St Stephen’s Church

Fradley

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**Family**

**Communion**

***Welcome***

*The Churchwardens, PCC and regular members of the*

*worshipping community are delighted to share with you in this worship today.*

***Hearing Loop***

*St. Stephen’s has a hearing loop.*

*Please set your hearing aid to setting ‘T’.*

***Gift Aid***

*During the service there will be a collection for the*

*ongoing work of St. Stephen’s and any donation you care*

*to make will be gratefully received.*

*If you would like the Church to reclaim the tax*

*that you have paid on the donation,*

*please use the Gift Aid envelope provided in Church.*

*Please make cheques payable to* ***St. Stephen’s Fradley PCC.***

*All information supplied is kept in the strictest confidence*

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**Hymn**

**The Greeting and Welcome**

 In the name of the Father, and of the Son,

 and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

All **and also with you.**

*Further words of welcome or introduction may be said.*

**Prayer of Preparation**

All **Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,**

 **all desires known,**

 **and from whom no secrets are hidden:**

 **cleanse the thoughts of our hearts**

 **by the inspiration of**

 **your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you,**

 **and worthily magnify your holy name,**

 **through Christ our Lord.**

 **Amen.**

**Prayers of Penitence**

 We have too often exchanged the worship

 of the living God for idols of our own imagining.

 As we gather to offer our praises

 to the holy and undivided Trinity,

 and to worship him in spirit and in truth,

 let us call to mind our sins.

All **Almighty God, our heavenly Father,**

 **we have sinned against you**

 **and against our neighbour in thought, 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.**

*The president says*

 May the God of love and power

 forgive *you* and free *you* from *your* sins,

 heal and strengthen *you* by his Spirit,

 and raise *you* to new life in Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

*We stand to say…*

**The Gloria**

 **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 Trinity Sunday**

Holy God, faithful and unchanging:

 enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth,

 and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love,

 that we may truly worship you,

 Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

 one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**The Readings**

*An Old or New Testament reading (or both) are read.*

*At the end the reader may say*

 Hear the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn**

**The Gospel Reading**

*At the beginning of the reading, the reader will say*

 Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to ***N.***

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

*At the end, the reader will say*

 This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon or Address**

**Affirmation of Faith**

*Please stand*

Let us declare our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All **We believe in God the Father,**

 **from whom every family**

 **in heaven and on earth is named.**

 **We believe in God the Son,**

 **who lives in our hearts through faith,**

 **and fills us with his love.**

 **We believe in God the Holy Spirit,**

 **who strengthens us**

 **with power from on high.**

 **We believe in one God;**

 **Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

 **Amen.**

*cf Ephesians 3*

**The Prayers**

*Please sit or kneel*

*These responses may be used*

 Lord, in your mercy

All **hear our prayer.**

*And at the end*

Merciful Father...

All **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,**

 **our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**The Peace**

*Please stand*

 Peace to you from God, our heavenly Father.

 Peace from his Son Jesus Christ, who is our peace.

 Peace from the Holy Spirit, the life-giver.

 The peace of the triune God be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

*We exchange a sign of peace with each other.*

**Offertory Hymn**

*During which a collection is taken and the gifts of the people*

*are presented. The table is prepared.*

*All may exchange a sign of peace.*

**Preparation of the Table**

 Holy God,

 holy and strong,

 holy and immortal,

 give us the bread of everlasting life,

 and make us branches of the true vine.

 **Amen.**

**The Liturgy of the Sacrament**

 The Lord be with you.

All **and also with you.**

 Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

 It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,

 always and everywhere to give you thanks,

 holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

 For with your only-begotten Son and the Holy Spirit

 you are one God, one Lord.

 All that you reveal of your glory,

 the same we believe of the Son

 and of the Holy Spirit,

 without any difference or inequality.

 We, your holy Church, acclaim you,

 Father of majesty unbounded,

 your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,

 and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

 Three Persons we adore,

 one in being and equal in majesty.

 And so with angels and archangels,

 with cherubim and seraphim,

 we sing for ever of your glory:

All **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.

 Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

All **Dying you destroyed our death,**

 **rising you restored our life:**

 **Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

 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.

All**Amen.**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

All **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.**

 **Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.**

 **For the kingdom, the power, and the glory**

 **are yours now and for ever. Amen.**

**Breaking of the Bread**

*The president breaks the consecrated bread.*

 We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All **Though we are many, we are one body,**

 **because we all share in one bread.**

All **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.**

All **We do not presume** **to come to this your table,**

 **merciful Lord,** **trusting in our own righteousness,**

 **but in your manifold and great mercies.**

 **We are not worthy** **so much as to gather up the crumbs**

 **under your table.**

 **But you are the same Lord** **whose nature**

 **is always to have mercy.**

 **Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,**

 **so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ**

 **and to drink his blood,**

  **that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body**

 **and our souls washed through his most precious blood**

 **and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us.**

 **Amen.**

**Giving of Communion**

*The president and people receive communion.*

*All are welcome at Christ’s table.*

*If you prefer to receive a blessing instead of communion, please bring this Service Booklet with you to indicate your preference to those administering.*

 **Prayer after Communion**

*A short silence is kept*

*The Post –Communion Prayer is said.*

 Almighty and eternal God,

 you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

 and live and reign in the perfect unity of love:

 hold us firm in this faith,

 that we may know you in all your ways

 and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory,

 who are three Persons yet one God,

 now and for ever.

 **Amen.**

*Banns of Marriage may be read and notices given.*

**Hymn**

**The Blessing and Dismissal**

 God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love,

 defend you on every side,

 and guide you in truth and peace;

 and the blessing of God almighty,

 the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,

 be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

 Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

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**Please stay for light refreshments**

**after this service is over.**

**These will be served in Church.**

 