

# St Swithun's Hither Green

## Trinity 18 Eucharist



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**10am**

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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

God, our judge and saviour,  
teach us to be open to your truth  
and to trust in your love,  
that we may live each day  
with confidence in the salvation which is given  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## The Liturgy of the Word

### The Gospel — *Matthew 22.1-14*

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

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ‘The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, “Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.” But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, “The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.” Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. ‘But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, “Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?” And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, “Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”’<sup>14</sup> For many are called, but few are chosen.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Sermon – Rev Ann**

### **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.*

**Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!**

**Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!**

**Heir of salvation, purchase of God,**

**Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.**

***Refrain***

***This is my story, this is my song,***

***Praising my Saviour all the day long;***

***This is my story, this is my song,***

***Praising my Saviour all the day long.***

**Perfect submission, perfect delight,**

**Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;**

**Angels, descending, bring from above**

**Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.**

***Refrain***

**Perfect submission, all is at rest,**

**I in my Saviour am happy and blest,**

**Watching and waiting, looking above,**

**Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.**

***Refrain***

## 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**

- Please fill in the track and trace information and leave it on your chair
- APCM 18<sup>th</sup> October 11.30am – socially distant in church and option to zoom
- Happy Birthday to those with 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:**

- Rev Frances and her work in Lewisham and QE hospitals.
- Those who are in need or have asked for our prayers – Debbie, 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 – Florence, David, Patricia and John