINISTRY OF THE SACRAMENT

The Taking of the Bread and Wine Christ, our passover has been sacrificed for us, therefore let us celebrate the feast.

The Great Thanksgiving - Prayer 3
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, Lord of all creation, we praise you for your goodness and your love. When we turned away you did not reject us.

You came to meet us in your Son, welcomed us as your children and prepared a table where we might feast with you.

In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us.

He opened wide his arms upon the cross and, with love stronger than death, he made the perfect sacrifice for sin.

Lord Jesus Christ, our redeemer, on the night before you died you came to table with your friends.

Taking bread, you gave thanks, broke it and gave it to them saying,
Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

Lord Jesus we bless you: you are the bread of life.

At the end of supper you took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, 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.

Lord Jesus, we bless you: you are the true vine.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ: dying, you destroyed our death, rising, you restored our life; Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Holy Spirit, giver of life, come upon us now; may this bread and wine be to us the body and blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

As we eat and drink these holy gifts make us, who know our need of grace, one in Christ, our risen Lord.

Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Blessed Trinity: with your whole Church throughout the world we offer you this sacrifice of thanks and praise and lift our voice to join the song of heaven, 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!

Thanks be to you, our God, for your gift beyond words.

Amen. Amen. Amen.

## The Lord's Prayer



## Breaking of the Bread

Jesus' disciples recognised him in the breaking of the bread:

may we recognise him in our midst and in each other.

#### The Invitation

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. Everyone is very welcome to receive Holy Communion.

#### The Communion



#### The Great Silence

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

#### The Post-Communion Prayer

Lord of all mercy, we your faithful people have celebrated

the memorial of that single sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace.
By our communion

keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

## The Blessing

### The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

## Hymn No. 443 (The Ash Grove)

Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,

the people of God from his table take leave.

The supper is ended; O now be extended

the fruits of his service in all who believe.

The seed of his teaching, our hungry souls reaching,

shall blossom in action for God and for all.

His grace shall incite us, his love shall unite us

to further God's kingdom and answer his call.

With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living,

the tasks of our everyday life we will face.

Our faith every sharing, in love ever caring,

we claim as our neighbours the whole human race.

One bread that has fed us, one light that has led us,

unite us as one in his life that we share.

Then may all the living, with praise and thanksgiving,

give honour to Christ and his name that we bear.

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## **Services next Sunday**

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

10.30 United Service of the Word in St Philip and St James' Church

(live-streamed)