

Song before service starts

Holy Spirit living breath of God

OBS - Countdown (1.15)

Words of Welcome

****Introduction***

In today's reading the Pharisees complained that Jesus disciples ate their meals with unclean hands. / He responded with words from Isaiah: / "This people honours me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me." / Jesus meant that worship is not about our lips, our knees, our hands nor our tongues. / Worship is about the heart. Our outward acts become worship when they are expressing what the heart is truly feeling. /

Call to Worship

"Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, / to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship" (*Romans 12:1*).

"Come close to God, and he will come close to you." (*James 4:8*) /

The Lord our God is worthy to receive glory and honour and power for he has created and redeemed us. /

Heavenly Father, in our worship help us to sing your praise, confess our sins, / hear your Word and bring our prayers to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. //

****Worship in Song***

All I once held dear, built my life upon,
All this world reveres, and wars to own,
All I once thought gain I have counted loss;
Spent and worthless now, compared to this.

Knowing you, Jesus,
Knowing you, there is no greater thing.
You're my all, you're the best,
You're my joy, my righteousness,
And I love you, Lord.

Now my heart's desire is to know you more,
To be found in you and known as yours.
To possess by faith what I could not earn,
All surpassing gift of righteousness.

Oh to know the power of your risen life,
And to know you in your sufferings.
To become like you in your death, my Lord,
So with you to live and never die.

****Confession***

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart God will not despise. / Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion, and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith. /

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have wandered and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. / We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. / We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things that we ought to have done; / and we have done those things that we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. / But you, O Lord, have mercy upon us sinners. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, / according to your promises declared to mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, / that we may live a disciplined, righteous and godly life, to the glory of your holy name. Amen. /

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

May almighty God, who sent his Son into the world to save sinners, / bring you his pardon and peace, now and for ever. **Amen. //**

****Special Prayer for Today***

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ / reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; / through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.//

****Bible Reading***

Mark 7.1-8 & 14-23 (*Church Bible p842*)

(*Reader: Dorothy Waterfield*)

This is the gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ. //

Sermon - Damian

****Worship in Song***

O Lord my God. When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works thy hand hath made.
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder.
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Then sings my soul, my saviour God to thee,
How great thou art. How great thou art.

When through the woods and forest glades I
wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
And hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze.

And when I think that God his Son not sparing,
Sent him to die - I scarce can take it in.
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin.

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
To take me home - what joy shall fill my heart.
Then shall I bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim, my God, how great thou art.

****Affirmation of Faith***

Using words from Philippians chapter 2, let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God: /
Though he was divine, he did not cling to equality with God, but made himself nothing. /

Taking the form of a slave, he was born in human likeness. He humbled himself and was obedient to death, / even the death of the cross. Therefore God has raised him on high, and given him the name above every name: / that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord, / to the glory of God the Father. Amen.//

****Prayers (led by Gwen Carlisle & Mags Southern)***

At the end: Merciful Father,
accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.//

****The Peace***

God will speak peace to his people, to those who turn to him in their hearts. /

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.//

****Offertory Prayer***

God of life, Saviour of the poor, receive with this money / gratitude from our hearts for your goodness, penitence for our pride and dedication to your service in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.//

****The Eucharistic Prayer//***

The Lord be with you.
And also with you. /

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. /

Almighty God, good Father to us all, your face is turned towards your world. / In love you gave us Jesus your Son to rescue us from sin and death. / Your Word goes out to call us home to the city where angels sing your praise. We join with them in heaven's song: /

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./

Father of all, we give you thanks for every gift that comes from heaven./ To the darkness Jesus came as your light. With signs of faith and words of hope / he touched untouchables with love and washed the guilty clean./

This is his story.

This is our song: Hosanna in the highest./

The crowds came out to see your Son, yet at the end they turned on him./ On the night he was betrayed he came to table with his friends to celebrate the freedom of your people./

This is his story:

This is our song: Hosanna in the highest./

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food; he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said:/ This is my body, given for you all./ Jesus then gave thanks for the wine; he took the cup, gave it and said:/ This is my blood, shed for you all for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me./

This is our story:

This is our song: Hosanna in the highest./

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup we celebrate the cross on which he died to set us free./ Defying death he rose again and is alive with you to plead for us and all the world./

This is our story:

This is our song: Hosanna in the highest./

Send your Spirit on us now that by these gifts we may feed on Christ with opened eyes and hearts on fire. / May we and all who share this food offer ourselves to live for you and be welcomed / at your feast in heaven where all creation worships you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:/

Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.//

****The Lord's Prayer***

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***

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,/ we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes./

Giving of 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.//

We receive communion

****Worship in Song***

Holy Spirit living breath of God,
Breathe new life into my willing soul.
Bring the presence of the risen Lord
To renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause your word to come alive in me,
Give me faith for what I cannot see;
Give me passion for your purity;
Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within,
May your joy be seen in all I do.
Love enough to cover every sin
In each thought and deed and attitude:
Kindness to the greatest and the least,
Gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my strivings into works of grace;
Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth,
Giving life to all that God has made,
Show your power once again on earth,
Cause Your church to hunger for your ways.
May the fragrance of our prayers arise;
Lead us on the road of sacrifice,
That in unity the face of Christ
May be clear for all the world to see.

****Prayer after Communion***

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. //

****Worship in Song***

May the peace of God our heav'nly Father
And the grace of Christ the risen Son
And the fellowship of God the Spirit
Keep our hearts and minds within His love

And to Him be praise for His glorious reign
From the depths of earth to the heights of heav'n
We declare the name of the Lamb once slain
Christ eternal the King of kings

May this peace which passes understanding
And this grace which makes us what we are
And this fellowship of His communion
Make us one in spirit and in heart

Notices (Extempore)

****Blessing***

Go out now and be doers of the Word. Cleanse your hearts of all pollution, / be quick to listen and learn, welcome the Word that God implants in you, and bring it to birth in acts of righteousness and compassion. /

And may God the Father bless you and pour his grace upon you; / may Christ Jesus reveal to you the truth of God's ways; and may the Holy Spirit fill your heart with passion and love. Amen. /

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen. //

Music after the service

May the peace of God our heav'nly Father