

**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

We shall break bread as Jesus did before us in fields and banquets, in an upstairs room.

His true companions meet around a table; we shall break bread.

We shall break bread because the world is hungry,  
and Jesus showed us how to love and care.  
All life is gift; each gift is meant for sharing: we shall break bread.

We shall break bread and thus we will remember  
how he was broken that we might be whole.  
His life laid down shall raise us up forever: we shall break bread.

We shall break bread and in this celebration  
be one with friends who sit at heaven's great feast  
They see the host whose presence is among us; we shall break bread

Here in the bread and wine which earth supplies us  
refined by skill and will of human hands

we taste the depth and richness of God's goodness; we shall break bread

Glory to God whose providence sustains us  
glory to Christ who calls us to his feast  
and to the Spirit, source of transformation; let us break, let us break bread

## 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.**

**God of grace, we have received the memorial of the death and resurrection of your Son. May your love, poured into us, bring us to your promises. We ask this in the name of our Redeemer, Jesus Christ.**

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 25th July 2021 Pentecost 9

- You are most welcome to this service of Holy Communion.
- The celebrant is **Revd 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.



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

## Opening Song

Sing for God's glory  
that colours the dawn of creation,  
racing across the sky,  
trailing bright clouds of elation;  
sun of delight succeeds the velvet of night,  
warming the earth's exultation.

Sing for God's power  
that shatters the chains that would bind us  
searing the darkness of  
fear and despair that could blind us,  
touching our shame with love that will  
not lay blame,  
reaching out gently to find us.

Sing for God's justice  
disturbing each easy illusion,  
tearing down tyrants  
and putting our pride to confusion;  
lifeblood of right, resisting evil and slight,  
offering freedom's transfusion.

Sing for God's saints who have  
travelled faith's journey before us,  
who in our weariness  
give us their hope to restore us;  
in them we see the new creation to be,  
spirit of love made flesh for us.

## 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 9)*

**O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Psalm**

**Psalm 145:10-18**

145:10 All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD, and all your faithful shall bless you.

**145:11 They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom, and tell of your power,**

145:12 to make known to all people your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendour of your kingdom.

**145:13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations. The LORD is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds.**

145:14 The LORD upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down.

**145:15 The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season.**

145:16 You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing.

**145:17 The LORD is just in all his ways, and kind in all his doings.**

145:18 The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

**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**

**Ephesians 3:14-21**

3:14 For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, 3:15 from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. 3:16 I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, 3:17 and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. 3:18 I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, 3:19 and to know the love of Christ that

surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. 3:20 Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, 3:21 to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

**Gospel**

*All) Alleluia*

*(Cantor)* This is the word of the Lord this is the gospel that saves us this is food for the soul this is good news forever

*(All) Alleluia*

*(When the reading is announced, we say)*

**Glory to Christ our Saviour.**

**John 6:1-21**

6:1 After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. 6:2 A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. 6:3 Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. 6:4 Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. 6:5 When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" 6:6 He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. 6:7 Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." 6:8 One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, 6:9 "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" 6:10 Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five

thousand in all. 6:11 Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. 6:12 When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." 6:13 So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. 6:14 When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world." 6:15 When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

*(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,**