



## All Saints Church, Hertford

### Family Eucharist for Sunday next before Lent 14<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2021

*Introit* O nata lux – Tallis  
Choir of Trinity College, Cambridge

*Welcome and Greeting* Rev Jo Loveridge

Welcome in the name of Christ.  
God's grace, mercy and peace be with you  
**and also with you.**

*Preparing for the Word*

We worship with Christians near and far,  
living and departed, old and young.  
God's word is for all of us.  
**May it be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.**

*Opening Prayer*

Lord, speak to us  
**that we may hear your word.**  
Move among us  
**that we may behold your glory.**  
Receive our prayers  
**that we may learn to trust you.**  
**Amen.**

*Praying for Ourselves*

*We sit or kneel*  
Jesus said, Before you offer your gift, go and be reconciled. As brothers and sisters in God's family, we come together to ask our Father for forgiveness.  
Let us return to the Lord our God and say to him

**Father,**  
**we have sinned against heaven and against you.**  
**We are not worthy to be called your children.**

**We turn to you again.  
Have mercy on us,  
bring us back to yourself  
as those who once were lost  
but now are found through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***The priest declares God's forgiveness***

May God, who loved the world so much that he sent his Son to be our Saviour, forgive you all your sins and make you holy to serve him in the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

*We Stand to Praise God in the words of the **Gloria:***

**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.**

***The Collect, the prayer for the day, is said***

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen**

*We sit for the **Reading 2 Corinthians 4.3-6** Andrew Povey-Richards*

And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

***At the end the reader may say***

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Reading Mark 9.2-9*** Kay Povey-Richards

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*We sit for the Reflection Mrs Janet Bird*

*We stand for The Creed*

**We believe in God the Father,  
from whom every family  
in heaven and on earth is named.  
We believe in God the Son,  
who lives in our hearts through faith,  
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
who strengthens us  
with power from on high.  
We believe in one God;  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

**Amen.**      *Ephesians 3*

*We sit or kneel*

***Praying for others*** Martin Bird

***At the end:***

Lord of the Church,  
**hear our prayer and make us one in heart and mind to serve you with joy forever.  
Amen.**

## Sharing Communion

We stand for *The Peace*

### **After the introductory words**

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

### **We wave to one another**

## *Offertory Hymn 2*

Christ whose glory fills the sky

The Choir of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Buffalo

- 1 Christ, whose glory fills the skies,  
Christ, the true, the only light,  
Sun of righteousness, arise,  
Triumph o'er the shades of night;  
Day-spring from on high, be near;  
Day-star, in my heart appear.
- 2 Dark and cheerless is the morn  
Unaccompanied by thee:  
Joyless is the day's return,  
Till thy mercy's beams I see,  
Till they inward light impart,  
Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
- 3 Visit then this soul of mine;  
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;  
Fill me, radiance divine;  
Scatter all my unbelief;  
More and more thyself display,  
Shining to the perfect day.

## *The Eucharistic Prayer (Prayer H)*

The Lord be with you

**and also with you.**

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.

*We sit or kneel*

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:

*We say the **Sanctus***

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*There may be a short period of silence*

## *The Lord's Prayer*

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray,

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours now and for 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.**

We say the *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*

**Anthem** Glorious and powerful God – *Stanford  
Choir of Magdalen College, Oxford*

## *After Communion*

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

**Lord,  
we have broken your bread and received your life.  
By the power of your Spirit keep us always in your love;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Final Hymn 523* My God, how wonderful thou art  
Chet Valley Churches, Norfolk

- 1 My God, how wonderful thou art,  
thy majesty how bright,  
how beautiful thy mercy-seat,  
in depths of burning light!
- 2 How dread are thine eternal years,  
O everlasting Lord,  
by prostrate spirits day and night  
incessantly adored!
- 3 How wonderful, how beautiful,  
the sight of thee must be,  
thine endless wisdom, boundless power,  
and awful purity!
- 4 O how I fear thee, living God,  
with deepest, tenderest fears,  
and worship thee with trembling hope,  
and penitential tears!
- 5 Yet I may love thee too, O Lord,  
almighty as thou art,  
for thou hast stooped to ask of me  
the love of my poor heart.
- 6 No earthly father loves like thee,  
no mother, e'er so mild,  
bears and forbears as thou hast done  
with me thy sinful child.
- 7 Father of Jesus, love's reward,  
what rapture will it be,  
prostrate before thy throne to lie,  
and gaze and gaze on thee!

*Blessing*

(A seasonal blessing) **Amen**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All In the name of Christ. Amen.**