

11<sup>th</sup> October 2020  
Service of Holy  
Communion



18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after  
Trinity

### The Greeting

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you,  
**and also with you.**

### Prayer of Preparation

**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.**

### 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

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us  
your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies  
behind and reaching out to that which is  
before, we may run the way of your

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commandments and win the crown of  
everlasting joy; 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.**

### The Epistle Philippians 4. 1-9

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I  
love and long for, my joy and crown, stand  
firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the  
same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also,  
my loyal companion, help these women, for  
they have struggled beside me in the work of  
the gospel, together with Clement and the  
rest of my co-workers, whose names are in  
the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say,  
Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to  
everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry  
about anything, but in everything by prayer  
and supplication with thanksgiving let your  
requests be made known to God. And the  
peace of God, which surpasses all  
understanding, will guard your hearts and  
your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is  
honourable, whatever is just, whatever is  
pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is  
commendable, if there is any excellence and if  
there is anything worthy of praise, think about  
these things. Keep on doing the things that  
you have learned and received and heard and  
seen in me, and the God of peace will be with  
you.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 23**

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**sung by Debbie Whiteside**

### Gospel Reading

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Matthew 22. 1-14**

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Once more Jesus spoke to the chief priests and Pharisees in parables, saying: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, "Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet." But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet." Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?" And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### Sermon

### The Creed

Let us affirm our common faith in Jesus Christ.

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.**

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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

God will speak peace to his people, to those who turn to him in their hearts.

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.*

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.**

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Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, Lord God, our light and our salvation; to you be glory and praise for ever.

From the beginning you have created all things and all your works echo the silent music of your praise. In the fullness of time you made us in your image, the crown of all creation.

You give us breath and speech, that with angels and archangels and all the powers of heaven we may find a voice to speak your praise:

**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.**

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord. As a mother tenderly gathers her children, you embraced a people as your own. When they turned away and rebelled your love remained steadfast.

From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary, to be the living bread, in whom all our hungers are satisfied.

He offered his life for sinners, and with a love stronger than death he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died, he came to supper with his friends and, taking bread, he 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.

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 and for many for the

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forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

**Christ has died:  
Christ is risen:  
Christ will come again.**

Father, we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross; we remember his dying and rising in glory, and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.

Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you these gifts of your creation; may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence, form us in the likeness of Christ, and build us into a living temple to your glory.

Bring us at the last with all the saints to the vision of that eternal splendour for which you have created us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, by whom, with whom, and in whom, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **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.**

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## 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

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*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

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast: for here we receive you, here the memory of your passion is renewed, here our minds are filled with grace, and here a pledge of future glory is given, when we shall feast at that table where you reign with all your saints for ever. **Amen.**

**Almighty God,  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your 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.

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## The Blessing

The peace of God, which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and 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.**

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

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