

Seed that dies to rise in glory
 may we see ourselves in you
 If we learn to live your story
 we may die to rise anew (X2)

We remember truth once spoken
 love passed on through act and word
 Every person lost and broken
 wears the body of our Lord (X2)

Gentle Jesus, mighty Spirit
 come inflame our hearts anew
 We may all your love inherit
 if we bear the cross with you (X2)

Christ, you lead and we shall follow
 stumbling though our steps may be
 One with you in joy and sorrow
 we the river, you the sea. (X2)

Liturgy of the Sacrament

(Separate sheet)

The Communion

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

Thanksgiving and Blessing

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

Holy and blessed God, as you give us the body and blood of your Son, guide us with your Holy Spirit, that we may honour you not only with our lips but also in our lives. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

Welcome to St John's

13th June 2021 Pentecost 3 / The Mustard Seed



- You are most welcome to this service of Holy Communion.
 - The celebrant is **Rev'd Steve Butler**.
 - 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, where a recording will be available for a week or two - please see the church website for the link. For privacy reasons, if you don't want your face to be broadcast, please tell our welcomer and communion can be brought to you.
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Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Opening Song

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
 Forgive our foolish ways!
 Re-clothe us in our rightful mind,
 In purer lives thy service find,
 In deeper reverence praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard,
 Beside the Syrian sea,
 The gracious calling of the Lord,
 Let us, like them, without a word
 Rise up and follow thee.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee!
 O calm of hills above,
 Where Jesus knelt to share with thee
 The silence of eternity,
 Interpreted by love!

Drop thy still dews of quietness,
 Till all our strivings cease;
 Take from our souls the strain and stress,
 And let our ordered lives confess
 The beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire
 Thy coolness and thy balm;

Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
 Speak through the earthquake, wind,
 and fire,
 O still small voice of calm!

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 *(Recorded music)*

Gloria, Gloria, Gloria
Glory be to God on high
And on earth peace to the people
in whom God is well pleased.

Collect *(Pentecost 3)*

O Lord, you always guide your people whom you build up on the foundation of your love; make us ever stand reverently before your Holy Name, and love you in equal measure; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

Psalm

Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15

92:1 It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to your name, O Most High;

92:2 to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night,

92:3 to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre.

92:4 For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

92:12 The righteous flourish like the palm tree, and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

92:13 They are planted in the house of the LORD; they flourish in the courts of our God.

92:14 In old age they still produce fruit; they are always green and full of sap,

92:15 showing that the LORD is upright; he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

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

First Reading

Ezekiel 17:22-24

17:22 Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. 17:23 On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. 17:24

All the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the LORD have spoken; I will accomplish it.

Gospel

(The acclamation- recorded music)

Alleluia

(When the reading is announced, we say)

Glory to Christ our Saviour.

Mark 4:26-34

4:26 He also said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, 4:27 and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. 4:28 The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. 4:29 But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come." 4:30 He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? 4:31 It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; 4:32 yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." 4:33 With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; 4:34 he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

(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

Tree of life and awesome mystery
in your death we are reborn
Though you die in all of history
still you rise with every morn (X2)