

Welcome to St John's

Holy Communion for Remembrance Sunday

14th November 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 presence to be on-camera, 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 Hymn

O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home.

Beneath the shadow of thy throne,
thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received her frame,
from everlasting thou art God,
to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone;
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
will bear us all away;
we fade and vanish, as a dream
dies at the op'ning day.

O God, our help in ages past,

our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while troubles last,
and our eternal home.

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

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ,
only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of
the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,**

**in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

Collect *(Remembrance Sunday)*

**Eternal God, in whose perfect realm
no sword is drawn but the sword of
justice, and no strength known but
the strength of love: guide and in-
spire all who seek your kingdom,
that peoples and nations may find
their security in the love which casts
out fear; through Jesus Christ our
Saviour. Amen.**

Act of Remembrance

We meet in the presence of God.

**We remember with thanksgiving and
sorrow those whose lives, in world
wars and conflicts past and present,
have been given and taken away.**

(Names are read)

We pray for all who in bereavement,
disability and pain continue to suffer
the consequences of fighting and terror.

(Silence)

They shall grow not old,
As we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them,
Nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun
And in the morning,
We will remember them.

We will remember them.

(Silence)

**Ever-living God we remember those
whom you have gathered from the**

storm of war into the peace of your presence. May that same peace calm our fears, bring justice to all peoples and establish harmony among the nations. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Reading

1 Samuel 1:4-20

1:4 On the day when Elkanah sacrificed, he would give portions to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters; 1:5 but to Hannah he gave a double portion, because he loved her, though the LORD had closed her womb. 1:6 Her rival used to provoke her severely, to irritate her, because the LORD had closed her womb. 1:7 So it went on year by year; as often as she went up to the house of the LORD, she used to provoke her. Therefore Hannah wept and would not eat. 1:8 Her husband Elkanah said to her, "Hannah, why do you weep? Why do you not eat? Why is your heart sad? Am I not more to you than ten sons?" 1:9 After they had eaten and drunk at Shiloh, Hannah rose and presented herself before the LORD. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the LORD. 1:10 She was deeply distressed and prayed to the LORD, and wept bitterly. 1:11 She made this vow: "O LORD of hosts, if only you will look on the misery of your servant, and remember me, and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a male child, then I will set him before you as a nazirite until the day of his death. He shall drink neither wine nor intoxicants, and no razor shall touch his head." 1:12 As she continued praying before the LORD, Eli observed her mouth. 1:13 Hannah was praying silently; only her

lips moved, but her voice was not heard; therefore Eli thought she was drunk. 1:14 So Eli said to her, "How long will you make a drunken spectacle of yourself? Put away your wine." 1:15 But Hannah answered, "No, my lord, I am a woman deeply troubled; I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I have been pouring out my soul before the LORD. 1:16 Do not regard your servant as a worthless woman, for I have been speaking out of my great anxiety and vexation all this time." 1:17 Then Eli answered, "Go in peace; the God of Israel grant the petition you have made to him." 1:18 And she said, "Let your servant find favour in your sight." Then the woman went to her quarters, ate and drank with her husband, and her countenance was sad no longer. 1:19 They rose early in the morning and worshiped before the LORD; then they went back to their house at Ramah. Elkanah knew his wife Hannah, and the LORD remembered her. 1:20 In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, "I have asked him of the LORD."

Gospel

(When the reading is announced, we say)

Glory to Christ our Saviour.

Mark 13:1-8

13:1 As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" 13:2 Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down." 13:3 When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter,

James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, 13:4 "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?" 13:5 Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. 13:6 Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. 13:7 When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. 13:8 For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birthpangs.

(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)
Janis Irvine

The Peace

We meet in Christ's name.

Let us share his peace.

(We offer one another a word of peace)

Offering Song

What shall we pray
 for those who died,
 those on whose death
 our lives relied?

Silenced by war but not denied,
 God give them peace.

What shall we pray for those who mourn
 friendships and love, their fruit unborn?

Though years have passed,
 hearts still are torn;
 God give them peace.

What shall we pray for those who live
 tied to the past they can't forgive,
 haunted by terrors they relive?

God give them peace.

What shall we pray for those who know
 nothing of war, and cannot show
 grief or regret for friend or foe?

God give them peace.

What shall we pray for those who fear
 war, in some guise, may reappear
 looking attractive and sincere?

God give them peace.

God give us peace and, more than this,
show us the path where justice is;
and let us never be remiss
working for peace that lasts.

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 stand or sit for the
Eucharistic prayer)*

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.

Father, your steadfast purpose is the completion of all things in your Son. May we who have received the pledges of the kingdom, live by faith, walk in hope and be renewed in love, until the world reflects your glory and you are all in all; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Closing Hymn

Now thank we all our God,
with hearts and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done,
in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mother's arms
hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in his grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son and him who reigns
with them in highest heaven,
the one eternal God,
whom earth and heav'n adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

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

Next Sunday

21st November - Last Sunday before Advent.

Sunday 28th November - Advent

Sunday. There will be a service of Choral Evensong here in St Johns at **4pm** led by Steve with a recorded choir. Refreshments will be served after the service.

12th December 3pm

Annual Church Meeting

As usual we will hold our Annual Church Meeting for the approval of the accounts, Vestry membership, etc. An agenda and draft accounts will be emailed or sent to everyone shortly.

Newsletter

The November newsletter for the two churches is available now - with thanks to Tony Lodge for compiling and editing. You can download it from the church website.