

A Service of the Word • Sunday 17th November 2024

The Creed - I believe in Jesus Christ: who shall come to judge the quick and the dead

Introduction, Greeting

In the name of the Father...

The Lord be with you:

All: and also with you.

We have come together as the family of God...

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.

Hymn 41

1. Lo, he comes with clouds descending,
once for favoured sinners slain;
thousand thousand saints attending
swell the triumph of his train:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
God appears on earth to reign.
2. Every eye shall now behold him
robed in dreadful majesty;
those who set at naught and sold him,
pierced and nailed him to the tree,
deeply wailing, deeply wailing,
shall the true Messiah see.
3. Those dear tokens of his passion
still his dazzling body bears;
cause of endless exultation
to his ransomed worshippers:
with what rapture, with what rapture, with what rapture
gaze we on those glorious scars!
4. Yea, amen, let all adore thee,
high on thine eternal throne;
Saviour, take the power and glory,
claim the kingdom for thine own:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
thou shalt reign, and thou alone.

Confession

Lord, have mercy

Christ, have mercy

Lord, have mercy

All: Lord, have mercy

All: Christ, have mercy

All: Lord, have mercy.

Absolution

Gloria (said)

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect for the Day

A reading from the book of the prophet Daniel

Daniel 7. 9-14

This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Psalm 7. 1-11

Refrain: Give judgement for me according to my righteousness, O Lord.

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians

1 Corinthians 3. 10-15

This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Hymn 282

1. Come, ye thankful people, come,
raise the song of harvest-home:
all be safely gathered in,
ere the winter storms begin;
God, our Maker, doth provide
for our wants to be supplied;
come to God's own temple, come,
raise the song of harvest-home!
2. All the world is God's own field,
fruit unto his praise to yield;
wheat and tares together sown,
unto joy or sorrow grown;
first the blade and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear:
grant, O harvest Lord, that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.
3. For the Lord our God shall come,
and shall take his harvest home;
from his field shall purge away
all that doth offend, that day;
give his angels charge at last
in the fire the tares to cast,
but the fruitful ears to store
in his garner evermore.
4. Then, thou Church Triumphant, come,
raise the song of harvest-home;
all be safely gathered in,
free from sorrow, free from sin,
there for ever purified
in God's garner to abide:
come, ten thousand angels, come,
raise the glorious harvest-home!

Gospel Reading *please stand*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
After ... This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Matthew 13. 24-30

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Music for meditation

Homily *The Vicar*

Affirmation of faith, The Apostles' Creed

Do you believe and trust in God the Father? **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

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.

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers *using the response:*

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn 50

1. The advent of our King
our prayers must now employ,
and we must hymns of welcome sing
in strains of holy joy.
2. The everlasting Son
incarnate deigns to be;
himself a servant's form puts on,
to set his servants free.
3. Daughter of Sion, rise
to meet thy lowly King;
nor let thy faithless heart despise
the peace he comes to bring.
4. As judge, on clouds of light,
he soon will come again,
and his true members all unite
with him in heaven to reign.
5. All glory to the Son who comes to set us free,
with Father, Spirit, ever One, through all eternity.

Notices

Baptism Welcome *Sophia Geoghegan and Arthur Smith*

Using the response ...

Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father.

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism: Sophia and Arthur, by one Spirit we are all baptised into one body.

We welcome you into the fellowship of faith; we are children of the same heavenly Father; we welcome you!

The Peace

Hymn 580

1. Judge eternal, throned in splendour,
Lord of lords and King of kings,
with thy living fire of judgment
purge this realm of bitter things:
solace all its wide dominion
with the healing of thy wings.
2. Still the weary folk are pining
for the hour that brings release:
and the city's crowded clangour
cries aloud for sin to cease;
and the homesteads and the woodlands
plead in silence for their peace.
3. Crown, O Lord, thine own endeavour; cleave our darkness with thy sword;
cheer the faint and feed the hungry with the richness of thy word;
cleans the body of this nation through the glory of the Lord.

Blessing

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: In the name of Christ. Amen.

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