



Service of Word and Communion by Extension



Visitors – welcome to our service today

To follow the service today you need this sheet, together with the coloured service card.

We welcome and invite baptised Christians from other denominations to receive Holy Communion at this service.

Please join us for refreshments after the service

If you are glad our church is here, please support us with your generosity in the collection, and by telling others about us.

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Entry of the Ministers

T - Horsley

**In Christ we died; with Christ we live
from sin made truly free,
our claim with all who follow him:
"Not I, but Christ in me!"**

**The grain of wheat into the ground
must fall alone and die,
before it can attain new life
and grow and multiply.**

**They crucified the Lord of life,
then in the tomb he lay,
until the resurrection news
rang out on Easter Day.**

**At our baptismal font, the rite
proclaims that we have died,
yet live no more in Christ's dark tomb,
but risen at his side!**

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from sin made truly free;
our claim with all who follow him:
"Not I, but Christ in me!"**

Readings: God's Word in the Scriptures



Isaiah 55, vv10-13

- God's word will not return to Him empty

Psalm 65 pt

T - Thornbury

**You visit earth and greatly
enrich the land with rain.
God's stream is full of water,
and you provide their grain.
You water all its furrows,
you settle all the ground;
you soften it with showers
and make its growth abound.**

**You crown the year with bounty;
your harvests overflow.
The wilderness is fruitful;
the hills with joy are clothed.
With grain the vales are covered;
the flocks in pasture graze.
All nature joins in singing
a joyful song of praise.**

Romans 8, vv1-11

- No condemnation for all who are in Christ

Gospel greeting:



All repeat: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

He who raised Jesus from death:
gives you life through His Spirit in you.

All: Alleluia

Before the Gospel:

The Lord be with you.

All and also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew (13, vv1-9, 18-23)

All Glory to you, O Lord.

The parable of the sower

After the reading:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

All repeat: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

At the receiving of gifts

T – Kingsfold

**He lives in us, the Christ of God,
his Spirit joins with ours;
he brings to us the Father's grace
with powers beyond our powers.
So when enticing sin grows strong,
and human nature fails,
God's Spirit in our inner self
fights for us, and prevails.**

**Our pangs of guilt and fears of death
are Satan's stratagems;
by Jesus Christ who died for us
God pardons; who condemns?
And when we cannot feel our faith,
nor bring ourselves to pray,
the Spirit pleads with God for us
in words we could not say.**

**God gave the Son to save us all
no greater love is known!
And shall that love abandon us
who have become Christ's own?
For God has raised him from the grave,
in this we stand assured;
so none can tear us from God's love
in Jesus Christ the Lord.**

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Sending Out

T – Londonderry Air

**Be in our midst, and gather us together,
and let your loving-kindness be our guide;
help us discern your image in each other,
and walk with humble footsteps by your side.
Send us to work, O Lord, Almighty Giver,
till all who thirst and hunger now are filled;
let justice thunder like a mighty river,
that every storm of strife and conflict may be stilled.**

**Grant us that peace beyond the mind's discerning;
help us to live the truth that sets us free.
And may the Spirit's fire within us burning
help us become who we are called to be.
In eager longing for your new creation,
a world reshaped by love and hope and grace,
with Christ the Prince of Peace as our foundation,
we'll build your kingdom now, in this and every place.**