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'Serving God, serving each other, serving community'

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10.30am
Morning Worship & Holy Communion
Revd Ian Griffiths

Church Stewards on duty: Neil Oastler & Carolyn Hawkes

A special welcome to any visitors joining us today

There is an **Open Prayer Book** in the Welcome Area for you to enter the name of any situation or person you wish to remember during the service. There is also a **Prayer Box** for requests which, for any reason, need to remain confidential, and each individual will be prayed for by name later in the week, and in confidence, by the Prayer Group.

Our **Jesus & Me (Children's) Group** meets today and any new or visiting children are very welcome to join them. Please speak to one of the Stewards. Or children are welcome to stay in the Service or enjoy the toys in the Welcome Area.

You are very welcome to enjoy a cup of coffee or tea after today's service. Thanks to today's Coffee Rota volunteers: Scilla & Griff Fellows

Thanks to David Perrow for the flowers.

Welcome & Notices

Time of Quiet

Call to worship

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.
Worship the Lord with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.

Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise.
Give thanks to him, bless his name.

For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures for ever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.

 **Jesus calls us here to meet him**

StF 28

Prayer

 **God of the pilgrim way**

God of the pilgrim way, guide of each generation,
through ever-changing years our sure and firm foundation:
we turn to you, the source of all that's good and true,
the never-failing store of treasures old and new.

We praise you for the lives of those who went before us,
saints honoured, saints unsung, the witness which they bore us;
for those who took to heart the prayer of Christ the Son,
that all who bear his name should be in Christ as one:

One Church, a house of peace, where people long surrounded
by walls built to divide meet, held in Love unbounded.
The suffering of our world, the sorrows of our earth
cry for your healing touch, long for a second birth.

And when the way grows hard, and will and purpose fail us,
when dreams and visions die, and doubts and fears assail us,
let wisdom from on high our troubled spirits raise,
walk with us on the road and set our hearts ablaze.

United for your sake, by grace a new creation,
grant us the strength to serve the work of your salvation:
hope for a world unsoiled by terror, lies and greed,
faith in a future blest where Love's commandments lead.

Colin Thompson

Reading

2 Peter 1:1-11

Sermon

♪ Lord, your Church on earth is seeking StF 410

Prayers

Lord's Prayer

♪ Bread is blessed and broken StF 576



The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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.

Yes, it is right to give you thanks and praise, for the life you lived among us, speaking our language, learning our ways, sitting at our tables, listening to our complaints and never giving up on us.

Yes, it is right to give you thanks and praise for never compromising the truth by which you lived, for refusing to be swayed by popular opinion, for identifying the seductions of power, for confronting institutional prejudice and never selling your soul.

Yes, it is right to give you thanks and praise for loving the unlovable, touching the untouchable, forgiving the unforgivable, recognizing the gold beneath the dross, the potential beneath the pain, and never taking the easier path.

Yes, it is right to give you thanks and praise for in the face of our small-mindedness you, Jesus, have shown us God and God's kingdom in fascinating beauty and converting power.

So we gladly celebrate your life, as in concert with the church in heaven and earth we join in the song of your unending 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.

Holy Jesus it is not by virtue that we are here, but by your gracious invitation. It is not to continue an ancient tradition but to be nourished by our living Lord. It is not only to celebrate your presence among us, but to catch a glimpse of heaven, because, in this sacrament, you give us a foretaste of that heavenly banquet where we will see you face to face and enjoy the freedom of eternity when the limitations of earth are no more.

God our Maker, let your Holy Spirit fill this bread and this wine with the fullness of Jesus so that we, in stretching out our hands, may receive through faith, food for our souls.

In the intimacy of this sacrament, as heaven and earth become one, enable us to know you more deeply and resolve to love, honour and serve you more faithfully in this world, until your kingdom comes.

Amen.

Among friends, gathered round a table Jesus took bread; and when he had blessed it, he broke it and said, 'Take this and eat it, It is my body. It is given for you. Do this to remember me.'

Then, later he took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he said, 'In this cup is the new relationship with God made possible because of my death. Take this all of you, to remember me.'

Gathered round a table is where Jesus so often met people ... and here, we gather around this table because this is where Jesus has promised to be for those who want to meet him.

So accept His invitation and feel welcome to share in this meal.

Jesus Christ, who offers us a foretaste of eternal life, invites us to be his guests.



Let us pray,

**We thank you Lord that you have fed us in this sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet prepared for all.
Amen.**

Blessing

Next week at Trinity

No Morning Service

3pm Circuit Farewell

to Ian & Tabitha

followed by tea in the Conduit Centre