

**A LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST
GIVING THANKS FOR GOD'S
GOODNESS**



**SUNDAY JUNE 28, 2020
ST ANDREW'S, EPSOM**

A SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING

PRESIDING PRIEST: *The Reverend Sarah Stevens-Cross*

DEACON: *The Reverend Julian Morris*

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: *Neil Shroff*

ORGANIST: *Stephen Hamilton*

THE ST ANDREW'S SENIOR CHOIR

THE ST ANDREW'S JUNIOR CHOIR

When the bell rings please stand

INTROIT

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord all ye lands;
Serve the Lord with gladness.
Come before his presence with a song!

*Words: Psalm 100
Music: Douglas Wagner*

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

The presiding priest and congregation say

Grace and peace to you from God.

God fill you with truth and joy.

This is the day which the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Earth tells, O God, of all your wondrous ways;
we see your majesty in mountain peak,
the surge of waves which crash upon the shore;
lightning and thunder of your power speak.

We feel your gentleness in parents' care,
in tenderness that soothes an aching heart,
in selflessness that seeks another's good,
humility that takes the lesser part.

Your wisdom shines forth from a scholar's eyes,
your music sings to us a song divine,
the steadfast hope which conquers dark despair
reminds us that your light will ever shine.

In every part of life we know you, God;
your presence dwells in each community;
you forge the bonds of friendship which we share;
you lead us on the path of unity.

Then may our lives reflect your light and love,
illumine every action of your church,
so we may take Christ's gospel to the world,
provide a lamp of truth for those who search.

Words: Jocelyn Marshall

Music: W. Greatorex WOODLANDS

SONG OF PRAISE

The liturgist continues

Christ is the living water
cleansing, refreshing, making all things new.
Christ is the living bread;
food for the hungry,
strength for the pilgrim and the labourer.

So now we offer our thanks

**for the beauty of these islands;
for the wild places and the bush,
for the mountains, the coast and the sea.**

We offer thanks and praise to God for this good land;

**for its trees and pastures,
for its plentiful crops
and the skills we have learned to grow them.**

Our thanks for marae and the cities we have built;

**for science and discoveries,
for our life together,
for Aotearoa, New Zealand.**

FORGIVENESS

Hear the teaching of Christ:

a new commandment I give to you,
that you love one another as I have loved you.

Spirit of God, search our hearts.

E te Ariki, kia aroha mai.

E te Karaiti, kia aroha mai.

E te Ariki, kia aroha mai.

Jesus said:

Come to me all who labour and are heavy laden
and I will give you rest.

God has promised forgiveness
to all who truly repent,
turn to Christ in faith
and are themselves forgiving.

In silence we call to mind our sins.

Silence

Let us confess our sins.

Merciful God,

we have sinned

in what we have thought and said,

in the wrong we have done

and in the good we have not done.

We have sinned in ignorance:

we have sinned in weakness:

we have sinned through our own deliberate fault.

We are truly sorry.

We repent and turn to you.

Forgive us, for our Saviour Christ's sake,

and renew our lives to the glory of your name. Amen.

The Absolution is declared by the presiding priest
Through the cross of Christ,
God have mercy on you,
pardon you and set you free.
Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.
God strengthen you in all goodness
and keep you in life eternal. **Amen.**

SENTENCE OF THE DAY

The Liturgist says

“Be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father in all time and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Ephesians 5: 19

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**God our creator,
your gifts to us are countless
and your goodness without limit.
As we come in thanksgiving,
teach us to use wisely the riches of land and seas
and all blessings which come from you.
Grant us hearts that know the needs of others
that we may give as freely as we have received from you.
Hear this prayer for your love’s sake. Amen.**

READING: PHILIPPIANS 4: 4-9

After the reading

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 150

Chant: R. Goodenough

THE GRADUAL HYMN

O God beyond all praising,
we worship you today
and sing the love amazing
that songs cannot repay;
for we can only wonder
at ev'ry gift you send,
at blessings without number
and mercies without end:
we lift our hearts before you
and wait upon your word,
we honor and adore you,
our great and mighty Lord.

Then hear, O gracious Savior,
accept the love we bring,
that we who know your favor
may serve you as our King;
and whether our tomorrows
be filled with good or ill,
we'll triumph through our sorrows
and rise to bless you still:
to marvel at your beauty
and glory in your ways,
and make a joyful duty
our sacrifice of praise.

Words: M Perry

Music: GT Holst THAXTED

THE GOSPEL READING: LUKE 11: 11-19

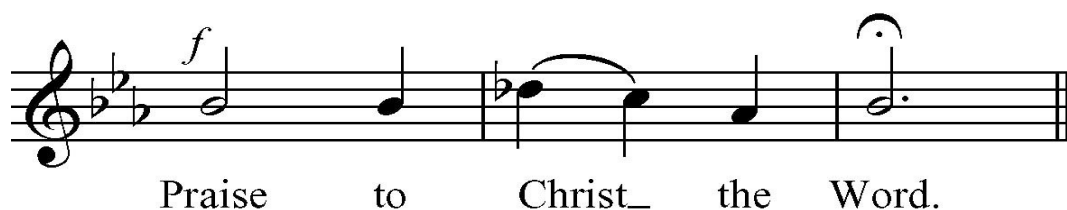
All stand as the choir sings and the gospel processions moves to the centre of the church

The Holy Gospel according to Luke Chapter 17 beginning at the 11th verse



After the gospel

This is the Gospel of Christ.



REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL

Lead by Aimee White and our Sunday School

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please sit or kneel as the presiding priest says

Let us pray for the Church and for the world,
giving thanks for God's goodness.

The intercessor prays

God of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ you promise to hear us when we pray to you in faith with thanksgiving.

Loving God, we give you thanks that we are finally able to come together as a community to worship without restriction. We give

thanks also for the technology that enabled us to worship from afar over a period of several months.

We celebrate the tangible reality of your presence among us which is immeasurably enhanced when we are able physically to gather in your name in the spirit of fellowship.

For your love and goodness
we give you thanks, O God.

Inspired by the worship we share this morning, O God, give us grace to serve Christ by serving our neighbours and our community, loving others as he loves us.

Silence

On this notable occasion when we have our wonderful choir together again we give thanks for the gift of music; especially the way in which it can reflect every emotion - joy and delight, melancholy and sadness, wonder and worship, love and devotion. We express in particular this morning our gratitude for the liturgical enrichment provided by our choirs and pipe organ. We give thanks for the inauguration of the St Andrew's Junior Choir. It is fitting also to acknowledge the gifts and tireless service of Neil and Stephen.

For your love and goodness
we give you thanks, O God.

We acknowledge and give thanks for the work of Sarah, Julian and all our Parish leaders during this difficult time. Together they have maintained the most important elements of Parish life when the risk that some might lose touch was very real. The telephone tree and the Zoom initiative were just two vital facets of Parish life during the period of the lockdown.

For your love and goodness
we give you thanks, O God.

We pray for your Church throughout the world, thanking you for all who serve Christ and his kingdom. By your Spirit strengthen your people for their work and witness in the world. Unite us in your truth and love, that we who confess your name may also reflect your glory.

Silence

We give thanks for the tireless work of frontline health care professionals, whose selfless devotion to duty has ensured such a gratifying Coronavirus outcome in this country to date.

For your love and goodness
we give you thanks, O God.

We acknowledge also that their work is not necessarily done here; nor is it done in many other parts of the world. Lord, we pray that all health workers everywhere will remain safe and healthy, clear-minded and compassionate, in the face of sometimes overwhelming odds. We pray also for scientists and researchers, as they toil to better understand the Coronavirus and to develop an effective vaccine.

Silence

We pray for those most directly affected by the Coronavirus- those who have lost loved ones, those who have suffered serious health setbacks, and those who have lost their livelihoods. May our communities reach out to those in need, and may God's love surround and uphold them.

For your love and goodness
we give you thanks, O God.

Silence

Let us pray for those who seek social justice. May the actions of protesters be directed constructively and may leaders and governments respond with discernment and wisdom.

For our own part, we pray for understanding and God's guidance when we reach out to others who do not share our beliefs and opinions, or our assumptions. Remind us Lord that your way requires that we love our neighbour, and not that we put our own interests first.

For your love and goodness
we give you thanks, O God.

We thank you for the unfailing love you hold out to everyone in Jesus Christ. Comfort and heal those in sorrow, need, sickness or any other trouble. Give them courage and hope in their distress, and bless those who minister to them.

Silence

We remember with gratitude your many gifts to us in creation and the rich heritage of these islands. Help us and people everywhere to share with justice and peace the resources of the earth. Give wisdom to those in authority among us and to all leaders of the nations.

Silence

We remember with thanksgiving all who have died in Christ, and we rejoice at the faithful witness of your saints in every age, praying that we may enter with them into the unending joy of your heavenly kingdom.

Silence

Merciful God, you look with compassion on all who turn to you.
Hear the prayers of your people.

**Grant that what we have asked in faith
we may by your grace receive;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Now to God who is able to do immeasurably more
than all we can ask or conceive,
by the power which is at work among us,
be glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus
throughout all ages. Amen.**

As Christ teaches us we sing:

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.

Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.

THE PEACE

All standing, the presiding priest says to the people

Kia tau tonu te rangimārie o te Ariki ki a koutou.

The peace of Christ be always with you.

A ki a koe anō hoki.

And also with you.

E te whānau, we are the body of Christ.

Brothers and sisters, ko tātou te tinana o te Karaiti.

By one Spirit we were baptised into one body.

Keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Amen. We are bound by the love of Christ.

We share a sign of Christ's peace with one another

THE OFFERTORY HYMN

Fill thou my life, O Lord my God,
in ev'ry part with praise,
that my whole being may proclaim
thy being and thy ways.

Not for the lip of praise alone,
nor e'en the praising heart,
I ask, but for a life made up
of praise in ev'ry part:

Praise in the common things of life,
its going out and in;
praise in each duty and each deed
however small and mean.

Fill every part of me with praise:
let all my being speak
of the and of thy love, O Lord,
poor through I be and weak.

So shalt thou, Lord, receive from me
that praise of glory due;
and so shall I begin on earth
the song for ever new.

So shall each fear, each fret, each care
be turned into a song,
and ev'ry winding of the way
the echo shall prolong.

So shall no part of day or night
unblest or common be,
but all my life, in ev'ry step,
be fellowship with thee.

Words: H Bonar

Music: T. Haweis RICHMOND

THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

Blessed are you, God of all creation;
through your goodness we have these gifts to share.
Accept and use our offerings for your glory
and for the service of your kingdom.
Blessed be God for ever.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

It is recommended that the people stand, sit or kneel throughout the following prayer. The presiding priest and people sing

The Lord is here.
God's 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 offer thanks and praise.

God, you made us, and the world and everything in it.
All the good we see comes from you.
You have always loved us
but people have not always loved you.

You sent Jesus to show us how to live
and to bring us back to you again.
Jesus died for us on the cross
so that through your Spirit
we can all be your people.

You have given us saints throughout history,
to show us how to love and worship you.
We thank you for their example and encouragement.

We praise you singing:

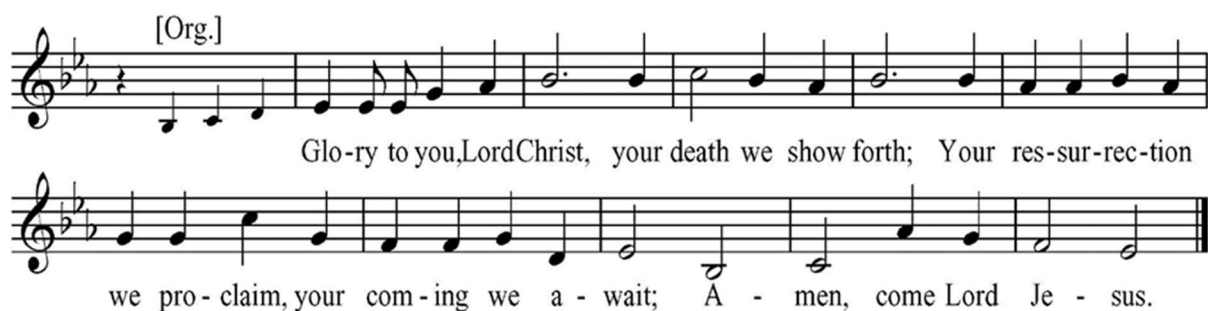
[Org.] *mf*
Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
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heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the high - est.
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Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, Ho -
f
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

We are here because on the night before he died
Jesus shared a meal with his friends.

There he took some bread and gave thanks to you, God.
He broke it into pieces, and gave it to them.
“This is my body,” he said,
“Do this, and know that I am with you.”

Later, he took a cup of wine and gave thanks to you.
He shared it with them, and said
“This is my blood, which brings new life.
Do this, and know that I am with you.”

And so, remembering Jesus, who died,
was raised to new life by you,
and is alive forever,
we are glad to share that life and live in him.



Send your Holy Spirit
so that this bread and wine
can be for us the body and blood
of Jesus, and through this food
give us strength to live as your people.

Help us to care for your world and for each other
in the way that Jesus showed us.
Until he comes again,
with all your people, in every time and every land
we worship you in songs of everlasting praise.



THE COMMUNION

The priest breaks the bread in silence and then says

Bread broken, sharing the body of Christ,
In our diversity we are the body of Christ

The priest lifts the cup and then says

Wine poured out, sharing the life of Christ
In our humanity, we share the life of Christ

*The Choirs sing the **AGNUS DEI** (D. Mews) as the altar party receives communion. Then the priest says*

Draw near and receive the body and blood of our Saviour
Jesus Christ in remembrance that he died for us.
Let us feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

THE COMMUNION MOTET

During Communion the senior choir will sing

Love divine, all love excelling

Words: Charles Wesley

Music: C Vine Hall

The Junior Choir sings

Blessed is he who comes

Music: E Daley

Everyone is welcome to receive communion at St Andrew's. We will share communion in both kinds at the High alt. If you prefer to receive a blessing please put a hand across your chest.

*If you put **one hand out**, you will be offered a dipped wafer by the priest (the body and blood of Christ). If you put **two hands out** you will be offered just the bread. You will then be offered the common cup; you may drink from it, or take it and hold it to acknowledge that you are receiving God's grace; or if you put a hand across your chest the chalice bearer will offer it to you in words alone.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Almighty God, giver of all good things,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the precious body and blood of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.
We thank you for your love and care
in assuring us of your gift of eternal life
and uniting us with the blessed company
of all faithful people.

**Therefore, everliving God,
keep us steadfast in your holy fellowship.
And now we offer ourselves, all that we have and are,
to serve you faithfully in the world,
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be all honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

PARISH NOTICES

CLOSING HYMN

Now thank we all our God
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms
has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us,
to keep us in his grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
of this world in the next.

All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son and Spirit blest,
who reign in highest heaven
the one eternal God,
whom heaven and earth adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

Words: M Rinhart

Music: J Cruger

THE BLESSING

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing
and may the blessing of God the Creator, Jesus the Christ and the
Holy Spirit be amongst you and remain with you, forever more.

Amen.

SUNG DISMISSAL

St Andrew's Junior Choir

May the Lord go with you,
Let Him take your hand.
Keep His love within you,
until we meet again. Amen.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY