

St Swithun's Hither Green

Trinity 15 Eucharist



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9.30am and 11am

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**Faith, hope and love
in Hither Green**

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

Lord God, defend your Church from all false teaching
and give to your people knowledge of your truth,
that we may enjoy eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

The Liturgy of the Word

The Gospel — *Matthew 20.1-16*

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

‘For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; and he said to them, “You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.” So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, “Why are you standing here idle all day?” They said to him, “Because no one has hired us.” He said to them, “You also go into the vineyard.” When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, “Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.” When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. ¹Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, “These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.” But he replied to one of them, “Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?” So the last will be first, and the first will be last.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon – Leon Clarke

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.

Hymn

Only those in the designated choir will be singing without masks.

**“Great is Thy faithfulness,” O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with thee;
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.**

“Great is thy faithfulness!”

“Great is thy faithfulness!”

***Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed thy hand hath provided—***

“Great is thy faithfulness,” Lord, unto me!

**Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.**

“Great is thy faithfulness...”

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!**

“Great is thy faithfulness...”

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. 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

- We will return to one 10am communion from next week
- Please give generously to the collection for Sean who stops working for us this month
- APCM 18th October 11.30am – socially distant in church and option to zoom
- Happy Birthday to those who have a birthday!

Dismissal and Blessing

The Blessing

May God bless us; may God keep us in the Spirit's care and lead our lives with love. May Christ's warm welcome shine from our hearts and Christ's own peace prevail through this and everyday. May the God of love, Creator, Friend and Spirit be among us and remain with us always **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen

Please pray for:

- Renae to be baptised; those unable to join us in person.
- 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