

The Parish Church of  
St. John the Baptist, Wakefield

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2021

# Holy Communion

*The Gathering*

## SONG

All creatures of our God and King  
lift up your voice and with us sing  
Alleluia, alleluia.

Thou burning sun with golden beam,  
thou silver moon with softer gleam,  
*O praise him, O praise him,  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,  
ye clouds that sail in heaven along,  
O praise him, alleluia.

Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,  
ye lights of evening, find a voice;

*Chorus*

Thou flowing water, pure and clear,  
make music for thy Lord to hear,  
Alleluia, alleluia.

Thou fire so masterful and bright,  
that givest hearts both warmth and light:

*Chorus*

**Dear mother earth, who day by day  
unfoldest blessings on our way,  
O praise him, alleluia.  
The flowers and fruits that in thee grow,  
let them his glory also show:**

***Chorus***

**Let all things their Creator bless,  
and worship him in humbleness;  
O praise him, alleluia.  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
and praise the Spirit, Three in One;**

***Chorus***

*William Henry Draper (1855-1933)*

*based on Laudato si', O me signore St Francis of Assisi's Canticle of the Sun*

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

## **PRAYERS OF PENITENCE**

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'  
So let us turn away from sin and turn to Christ,  
confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

*Silence is kept*

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour  
in thought and word and deed,  
through negligence, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
who died for us, forgive us all that is past  
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life  
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Almighty God,  
who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**THE GLORIA** *We stand*  
**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 FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT**

Almighty God,  
give us reverence for all creation  
and respect for every person,  
that we may mirror your likeness  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*The Liturgy of the Word*

### **FIRST BIBLE READING: Colossians 1:15-20**

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **SONG**

**There is a Redeemer,  
Jesus, God's own Son,  
precious Lamb of God, Messiah,  
Holy One.**

*Thank You, O my Father,  
for giving us Your Son,  
and leaving Your Spirit  
till the work on earth is done.*

**Jesus, my Redeemer,  
name above all names,  
precious Lamb of God, Messiah,  
O for sinners slain:**

***Thank You, O my Father,  
for giving us Your Son,  
and leaving Your Spirit  
till the work on earth is done.***

**When I stand in glory  
I will see His face,  
and there I'll serve my King for ever  
in that holy place.**

***Thank You, O my Father,  
for giving us Your Son,  
and leaving Your Spirit  
till the work on earth is done.***

*Words and music: Melody Green*

### **THE GOSPEL READING: John 1:1-14**

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

*At the end the reader says:*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

### **THE CREED**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the Lord, the giver of life,**

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,**

**who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,**

**who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,**

**and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **THE PRAYERS**

*This response may be used:*

Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

*St John's Prayer for growth:*

**God of mission, you give fresh life to St John's.**

**Send your Holy Spirit to give**

**vision to our planning,**

**wisdom to our activities,**

**and power to our witness,**

**that we may grow in love and commitment to you,**

**in number of disciples,  
and in loving service to our neighbours  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

*At the end we say:*

Merciful Father,  
**accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## *The Liturgy of the Sacrament*

### **THE PEACE**

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,  
since as members of one body you are called to peace.  
The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

### **SONG**

**O worship the King all glorious above;  
O gratefully sing his power and his love;  
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,  
pavilioned in splendour and girded with praise.**

**O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,  
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;  
his chariots of wrath the deep thunder clouds form,  
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.**

**Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;  
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,  
and sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.**

**Frail children of dust and feeble as frail,  
in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;  
thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end!  
our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend.**

**O measureless might, ineffable love,  
while angels delight to hymn thee above,  
thy humbler creation, though feeble their lays,  
with true adoration shall sing to thy praise.**

*William Kethe (fl.1559-1594), Robert Grant (1779-1838)*

## **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.'

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.

Great is the mystery of faith

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

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 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**

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**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.  
And 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**

*The president breaks the consecrated 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.**

## **LAMB OF GOD**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.**

## **INVITATION TO 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 with thanksgiving.

## **THE GIVING OF COMMUNION**

The body and blood of Christ keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

*The President receives communion and then gives communion to the other ministers on the dais.*

## **AFTER COMMUNION**

God our creator, by your gift

the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise,

and the bread of life at the heart of your Church:

may we who have been nourished at your table on earth

be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross

and enjoy the delights of eternity;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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.**

## **SONG**

**Amazing grace - how sweet the sound -  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
was blind, but now I see.**

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed.**

**Through many dangers, toils and snares,  
I have already come;  
'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.**

**The Lord has promised good to me,  
his word my hope secures;  
he will my shield and portion be  
as long as life endures.**

**When we've been there ten thousand years  
bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise  
than when we first begun.**

*John Newton (1725-1807), William Cowper (1731-1800), John Rees (1828-1900)*

**THE BLESSING & DISMISSAL**

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing;  
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.**