**East Neuk Episcopal Churches**

**15 September 2024 — 17th Sunday after Pentecost Creationtide**

9.45am at St Michael’s and 11.30am at St John’s led by Revd David Gordon

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

**Opening hymn**

Praise to the Holiest in the height,

and in the depth be praise;

in all his words most wonderful,

most sure in all his ways.

O loving wisdom of our God!

when all was sin and shame,

a second Adam to the fight,

and to the rescue came.

O wisest love! that flesh and blood,

which did in Adam fail,

should strive afresh against the foe,

should strive and should prevail.

And that a higher gift than grace

should flesh and blood refine,

God's presence and his very self,

and essence all-divine.

O generous love! That he who smote

in man for man the foe,

the double agony in man

for man should undergo.

And in the garden secretly,

and on the cross on high,

should teach his brethren, and inspire

to suffer and to die.

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and in the depth be praise;

in all his words most wonderful,

most sure in all his ways.

*John Henry Newman*

**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.**

**Confession and absolution**

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 you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by the Holy Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Gloria**  *(Sung)***Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo.
Gloria, Gloria, Alleluia, Alleluia.** *(Taizé)*

*or*

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God’s 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 of the day**

**God the Creator, in Christ you call all people to the fullness of glory for which you created us in your image: heal our hardened hearts, renew our obedience to your will, and conform our lives to your gracious design, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

**Readings**

**Isaiah 50. 4-9a**

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty? All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

**Psalm 116. 1-8**

I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my supplications.
**Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.**
The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.
**Then I called on the name of the Lord: ‘O Lord, I pray, save my life!’**

Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; our God is merciful.

**The Lord protects the simple; when I was brought low, he saved me.**Return, O my soul, to your rest, for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.

**For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.**

**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.**

**James 3. 1-12**

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

**Gradual hymn**

‘Thou art the Christ, O Lord,

the Son of God most high:’

for ever be adored

that name in earth and sky,

in which, though mortal strength may fail,

the saints of God at last prevail.

O surely he was blest

with blessedness unpriced,

who, taught of God, confessed

the Godhead in the Christ;

for of thy Church, Lord, thou didst own

thy saint a true foundation stone.

Thrice fallen, thrice restored,

the bitter lesson learnt,

that heart for thee, O Lord,

with triple ardour burnt.

The cross he took he laid not down

until he grasped the martyr’s crown.

O bright triumphant faith,

O courage void of fears,

O love most strong in death,

O penitential tears!

By these, Lord, keep us lest we fall,

and make us go where thou shalt call.

*W Walsham How*

**Gospel**

*(The acclamation may be sung)*

**Alleluia**

*(When the reading is announced, we say)*
**Glory to Christ our Saviour.**

**Mark 8. 27-38**

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, ‘Who do people say that I am?’ And they answered him, ‘John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.’ He asked them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’ Peter answered him, ‘You are the Messiah.’ And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, ‘Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.’ He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, ‘If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.’

*(At the end)*
Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.
**Praise to Christ our Lord.**

**Sermon**

 **Nicene creed**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one substance with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the**

**Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**Intercessions**

**The peace**We meet in Christ’s name.
**Let us share his peace.**

 **Offertory hymn**

Just as I am, without one plea

but that thy blood was shed for me,

and that thou bidst me come to thee,

O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about

with many a conflict, many a doubt,

fightings and fears within, without,

O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;

sight, riches, healing of the mind,

yea, all I need, in thee to find,

O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, thou wilt receive,

wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve:

because thy promise I believe,

O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, thy love unknown

has broken ev'ry barrier down,

now to be thine, yea, thine alone,

O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, of that free love

the breadth, length, depth and height to prove,

here for a season, then above,

O Lamb of God, I come.

*Charlotte Elliott*

**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, O God,

Creator of all things visible and invisible,

Source of life and immortality, Whom the heavens praise, the sun and moon and all the stars, the earth, the sea and all that is in them, in every place and at all times.

By your holy Word you brought order out of chaos you divided light from darkness,

created the heavens and established the earth; you divided the sea from the dry land, and caused all life to come into being. When you had made the plants and the animals, you formed humanity in your own image, and entrusted us with the priesthood of your Creation.

In Christ your holy Word became flesh, took our human form, lived among us, and, through dying on the cross, overcame sin and death, that your creation might be restored in him.

Through your life-giving Holy Spirit Who first moved over the waters, you renew your creation, call us to new birth, in a world restored by love.

As children of your redeeming purpose, with all your creatures throughout space and time we offer you our praise, together with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven singing the hymn of your unending glory:

**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.**

Glory and thanksgiving be to you, God our creator, for the gift of your Son born in human flesh. Christ is your holy Wisdom, existing beyond time, present at creation. Through Christ you revealed yourself in the world, and bring your saving work to its completion. Obedient to your will he died upon the Cross. By your power you raised him from the dead. He broke the bonds of evil and set your people free to be his Body in the world.

On the night when he was given up to death, knowing that his hour had come, having loved his own, he loved them to the end. At supper with his disciples 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."

**We now obey your Son's command. We recall his blessed passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension; and we look for the coming of his Kingdom. Made one with him, we offer you these gifts and with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice.**

Hear us, most merciful Father, and send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and this wine, that, overshadowed by the Spirit’s life-giving power, they may be the Body and Blood of your Son, and we may be kindled with the fire of your love and renewed for the service of your

Kingdom.

**Help us, who are baptised into the**

**fellowship of Christ's Body to live and work to your praise and glory;may we grow together in unity and love until at last, in your new creation, we enter into our heritage in the company of the Virgin Mary, the apostles and prophets, and of all our brothers and sisters living and departed.**

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be to you, Lord of all

ages, world without end. **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**

## **Thanksgiving**

God, the source of all that is, with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom: by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy. **Amen.**

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

**Holy and life-giving God, we have**

**broken the bread which is Christ’s body, we have tasted the wine of his new life. We thank you for these gifts by which we are made one in him and drawn into that new creation which is your will for all the world; through him who died for us and rose again, your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**Blessing**

God give *you* grace to be faithful stewards of Creation, rejoicing that *you* are made in God’s image, and seeking justice for those who do not share in the earth’s bounty, and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be upon *you*, and remain with *you* always. **Amen.**

**Closing hymn**
Will you come and follow me

if I but call your name?

Will you go where you don't know,

and never be the same?

Will you let my love be shown,

will you let my name be known,

will you let my life be grown

in you, and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind

if I but call your name?

Will you care for cruel and kind,

and never be the same?

Will you risk the hostile stare

should your life attract or scare,

will you let me answer prayer

in you, and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see

if I but call your name?

Will you set the prisoners free,

and never be the same?

Will you kiss the leper clean

and do such as this unseen,

and admit to what I mean

in you, and you in me?

Will you love the `you' you hide

if I but call your name?

Will you quell the fear inside,

and never be the same?

Will you use the faith you've found

to reshape the world around

through my sight and touch and sound

in you, and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true

when you but call my name.

Let me turn and follow you,

and never be the same.

In your company I'll go

where your love and footsteps show.

Thus I'll move and live and grow

in you, and you in me.

*John L Bell and Graham Maule © WGRG*

**Notices**

**Next Sunday** Services will be led by Revd David Gordon

**Sending out**Go in peace to love ad serve the Lord.
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

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**Opening hymn**

Through all the changing scenes of life,

in trouble and in joy,

the praises of my God shall still

my heart and tongue employ.

O magnify the Lord with me,

with me exalt his name;

when in distress to him I called,

he to my rescue came.

The hosts of God encamp around

the dwellings of the just;

deliverance he affords to all

who on his succour trust.

O make but trial of his love:

experience will decide

how blest are they, and only they,

who in his truth confide.

Fear him, ye saints, and you will then

have nothing else to fear;

make you his service your delight,

your wants shall be his care.

To Father, Son and Holy Ghost,

the God whom we adore,

be glory as it was, is now,

and shall be evermore.

*Nahum Tate and Nicholas Brady*

**Collect for purity**
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*(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 you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by the Holy Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Gloria**  *(Sung)***Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo.
Gloria, Gloria, Alleluia, Alleluia.** *(Taizé)*

*or*

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God’s 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 of the day**

**O God, in whose wisdom all things have been established in order: enlighten the people you have saved, that they may consider the greater wonder of your new creation, brought forth in the fullness of time, through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

**Readings**

**Wisdom 1. 16-2. 1,12-22**

The ungodly by their words and deeds summoned death; considering him a friend, they pined away and made a covenant with him, because they are fit to belong to his company. For they reasoned unsoundly, saying to themselves, ‘Short and sorrowful is our life,
and there is no remedy when a life comes to its end, and no one has been known to return from Hades.

‘Let us lie in wait for the righteous man, because he is inconvenient to us and opposes our actions; he reproaches us for sins against the law, and accuses us of sins against our training.
He professes to have knowledge of God, and calls himself a child of the Lord. He became to us a reproof of our thoughts; the very sight of him is a burden to us, because his manner of life is unlike that of others, and his ways are strange.
We are considered by him as something base,
and he avoids our ways as unclean; he calls the last end of the righteous happy, and boasts that God is his father. Let us see if his words are true,
and let us test what will happen at the end of his life; for if the righteous man is God’s child, he will help him, and will deliver him from the hand of his adversaries. Let us test him with insult and torture, so that we may find out how gentle he is, and make trial of his forbearance. Let us condemn him to a shameful death, for, according to what he says, he will be protected.’

Thus they reasoned, but they were led astray, for their wickedness blinded them, and they did not know the secret purposes of God, nor hoped for the wages of holiness, nor discerned the prize for blameless souls.

**Psalm 54**

Save me, O God, by your name, and vindicate me by your might.
**Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth.**

For the insolent have risen against me, the ruthless seek my life; they do not set God before them.
**But surely, God is my helper; the Lord is the upholder of my life.**He will repay my enemies for their evil. In your faithfulness, put an end to them.

**With a freewill-offering I will sacrifice to you; I will give thanks to your name, O Lord, for it is good.**For he has delivered me from every trouble, and my eye has looked in triumph on my enemies.

**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.**

**James 3. 13-4. 3,7-8a**

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.
Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

**Gradual hymn**

Jesus, good above all other,

gentle child of gentle mother,

in a stable born our brother,

give us grace to persevere.

Jesus, cradled in a manger,

for us facing every danger,

living as a homeless stranger,

make we thee our King most dear.

Jesus, for thy people dying,

risen Master, death defying,

Lord in heaven thy grace supplying,

keep us to thy presence near.

Jesus, who our sorrows bearest,

all our thoughts and hopes thou sharest,

thou to us the truth declarest;

help us all thy truth to hear.

Lord, in all our doings guide us;

pride and hate shall ne'er divide us;

we'll go on with thee beside us,

and with joy we'll persevere.

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**Gospel**

*(The acclamation may be sung)*

**Alleluia**

*(When the reading is announced, we say)*
**Glory to Christ our Saviour.**

**Mark 9. 30-37**

They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, ‘The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.’ But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, ‘What were you arguing about on the way?’ But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, ‘Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.’ Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ‘Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.’

*(At the end)*
Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.
**Praise to Christ our Lord.**

**Sermon**

 **Nicene creed**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one substance with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the**

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**Intercessions**

**The peace**We meet in Christ’s name.
**Let us share his peace.**

 **Offertory hymn**

Brother, sister, let me serve you,

let me be as Christ to you;

pray that I may have the grace to

let you be my servant, too.

We are pilgrims on a journey,

fellow travellers on the road;

we are here to help each other

walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christlight for you

in the night-time of your fear;

I will hold my hand out to you,

speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping;

when you laugh, I'll laugh with you.

I will share your joy and sorrow

till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven,

we shall find such harmony,

born of all we've known together

of Christ's love and agony.

Brother, sister, let me serve you,

let me be as Christ to you;

pray that I may have the grace to

let you be my servant, too.

*Richard Gillard © Scripture in Song*

**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.
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Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Worship and praise belong to you, O God,

Creator of all things visible and invisible,

Source of life and immortality, Whom the heavens praise, the sun and moon and all the stars, the earth, the sea and all that is in them, in every place and at all times.

By your holy Word you brought order out of chaos you divided light from darkness,

created the heavens and established the earth; you divided the sea from the dry land, and caused all life to come into being. When you had made the plants and the animals, you formed humanity in your own image, and entrusted us with the priesthood of your Creation.

In Christ your holy Word became flesh, took our human form, lived among us, and, through dying on the cross, overcame sin and death, that your creation might be restored in him.

Through your life-giving Holy Spirit Who first moved over the waters, you renew your creation, call us to new birth, in a world restored by love.

As children of your redeeming purpose, with all your creatures throughout space and time we offer you our praise, together with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven singing the hymn of your unending glory:

**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.**

 Glory and thanksgiving be to you, God our creator, for the gift of your Son born in human flesh. Christ is your holy Wisdom, existing beyond time, present at creation. Through Christ you revealed yourself in the world, and bring your saving work to its completion. Obedient to your will he died upon the Cross. By your power you raised him from the dead. He broke the bonds of evil and set your people free to be his Body in the world.

On the night when he was given up to death, knowing that his hour had come, having loved his own, he loved them to the end. At supper with his disciples 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."

**We now obey your Son's command. We recall his blessed passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension; and we look for the coming of his Kingdom. Made one with him, we offer you these gifts and with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice.**

Hear us, most merciful Father, and send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and this wine, that, overshadowed by the Spirit’s life-giving power, they may be the Body and Blood of your Son, and we may be kindled with the fire of your love and renewed for the service of your

Kingdom.

**Help us, who are baptised into the**

**fellowship of Christ's Body to live and work to your praise and glory;may we grow together in unity and love until at last, in your new creation, we enter into our heritage in the company of the Virgin Mary, the apostles and prophets, and of all our brothers and sisters living and departed.**

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be to you, Lord of all

ages, world without end. **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**

## **Thanksgiving**

God, the source of all that is, with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom: by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy. **Amen.**

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

**Holy and life-giving God, we have**

**broken the bread which is Christ’s body, we have tasted the wine of his new life. We thank you for these gifts by which we are made one in him and drawn into that new creation which is your will for all the world; through him who died for us and rose again, your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**Blessing**

God give *you* grace to be faithful stewards of Creation, rejoicing that *you* are made in God’s image, and seeking justice for those who do not share in the earth’s bounty, and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be upon *you*, and remain with *you* always. **Amen.**

**Closing hymn**
Father, Lord of all creation,

ground of Being, Life and Love;

height and depth beyond description

only life in you can prove:

you are mortal life's dependence:

thought, speech, sight are ours by grace;

yours is every hour's existence,

sovereign Lord of time and space.

Jesus Christ, the Man for Others,

we, your people, make our prayer:

help us love - as sisters, brothers -

all whose burdens we can share.

Where your name binds us together

you, Lord Christ, will surely be;

where no selfishness can sever

there your love the world may see.

Holy Spirit, rushing, burning

wind and flame of Pentecost,

fire our hearts afresh with yearning

to regain what we have lost.

May your love unite our action,

nevermore to speak alone:

God, in us abolish faction,

God, through us your love make known.

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**Notices**

**Next Sunday** is St Michael’s patronal festival for us all at 10.30am led by Revd David Gordon

**Sending out**Go in peace to love ad serve the Lord.
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

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