

23rd August 2020
Service of Holy
Communion



11th Sunday After
Trinity

The Greeting

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of Preparation

God of our times and years, we set this time
apart for you.
Form us in the likeness of Christ so that our
lives may glorify you. Amen.

Prayers of Penitence

We confess to you our selfishness and lack of
love:

Fill us with your Spirit.

Lord, have mercy.

We confess to you our fear and failure to share
our faith:

Fill us with your Spirit.

Christ, have mercy.

We confess to you our stubbornness and lack
of trust:

Fill us with your Spirit.

Lord, have mercy.

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 Collect

O God, you declare your almighty power most
chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully
grant to us such a measure of your grace, that
we, running the way of your commandments,
may receive your gracious promises, and be
made partakers of your heavenly treasure;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is

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alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the
Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Old Testament Reading Exodus 20: 1-21

GOD spoke all these words: I am GOD, your God,
who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out
of a life of slavery.

No other gods, only me.

No carved gods of any size, shape, or form of
anything whatever, whether of things that fly
or walk or swim. Don't bow down to them and
don't serve them because I am GOD, your God,
and I'm a most jealous God, punishing the
children for any sins their parents pass on to
them to the third, and yes, even to the fourth
generation of those who hate me. But I'm
unswervingly loyal to the thousands who love
me and keep my commandments.

No using the name of GOD, your God, in curses
or silly banter; GOD won't put up with the
irreverent use of his name.

Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Work
six days and do everything you need to do. But
the seventh day is a Sabbath to GOD, your God.
Don't do any work—not you, nor your son, nor
your daughter, nor your servant, nor your
maid, nor your animals, not even the foreign
guest visiting in your town. For in six days GOD
made Heaven, Earth, and sea, and everything
in them; he rested on the seventh day.
Therefore GOD blessed the Sabbath day; he set
it apart as a holy day.

Honour your father and mother so that you'll
live a long time in the land that God, your God,
is giving you.

No murder.

No adultery.

No stealing.

No lies about your neighbour.

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No lusting after your neighbour's house - or wife or servant or maid or ox or donkey. Don't set your heart on anything that is your neighbour's.

All the people, experiencing the thunder and lightning, the trumpet blast and the smoking mountain, were afraid - they pulled back and stood at a distance. They said to Moses, "You speak to us and we'll listen, but don't have God speak to us or we'll die."

Moses spoke to the people: "Don't be afraid. God has come to test you and instill a deep and reverent awe within you so that you won't sin."

The people kept their distance while Moses approached the thick cloud where God was.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 16:13-20

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

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Sermon

Creed

Let us declare our common faith in God.

Do you believe in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

I believe and trust in him.

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?

I believe and trust in him.

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 of Intercession

The response is

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

And, at the end,

Merciful Father,

accept these prayers

for the sake of your Son,

our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

The Peace

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us access to his grace.

The Peace of the Lord be always with you,
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

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Look upon us in mercy, not in judgement; draw us from hatred to love; make the frailty of our praise a dwelling place for your glory. **Amen.**

Preparation of the Table

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.

Father, you made the world and love your creation. You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour. His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death. And so we gladly thank you, with saints and angels praising you, and saying:

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

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine. Again he praised you, gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

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So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with Cuthbert, Aidan and all the saints to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**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.
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.**

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Giving of Communion

Draw near with faith. Receive the Body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith and thanksgiving.

When directed, please move forward in silence to receive the bread. The priest will receive the wine on behalf of us all.

Prayers after Communion

Lord of all mercy, we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace: by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty God, we thank thee for feeding us with the body and blood of thy Son Jesus Christ.

Through him we offer thee our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice.

Send us out in the power of thy Spirit to live and work to thy praise and glory. Amen.

The Blackburn Diocesan Vision Prayer for Vision 2026

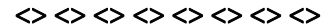
Heavenly Father, we embrace your call for us to make disciples, to be witnesses and to grow leaders. Give us the eyes to see your vision, ears to hear the prompting of your Spirit and courage to follow in the footsteps of your Son, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Blessing

The peace of God, which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and the love of God and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.



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