

St Swithun's Hither Green
Trinity 14
Eucharist



Sunday 13th September 2020
9.30am and 11am

The Gathering

The Greeting

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you

Words of Welcome.

Prayers of penitence – saying sorry

Let us say sorry to God:

When we take what we have for granted

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

When we do not respond to the needs of others

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

When we forget to share your life-giving love

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Absolution – We are forgiven

May the God of love and power

forgive *you* and free *you* from *your* sins,

heal and strengthen *you* by his Spirit,

and raise *you* to new life in Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,

and peace to all people on earth.

Listen to the music...

The Collect

Merciful God, your Son came to save us and bore our sins on the cross: may we trust in your mercy and know your love, rejoicing in the righteousness that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Liturgy of the Word

The Gospel — *Matthew 18.21-35*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
Glory to you, O Lord.

Then Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. 'For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon – Mother Juliet

Affirmation of faith – what do we believe?

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

We believe and trust in God.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

We believe and trust in God.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world?

We believe and trust in God.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

**We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Prayers

Let us pray to God.

The response to: Lord hear us
is: Lord, graciously hear us

Merciful Father:

**Accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

God has called us to live in peace.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Let us use sign language or wave to each other a sign of peace.

Our gifts of money will be collected before and after the service to ensure safe handling of money and envelopes...

The gifts for communion of bread and wine are at the altar already and the following prayer is used to give thanks for all we offer God.

Prayer over the gifts

Loving God, accept the gifts we offer

The gift of bread to sustain us in our journey

The gift of wine to bring us joy

The gift of ourselves and our resources to work for your glory

Amen

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here

His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;
in your love you made us for yourself.

When we turned away you did not reject us,
but came to meet us in your Son.

**You embraced us as your children
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life
that we might live in him and he in us.

**He opened his arms of love upon the cross
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends
he took bread, and gave you thanks; he broke it
and gave it to them saying: *Take, eat; this is my body
which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.*

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, and said: *Drink this, all of you:
this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you
for the forgiveness of sins: do this in remembrance of me.*

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory,
send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine
may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

**As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world
we offer you this sacrifice of praise
and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven, saying:
**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**Our Father, who art in Heaven;
Hallowed be Thy name.
Thy Kingdom come;
Thy will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread
And forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from evil,
For Thine is the Kingdom
The power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Agnus Dei

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.

Giving of Communion

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

**Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

Communion will be brought to you in one kind – the bread (this is completely communion – Jesus is present to you in this way). Please stay seated in your place whilst we come to you safely – alternatively a prayer can be said at a physical distance with you as we move round the church.

Silence is kept.

Prayer after Communion

Thank you generous God.

Thank you for teaching us with your word.

Thank you for feeding us with communion.

Thank you for the many gifts we have been given.

May we share what we have been given with others. Amen.

Notices and Celebrations

- Sean will stop working in paid employment at St Swithun's at the end of this month and we would love to show our appreciation for his hard work at St Swithun's. We will have a collection for the next 3 weeks – please give generously.
- PCC today at 12.30pm – socially distant in church.
- Happy Birthday to those who have a birthday!

Dismissal and Blessing

The Blessing

May the blessing of God go before you
may God's grace and peace abound.
may God's spirit live within you.
may God's love wrap you round.
may God's blessing remain with you always
may you walk on holy ground
and the blessing of God, Creator, Redeemer and Spirit
be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen

Please pray for:

- The PCC who meet today – especially for discernment about how we use our hall.
- Those who are in need or have asked for our prayers – Elaine and family, Clinton, Francis, Cynthia, Diane, Harold, Joseph, Lynette, Jacqueline, Ivy, Sean, Taneisha, Talabi, Kevin, John, Susan, Margaret, Sydney, Edith, Vanda, Lorna, Ena and Stephen
- Those who have died – David, Patricia and John

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