



Holy Eucharist 9th Sunday after Trinity



Visitors – welcome to our service today

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

Please ask Fr Chris if you would like a paper or email copy of the sermon to read

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.

To ask a question or to find out more, please speak to a minister or visit our website:

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Entry of the Ministers

T - Slane

**Come to God's table, for all is prepared,
the bread that we offer is broken and shared,
Christ's presence among us is food for the soul,
reviving, renewing, and making us whole.**

**Come to God's table, and drink of the wine,
the blood of the Saviour, in mystery divine,
the cup of salvation both priceless and free,
transforming God's people to all we can be.**

**Come to God's table, we come as we are,
we bring all the burdens we've carried so far,
in body, in spirit, in soul, mind and heart,
to feed on the grace only God can impart.**

**Come to God's table! then go in God's grace
to hold all the earth in a heav'nly embrace,
sent out in the Spirit to tend and to care
in thought, word and action, our life is our prayer.**

Readings: God's Word in scripture

Isaiah 55, vv1-5

- Come, all who are thirsty, come to the waters



**God's anger is most slow to rise;
his love and kindness are most great.
The LORD is good in all his ways;
his creatures know his constant care.**

**The LORD upholds the faltering feet
and makes the weak securely stand.
The eyes of all look up to God
for food and drink, which he supplies.**

**His open hand is bountiful,
and every need he satisfies.**

**The LORD is just in all his ways;
in all his works the LORD is kind.**

**And all who call on him in truth
in him a present helper find.
He will fulfill the heart's desire
of those who fear him and obey.**

**The LORD will surely hear their cry,
will save them when to him they pray.
The LORD in grace preserves his saints,
redeeming those who love his name.**

**The wicked he will overthrow
and put his enemies to shame.**

**My mouth will sing the glorious praise
of God, whom earth and heaven adore.**

Romans 9, vv1-5

- Paul's love and longing for the Jewish people

Gospel greeting:

T – Alleluia give thanks

**Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia, pay heed to His Word.**

**Jesus gave thanks and broke the bread:
all who received it were satisfied.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia, pay heed to His word.**

The Lord be with you

All **And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew (14, vv13-21)

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The feeding of the 5,000

After the reading:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia, pay heed to His word.**

Preparing of the gifts

T – Lathbury

Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me
as you once broke the bread beside the sea:
beyond the sacred page, I seek you, Lord;
my spirit longs for you, the living Word.

You are the bread of life, O Lord, to me;
your holy word, your truth, is food for me:
grant I may eat and live with you above;
teach me to love your truth, for you are love.

Now send your Spirit, Lord, to strengthen me,
so let him touch my eyes that I may see:
show me the truth concealed within your word;
and in your love revealed I'll see you, Lord.

Bless now the bread of life to me, to me,
as you once blessed the loaves by Galilee:
then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall,
and I shall find my peace, my all in all.

At the Sending Out

T – Abbots Leigh

Where is bread?" the great crowd murmured —
Thousands strong, yet all in need.
"Where is bread?" your people wondered,
Faced with such a crowd to feed.
Who, Lord Jesus, could have guessed it?
One small boy brought food to share.
Taking what he gave, you blessed it;
All were fed, with much to spare.

Where is bread? We know their yearning;
Every day, we wish for more.
God, in time, we're slowly learning:
All we own can make us poor.
Our possessions can possess us,
Leaving hunger deep inside.
Christ our Bread, come now and bless us;
At your feast, we're satisfied.

"Where is bread?" the call is rising;
Millions cry who must be fed.
God, your answer seems surprising:
"You, my Church, you give them bread."
Bread to fill each hungry spirit,
Bread for hungry stomachs, too!
Give us bread and help us share it.
Richly blest, may we serve you.