

Thinking about



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.

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Stewardship Renewal Eucharist

Entry of the Ministers

T – Almsgiving

**O Lord of heaven and earth and sea,
to thee all praise and glory be.
How shall we show our love to thee,
who givest all?**

**Thou didst not spare thine only Son,
but gav'st him for a world undone,
and freely with that blessed One.
thou givest all.**

**Thou giv'st the Holy Spirit's dower,
Spirit of life and love and power,
and dost his sevenfold graces shower
upon us all.**

**For souls redeemed, for sins forgiven,
for means of grace and hopes of heaven,
Father, what can to thee be given,
who givest all?**

**We lose what on ourselves we spend,
we have as treasure without end
whatever, Lord, to thee we lend,
who givest all.**

**To thee, from whom we all derive
our life, our gifts, our power to give:
O may we ever with thee live,
who givest all.**

Readings: God's Word in the Scriptures



1 Chronicles 29, vv10-14

– All things come from you, O Lord!

Psalms 24

T – Forest Green

**The world and all in it are God's,
all peoples of the earth,
for it was founded by the LORD
upon the seas beneath.
Who may ascend the hill of God,
or in his temple stand?
Those who have shunned false gods and lies,
who's pure in heart and hand.**

**They will find favour from the LORD
and receive saving grace.
Thus are they blessed, O Jacob's God,
who truly seek your face.
You ancient gates, lift up your heads;
you doors, be opened wide—
so may the King of glory come
for ever to abide.**

**But who is this exalted King?
What glorious King is he?
It is the LORD of strength and might,
the LORD of victory.
You ancient gates, lift up your heads;
you doors, be opened wide—
so may the King of glory come
for ever to abide.**

2 Corinthians 9, vv6-11

- God loves a cheerful giver

Gospel greeting:



All repeat: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

**God will enrich you in all ways:
your generosity will give praise to God.
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 (25, vv14-30)

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

The Parable of the Talents

After the reading:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

All repeat: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sermon - Creed

Intercessions

Preparing of the gifts *T - Blaenwern*

**Yours the greatness, Lord, the glory,
splendour, might and majesty!
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
ever-giving Trinity.**

**Generous God, we kneel astounded
that you touch our lives today
as we break this bread together,
taste the wine and pause to pray.**



**With our praises, Lord, we bring you
our possessions, like the lad
who entrusted loaves and fishes
to your keeping - all he had.
Take the sum of our resources:
skills and training, strength and health;
time, concern, imagination,
talents generating wealth.**

**Christ our Lord, transform these offerings -
yours the resurrection power!
Ours the task as faithful stewards
to confront the present hour.
Yours the greatness, Lord, the glory,
splendour, might and majesty!
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
ever-giving Trinity.**

Sending Out

T – Ar hyd y nos

**For the fruits of His creation, thanks be to God;
For the gifts to every nation, thanks be to God;
For the ploughing, sowing, reaping,
Silent growth while men are sleeping,
Future needs in earth's safe keeping,
thanks be to God!**

**In the just reward of labour, God's will is done;
In the help we give our neighbour, God's will is done;
In our worldwide take of caring
For the hungry and despairing,
In the harvests men are sharing,
God's will is done.**

**For the harvests of His Spirit, thanks be to God;
For the good all men inherit, thanks be to God;
For the wonders that astound us,
For the truths that still confound us,
Most of all, that love has found us,
thanks be to God!**