St Swithun's Hither Green **Trinity 2** Ordinary Time



Eucharist

Sunday 6th June 2021, 10am

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

Faithful Creator, whose mercy never fails: deepen our faithfulness to you and to your living Word, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Liturgy of the Word The Gospel – Mark 4: 26-34

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

He also said, 'The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.'

He also said, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it?

It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.' With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

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



Sermon – Rev Frances

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

For those in need:

Shauna, Audra, Ana, Fran and family, Susan, Lamar, Maureen, Karen, Paulette and family, Catherine and family, Canon Richard, Gwen. Pamela. Neil. Debbie. Clinton. Francis. Cvnthia. Ivv. Taneisha, Talabi, Edith, Vanda, Lorna, Ena, Monica, Joan and Stephen.

For those recently departed: Susanna, Conrad, Carl and Annette.

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.**

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

- Banns
- 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

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