



**Holy Communion**  
Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2021

**The church has been thoroughly cleaned and prepared for worship.  
Please work with us to keep everyone as safe as possible.**

- Observe social distancing at all times.
- Sanitise your hands on entering, before receiving Communion and as you leave the church.
- Say the responses quietly.
- Enjoy the music –but resist singing along!
- Place your financial gift in the offering plate by the font.
- Keep what you touch to a minimum.

Thank you.

## **THE GATHERING**

### **Welcome**

*The Priest greets everyone*

*Please stand if you are able*

### **The Greeting**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**All He is risen indeed. Alleluia**

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ:

**All He has given us new life and hope  
by raising Jesus from the dead.**

God has claimed us as his own;

**All He has made us light to the world.**

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### **Prayer of Preparation**

**All 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**

## Hymn: **Come People of the Risen King**

1        Come people of the risen king,  
          who delight to bring him praise;  
          come all and tune your hearts to sing  
          to the Morning Star of grace.  
          From the shifting shadows of the earth  
          we will lift our eyes to him,  
          where steady arms of mercy reach  
          to gather children in.  
          *Rejoice, rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!*  
          *One heart, one voice; O Church of Christ, rejoice!*

2        Come, those whose joy is morning sun,  
          and those weeping through the night;  
          come, those who tell of battles won,  
          and those struggling in the fight.  
          For his perfect love will never change,  
          and his mercies never cease,  
          but follow us through all our days  
          with the certain hope of peace.  
          *Refrain*

3        Come, young and old from every land-  
          men and women of the faith;  
          come, those with full or empty hands-  
          find the riches of his grace.  
          Over all the world, his people sing-  
          shore to shore we hear them call  
          the truth that cries through every age  
          'Our God is all in all'!  
          *Refrain*

Kristyn Getty, Keith Getty (born 1974) and Stuart Townend (born 1963)

*We sit or kneel*

## **Invitation to confession**

*The Deacon introduces the prayer using these words:*

In baptism we died with Christ,  
so that as Christ was raised from the dead,  
we might walk in newness of life.  
Let us receive new life in him  
as we confess our sins in penitence and faith.

*We keep a moment of silence*

Lord Jesus, you raise us to new life.  
Lord, have mercy.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you forgive us our sins.  
Christ, have mercy.

**All Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you feed us with the living bread.  
Lord, have mercy.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

## **Absolution**

May the God of love and power  
forgive you and free you from your sins,  
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,  
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

**All Amen**

*Please stand if you are able*

## **Gloria in Excelsis Deo**

*Chorus:*

*Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo,  
Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo.*

Lord God, heavenly King,  
Peace you bring to us;  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we sing our song of praise.

Jesus, Saviour of all,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
You take away our sins, O Lord,  
have mercy on us all.

At the Father's right hand,  
Lord, receive our prayer,  
for you alone are the Holy One,  
and you alone are Lord.

Glory, Father and Son,  
Glory, Holy Spirit,  
To you we raise our hands up high,  
we glorify your name.

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## **The Collect**

*We sit*

## **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

### **First Reading**

**Acts 3: 1-10** read by Gemma Mueller-Leung, a member of PraiseMakers.

**Acts 3: 11-21** read by Sana ILahi, successful asylum seeker!

*At the end the reader says:*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

*We keep a moment of silence*

### **The band sing:**

Come all you people,  
come and praise your Maker,  
come all you people,  
come and praise your Maker,  
come all you people,  
come and praise your Maker,  
come now and worship the Lord.

Alexander Gondo  
Original Shona text *Uyai mose*

### **Gospel Reading**

*Please stand if you are able and turn to face the Deacon or reader*

Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.

**All Alleluia.**

He has defeated the powers of death.

**All Alleluia.**

Jesus turns our sorrow into dancing.

**All Alleluia.**

He has the words of eternal life.

**All Alleluia.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *Luke*.  
**All**      **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the end the Deacon or Reader says:*

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

*We sit*  
**Sermon**

*Please stand if you are able*  
**The Creed**

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.  
**All**      **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.**

*We sit or kneel*

## **Prayers of Intercession – led by David Morgan**

*To the bidding:* God of love

*We respond:* **hear our prayer.**

*At the end, we say:*

**All** Lord of the Church  
**hear our prayer,**  
**and make us one in heart and mind**  
**to serve you with joy forever.**  
**Amen.**

*We stand if we are able*

### **The Peace**

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said,  
'Peace be with you.'

Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia!

**All** The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*All may exchange a sign of peace as appropriate in these Covid-times*

### **Hymn or music**

*The gifts of the people will be presented, and bread and wine placed upon the table.*

## Preparation of the Table

Let us pray.

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

*We sit*

## The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.

**All**      **His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

**All**      **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All**      **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Lord of all life,  
you created the universe,  
where all living things reflect your glory.  
You give us this great and beautiful earth,  
to discover and to cherish.

You give us happy times  
and things to celebrate.  
In these we taste your kingdom,  
a feast for all your children.

You made us all,  
each wonderfully different,  
to join with the angels  
and sing your praise:

*We listen to singing:*

**Holy, holy,  
Holy is the Lord God Almighty.  
Holy, holy,  
Holy is the Lord God Almighty.  
Who was and is and is to come,**

***Lift up his name with the sound of singing,  
Lift up his name in all the earth.  
Lift up your voice and give Him glory,  
For He is worthy to be praised.  
Lift up his name!***

Nathan Fellingham (b.1977)

We thank you, loving Father,  
because, when we turned away,  
you sent Jesus, your Son.  
He gave his life for us on the cross  
and shows us the way to live.  
Send your Holy Spirit  
that these gifts of bread and wine  
may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

On the night before he died,  
when darkness had fallen,  
Jesus took bread.  
He gave thanks, broke it,  
and shared it with his disciples, saying:

'This is my body, given for you.  
Do this to remember me.'

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine,  
gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying:  
'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many,  
for the forgiveness of sins.'

So Father, with this bread and this cup  
we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life.

As you feed us with these gifts,  
send your Holy Spirit,  
and change us more and more  
to be like Jesus our Saviour.

Help us, Father, to love one another,  
as we look forward to that day  
when suffering is ended,  
and all creation is gathered in your loving arms.  
And now with St Columba and all your saints  
we give you glory,  
through Jesus Christ,  
in the strength of the Spirit,  
today and for ever.

**All**      **Amen**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Rejoicing in God's new creation,  
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**All**      **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 forever. Amen.**

## ***The Breaking of Bread***

*The priest breaks the consecrated bread:*

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

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

*We listen to singing:*

**Lamb of God, You take away**  
**all the sin of the world;**  
**have mercy, Lord, on us all;**  
**give peace. (repeat)**

**Jesus Christ, Lamb of God,**  
**bearer of all our sin;**  
**Redeemer of all the world,**  
**Grant us peace. (repeat)**

## **Giving of Communion**

*The president says the invitation to Communion*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**All Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The Body of Christ

*You will be invited to sanitise your hands. Please come to the altar to receive communion as directed.*

*During Communion music is played.*

*We remain seated.*

*Silence is kept.*

## **Prayer after Communion**

The President may say a prayer.

**All Father of all, we give you thanks and praise,  
that when we were still far off you met us in your Son  
and brought us home.**

**Dying and living, he declared your love,  
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.**

**May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;**

**we who drink his cup bring life to others;**

**we whom the spirit lights give light to the world.**

**Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,**

**so we and all your children shall be free,**

**and the whole earth live to praise your name;**

**through Christ our Lord.**

**Amen**

## Notices and Banns of Marriage

### The Dismissal

*We stand if we are able*

### Hymn **10,000 Reasons to Praise the Lord**

*[Chorus]*

*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*

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

*[Chorus]*

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

*[Chorus]*

And on that day when my strength is failing

The end draws near and my time has come

Still my soul will sing Your praise unending

Ten thousand years and then forevermore

*[Chorus x2]*

Matt Redman and Jonas Myrin

*We remain standing*

## Blessing

God the Father,  
by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead,  
strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life.

And the blessing of almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit  
be among you and remain with you always.

**All Amen**

With the life of the risen Christ within you,  
go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**All In the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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