



## All Saints Church, Hertford

# Family Eucharist for Third Sunday of Lent 7<sup>th</sup> March 2021

### *Notices*

*Introit* Verily, verily I say to you – *Tallis*

*Tallis Scholars*

Verily, verily I say unto you,  
except ye eat the flesh of the Son of Man  
and drink His blood, ye have not life in you.  
Whoso eateth my flesh and drinketh my blood hath eternal life,  
and I will raise him up at the last day (bis)  
For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed.  
He that eateth my flesh and drinketh my blood  
dwelleth in me, and I in him.

*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*

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.**

### *Kyrie Eleison*

Lord, have mercy  
**Lord, have mercy**

Christ, have mercy  
**Christ, have mercy**

Lord, have mercy  
**Lord, have mercy**

### *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.**

### *The Collect for the Third Sunday of Lent*

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, 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 1 Corinthians 1.18-25* Andrew Povey-Richards

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.'

<sup>2</sup>Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

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

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## *Gospel Reading* **John 2.13-22** Julia Gough

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a market-place!' His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.' The Jews then said to him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?' Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews then said, 'This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## *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*

## *Praying for others* Ann Stephens-Jones

***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***

God has called us to live in peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

**and also with you.**

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

## ***Offertory Hymn*** 499 Lift high the cross

First-Plymouth Church, Lincoln, Nebraska

*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim*

*Till all the world adore his sacred name*

1      Come, Christians, follow where our Saviour trod  
The Lamb victorious, Christ the son of God  
*Lift high the cross.....*

2      All new-born servants of the Crucified  
Bear on their brow the seal of Christ who died.  
*Lift high the cross.....*

3      O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree  
Your death has brought us life eternally  
*Lift high the cross.....*

4      So shall our song of triumph ever be  
Praise to the Crucified for victory  
*Lift high the cross.....*

### ***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.

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.**

### *Giving of Communion*

**Anthem** Civitas sancti tui – *Byrd*  
*Choir of Trinity College, Cambridge*

Civitas sancti tui facta est deserta.  
Sion deserta facta est,  
Jerusalem desolata est.

*Your holy city has become a wilderness.  
Zion has become a wilderness,  
Jerusalem has been made desolate.*

### *After Communion*

Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; 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 582* Take up thy cross  
*Choir of St Michael & All Angels, Bassett*

- 1 Take up thy cross, the Saviour said,  
if thou wouldst my disciple be;  
deny thyself, the world forsake,  
and humbly follow after me.

- 2 Take up thy cross-let not its weight  
fill thy weak spirit with alarm:  
his strength shall bear thy spirit up,  
and brace thy heart, and nerve thine arm.
- 3 Take up thy cross, nor heed the shame,  
nor let thy foolish pride rebel:  
thy Lord for thee the Cross endured,  
to save thy soul from death and hell.
- 4 Take up thy cross then in his strength,  
and calmly every danger brave;  
'twill guide thee to a better home,  
and lead to victory o'er the grave.
- 5 Take up thy cross, and follow Christ,  
nor think till death to lay it down;  
for only they who bear the cross  
may hope to wear the glorious crown.
- 6 To thee, great Lord, the One in Three,  
all praise for evermore ascend:  
O grant us in our home to see  
the heavenly life that knows no end.

### *Blessing*

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,  
to deny yourselves, take up your cross and follow him;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

### *Voluntary*

Prelude in G BWV 860 - J.S.Bach

Kimiko Ishizaka – Piano