

Welcome to St John's

Holy Communion for Pentecost 20

10th October 2021



- You are most welcome to this service of Holy Communion.
- The celebrant is **Revd Steve Butler**.
- Everyone is welcome to receive the sacrament. At present we are only able to receive communion 'in one kind', that is, only the communion wafer (the celebrant will receive the wine on behalf of all). To receive, please come forward, one household at a time, and use the hand sanitiser both before and after you receive.
- The service is live-streamed to YouTube (only privately listed)- please see the church website for the link. If, for privacy reasons, you don't want your face to be broadcast, please tell our welcomer and communion can be brought to you.

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn

Angel-voices ever singing
round thy throne of light,
angel-harps for ever ringing,
rest not day nor night;
thousands only live to bless thee,
and confess thee Lord of might.

Thou who art beyond the farthest
mortal eye can see,
can it be that thou regardest
our poor hymnody?
Yes, we know that thou art near us
and wilt hear us constantly.

Yea, we know that thou rejoicest
o'er each work of thine;
thou didst ears and hands and voices
for thy praise design;
craftsman's art and music's measure
for thy pleasure all combine.

In thy house, great God, we offer
of thine own to thee;
and for thine acceptance proffer
all unworthily,
hearts and minds and hands and voices

in our choicest psalmody.

Honour, glory, might and merit,
thine shall ever be,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
blessed Trinity.
Of the best that thou hast given
earth and heaven render thee.

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 Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Summary of the Law

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:
The first commandment is this:
"Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the
only Lord. You shall love the Lord your
God with all your heart, with all your
soul, with all your mind
and with all your strength."
The second is this:

“Love your neighbour as yourself.”
There is no other commandment
greater than these.

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

Confession

God is love and we are God’s children.
There is no room for fear in love.
We love because God loved us first.
Let us confess our sins in penitence
and faith.

(Silence)

**God our Father, we confess to you
and to our fellow members in the
Body of Christ that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed, and in
what we have failed to do.**

We are truly sorry.

**Forgive us our sins,
and deliver us from the power of
evil, for the sake of your Son who
died for us, Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

God, who is both power and love,
forgive us and free us from our sins,
heal and strengthen us by the Holy
Spirit, and raise us to new life in Christ
our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria

Gloria in excelsis Deo *(Taize)*

Collect *(Pentecost 20)*

**Almighty God, in our baptism you
adopted us for your own. Quicken,
we pray, your Spirit within us, that
we, being renewed both in body and
mind, may worship you in sincerity
and truth; through Jesus Christ our
Lord, who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and
for ever. Amen.**

Psalm

Psalm 90:12-17

90:12 So teach us to count our days
that we may gain a wise heart.

**90:13 Turn, O LORD! How long? Have
compassion on your servants!**

90:14 Satisfy us in the morning with
your steadfast love, so that we may re-
joice and be glad all our days.

**90:15 Make us glad as many days as
you have afflicted us, and as many
years as we have seen evil.**

90:16 Let your work be manifest to your
servants, and your glorious power to
their children.

**90:17 Let the favour of the Lord our
God be upon us, and prosper for us
the work of our hands-- O prosper
the work of our hands!**

**Glory to God, Source of all being,
Eternal Word and Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now,
And shall be forever. Amen**

Reading

Hebrews 4:12-16

4:12 Indeed, the word of God is living
and active, sharper than any two-edged
sword, piercing until it divides soul
from spirit, joints from marrow; it is
able to judge the thoughts and inten-
tions of the heart. 4:13 And before him
no creature is hidden, but all are naked
and laid bare to the eyes of the one to
whom we must render an account. 4:14
Since, then, we have a great high priest
who has passed through the heavens,
Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast
to our confession. 4:15 For we do not
have a high priest who is unable to
sympathize with our weaknesses, but
we have one who in every respect has
been tested as we are, yet without sin.

4:16 Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Gospel

(When the reading is announced, we say)

Glory to Christ our Saviour.

Mark 10:17-31

10:17 As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" 10:18 Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. 10:19 You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honour your father and mother.'" 10:20 He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." 10:21 Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." 10:22 When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. 10:23 Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" 10:24 And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! 10:25 It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." 10:26 They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" 10:27 Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it

is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible." 10:28 Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." 10:29 Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, 10:30 who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age--houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions--and in the age to come eternal life. 10:31 But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

(At the end)

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

Reflection

Steve

Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers

(Prayer is offered: for the world and its people, for those who suffer and those in need, for the Church and its members)

The Peace

We meet in Christ's name.

Let us share his peace.

(We offer one another a word of peace)

Offering Song

Jesus calls us here to meet him
as, through word and song and prayer,
we affirm God's promised presence
where his people live and care.
Praise the God who keeps his promise;
praise the Son who calls us friends;
praise the Spirit who, among us,
to our hopes and fears attends.

Jesus calls us to confess him
Word of Life and Lord of all,
sharer of our flesh and frailness
saving all who fail or fall.
Tell his holy human story;
tell his tales that all may hear;
tell the world that Christ in glory
came to earth to meet us here.

Jesus calls us to each other:
vastly different though we are;
race and colour, class and gender
neither limit nor debar.
Join the hand of friend and stranger;
join the hands of age and youth;
join the faithful and the doubter
in their common search for truth.

Jesus calls us to his table
rooted firm in time and space,
where the church in earth and heaven
finds a common meeting place.
Share the bread and wine, his body;
share the love of which we sing;

share the feast for saints and sinners
hosted by our Lord and King.

Liturgy of the Sacrament

Let us present our offerings to the Lord.

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 we give you.

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 our thanks and praise.

Worship and praise belong to you, Father,
in every place and at all times.

You made us,
all the people of the world,
and everything that is.

You give us the daylight.
Your Word lights up our minds.
Jesus was born among us
to be light in our darkness.

Your Spirit lives in us so that we can
look at the world with your eyes.

One day we will be with you in heaven,
but already we laugh with the saints
and angels, and sing their joyful 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.

(Please feel free to sit to pray if you wish)

Father, you never forget us or turn away from us,
even when we fail you.

You sent your Son Jesus
who gave his life for us.
He healed those who were sick,
cared for those who were poor,
and cried with those who were sad.
He forgave sinners
and taught us to forgive.

For all your love we give you thanks
in the way that Jesus showed us.

On the night before he died,
while he was having supper with his
friends,
he took bread and offered you thanks.
He broke the bread,
and gave it to them, saying:
"Take, eat.
This is my Body: it is broken for you."

After supper, he took the cup,
he offered you thanks,
and gave it to them saying:
"Drink this, all of you.
This is my Blood of the new covenant;
it is poured out for you, and for all,
that sins may be forgiven.
Do this in remembrance of me."

So, as we do what he told us,
we open our hearts to him;
we remember how he died and rose
again, to live now in us.

Together with him we offer you these
gifts: in them we give you ourselves.

Send your Holy Spirit on us and on this
bread and this wine,
that they may be the Body
and Blood of Christ,
and that, sharing your life,

we may travel in your company
to our journey's end.

With all your people
we give you thanks and praise
through the Son and in the Spirit,
now and for ever. **Amen.**

The living bread is broken
for the life of the world.

Lord, unite us in this sign.

As our Saviour has 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.
Do not bring us
to the time of trial
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

**Lamb of God, you take away
the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away
the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away
the sins of the world:
grant us peace.**

The Communion

*(All are invited to receive, standing at the
front of the altar rail)*

Thanksgiving

Give thanks to our gracious God,
whose mercy endures for ever.

**Faithful God, in baptism and
eucharist we are made one with you.
May we who have shared in holy
things always bear witness to your
covenant, in the name of Jesus Christ
the Lord. Amen.**

Closing Hymn

All my hope on God is founded;
he doth still my trust renew.
Me through change and chance he
guideth,
only good and only true.
God unknown, he alone
calls my heart to be his own.

Human pride and earthly glory,
sword and crown betray his trust;
what with care and toil he buildeth,
tow'r and temple, fall to dust.
But God's pow'r, hour by hour,
is my temple and my tow'r.

God's great goodness aye endureth,
deep his wisdom, passing thought:
splendour, light and life attend him,
beauty springeth out of naught.
Evermore, from his store,
new-born worlds rise and adore.

Still from earth to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the gift of Christ his Son.
Christ doth call one and all:
ye who follow shall not fall.

Blessing

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.**

Sending Out

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

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Notices

From Steve - A marvellous Harvest Supper!

Some 25 folk from both our churches enjoyed a splendid fish supper last night at the beautifully refurbished Dreel Halls in Anstruther. Huge thanks go to our St Johns Events team - Elizabeth, Liz, Anne-Marie, Janet and Jane, for putting the evening together - as well as to Janet, Chris and Jane (and some old folk-singer bloke), for the entertainments.

From Steve - Area Council Gathering - Sat 30th October

Everyone is invited to join with others from the various Episcopal churches in our St Andrews East Area Council. This will take place from 11.00am to 3.00pm at St Andrews Church in St Andrews. Bishop Ian will be speaking and there will opportunities to hear about and discuss our churches' responses to Climate Change and Pilgrimage. Most of all, it will be a chance to meet up with members from our nearby Episcopalian neighbours. If you could attend that day and represent St John's, please let Steve know.

From Steve - Working towards opening St John's during the week

There is continued interest in our building as a place of heritage and of historic importance, and we would also like to further the vision of offering our church as a sanctuary, a place of peace and prayer, open to all - locals and visitors alike.

We have been taking advice, and our insurers have indicated that they are happy to support us keeping our doors open for visitors, even when

unattended, provided reasonable measures have been taken. One such reasonable measure is CCTV. A local specialist installer has surveyed the building and provided a costing for suitable low profile cameras.

We have been offered 100% funding through the Scottish Episcopal Church's Recovery and Renewal Fund.

Much work will still be required about how and when we might open our church building this way. However, I should underline that such a system would only be used when the building is unattended.

The Vestry will need to take a decision on this specific proposal soon, so if you have any thoughts or comments about it, please do contact me in the next week or two.

Newsletter

The **October** Newsletter is now available - many thanks to the editor, Anne-Marie Smout.

Tony Lodge is editing the **November** edition and would like to invite contributions from both congregations. The deadline for the November edition is 15th November - and material by email please to:
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