

***Worship in Song**

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away,
Slain for us: and we remember
The promise made that all who come in faith
Find forgiveness at the cross.
So we share in this bread of life,
And we drink of his sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of peace
Around the table of the King.

The body of our Saviour, Jesus Christ,
Torn for you: eat and remember
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life
Paid the price to make us one.
So we share in this bread of life,
And we drink of His sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of love
Around the table of the King.

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin
Shed for you: drink and remember
He drained death's cup that all may enter in
To receive the life of God.
So we share in this bread of life,
And we drink of his sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of grace
Around the table of the King.

And so with thankfulness and faith
We rise to respond and to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ
As his body here on earth.
As we share in his suffering
We proclaim: Christ will come again
And we'll join in the feast of heaven
Around the table of the King.

***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**

The King of Love is my delight,
His eyes are fire, his face is light,
The First and Last, the Living One,
His name is Jesus.

And from his mouth there comes a sound
That shakes the earth and splits the ground,
And yet this voice is life to me,
The voice of Jesus.

And I will sing my songs of love,
Calling out across the earth;
The King has come, the King of love has come.
And troubled minds can know His peace,
Captive hearts can be released;
The King has come, the King of love has come.

My Lover's breath is sweetest wine,
I am His prize, and he is mine;
How can a sinner know such joy?
Because of Jesus.
The wounds of love are in His hands,
The price is paid for sinful man;
Accepted child, forgiven son,
Because of Jesus.

And my desire is to have you near;
Lord you know that you are welcome here.
Before such love, before such grace
I will let the walls come down *(repeat)*

Banns of Marriage & Notices *(Extempore)*

***Blessing**

Jesus said: "If anyone would be my disciple, let them deny themselves, take up their cross and follow me. / For whoever would save their life will lose it; and whoever loses life for my sake and the gospel's will save it." **Amen. /**

Learn from Christ, trust him, delight in him, give all your daily affairs to him, / and you will never walk alone or be without his special presence which cannot be taken from you. **Amen. /**

So may the peace of God which surpasses all understanding, / keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge of God and of his true Son, Christ Jesus our Lord; / and the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy, Spirit, will be with you today and ever more. **Amen. /**

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

Music after the service

With a prayer you fed the hungry



Song before service starts

The King of Love is my delight

OBS - Countdown (1.15)

***Words of Welcome & Today's Theme**

In today's reading Peter confesses that Jesus is the Christ, the Messiah. / Jesus goes on to teach the disciples what they were least expecting about the Messiah, / that he would be put to death and three days later rise again. / Then Jesus tells the crowd and his disciples that to save their lives / they must deny themselves, take up their cross and follow him. /

Opening Prayer

Loving God, you call us to turn away from our own selfish interests, / to take up our cross, and to follow you. / To find our lives, may we live them in service of your mission. / As we come before you this morning, give us open hearts and open hands. / Make us eager to hear your voice. Open our minds to your ever-present spirit. / Open our spirits to your guiding and open our lives to your love. **Amen. //**

***Worship in Song**

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom
My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine
Yet not I but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side the Saviour he will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need his power is displayed
To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley he will lead
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome
Yet not I but through Christ in me

The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Holy Communion

12 September 2021

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven
The future sure the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And he was raised to overthrow the grave
To this I hold my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free
Yet not I but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For he has said that he will bring me home
And day by day I know he will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to him
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me

***Confession**

God Almighty, we have failed to follow you,
but we continue in our old ways. / You call us
to embrace your desires, but we are refuse to
let go of our own desires. / Lord God, may we
follow in Christ's footsteps. / Teach us, we
pray, to take up our cross and follow
wherever you lead. /

Jesus said, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me." /
Father, we are often slow to follow Christ.
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy. /**

Jesus said, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me." /
Father, we often fail to be known as Christ's disciples.
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy. /**

Jesus said, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me." /
Father, we often fail to walk the way of the cross.
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy. /**

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

based on words from Psalm 116

How kind our God is to us - full of grace and compassion./ He is the one who rescues our souls from sin, that we can once again walk in his presence with confidence and joy./ So be at peace: your sins are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.//

***Special Prayer for Today**

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church / in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that,/ always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service;/ through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you,/ in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.//**

***Bible Reading**

Mark 8.27-38 (Church Bible p844)
(Reader: Maria Winter)

This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ //

Sermon - Damian

***Worship in Song**

With a prayer you fed the hungry
With a cry you stilled the storm
With a look you had compassion
On the desperate and forlorn
With a touch you healed the leper
With a shout you raised the dead
With a word expelled the demons
With a blessing broke the bread

Love incarnate love divine
Captivate this heart of mine
Till all I do speaks of you

As a sheep before the shearer
You were silent in your pain
You endured humiliation
At the hands of those you'd made
And as hell unleashed its fury
You were lifted on a tree
Crying Father God forgive them
Place their punishment on me

I will feed the poor and hungry
I will stand up for the truth
I will take my cross and follow
To the corners of the earth
And I ask that you so fill me
With your peace your power your breath
That I never love my life so much
To shrink from facing death

***The Apostles Creed**

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?/
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth./

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?/
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,/ born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried;/ he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,/ he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead./

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?/
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,/ the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.//

***Prayers** (led by Sally Johnson)

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

***The Peace**

We are the body of Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body./ Let us then pursue all that makes for peace and builds up our common life./

The peace of God be always with you.
and also with you.//

***Offertory Prayer**

Everything in heaven and earth comes from you, Lord. We give you only what is yours. / May you be praised forever and ever. Amen.//

***The Eucharistic Prayer A**

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./

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy, at all times and in all places / to give you thanks and praise, holy Father, heavenly King,/ almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord./

For he is your living Word; through him you have created all things from the beginning,/ and formed us in your own image. Through him you have freed us from the slavery of sin,/ giving him to be born of a woman and to die upon the cross;/ you raised him from the dead and exalted him to your right hand on high./ Through him you have sent upon us your holy and life-giving Spirit, and made us a people for your own possession./

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven,/ we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying:./

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest./

Accept our praises, heavenly Father, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,/ and as we follow his example and obey his command, grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit / these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his blood;/

who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks;/ he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:/ Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me./

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying:/ 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./

Therefore, heavenly Father, we remember his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross;/ we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; we look for the coming of your kingdom,/ and with this bread and this cup we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord./

Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again./

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,/ and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty,/ renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord./

Through him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,/ with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:./

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

***The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come;/ thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread./ And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us./ And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil./ For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and 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