

### ***Song before Service***

Hear the call of the kingdom

### ***Countdown video***

### ***Welcome & Theme of Service***

Today is 'Parish Share Sunday'. We shall be reflecting on the teachings in the Bible about giving generously to the Lord's work.

### ***Worship in Song***

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,  
There is no shadow of turning with thee;  
Thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not,  
As thou hast been thou for ever wilt be.

Great is thy faithfulness.  
Great is thy faithfulness.  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed thy hand hath provided,  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.

Summer and winter, and spring-time and harvest,  
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside.

### ***Confession***

Gracious and loving God, we bow to you who are from everlasting to everlasting. We thank you that you have placed within us a spiritual dimension that longs for you. Yet we often wander far from you and lose the fulfilment that you give. And we know that our lack of peace is due to the many ways in which disobey your commandments.

**Forgive us Lord, for our love of money and the desire only for our own contentment.**

**Forgive us Lord, for our envy of those who are more successful than ourselves. Forgive us Lord, for our resentment to those who have more than us and our anger at life's unfairness. Forgive us Lord, when we place our security in our possessions. Forgive us Lord, for our lack of generosity. Forgive us Lord, when we forget that all that we have comes from you.**

**O God, we ask that you would transform us and provide us victory over all greed and avarice. Amen.**

### ***God's Assurance of Forgiveness***

If God kept track of all our mistakes, what chance would we have? But with unfailing love, God offers us forgiveness that blots out our sins completely by the sacrifice of his Son, Jesus Christ, by his death on the cross. So be at peace, your sins are forgiven.

**Praise be to you O God.**

### ***Introduction to the Reading***

When the exiles returned to Jerusalem from captivity in Babylon, they started rebuilding the temple. They faced much opposition, and the building work stopped for about 16 years during which time the people became more concerned with their own homes and their own comforts. The prophet Haggai then challenged them to give careful thought to their ways and stirred them up to continue re-building the temple.

### ***Bible Reading***

Haggai 1.1-15 (*Church Bible page 791*)

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### ***Prayer for Today***

Lord God, Jesus taught us that we cannot love both God and money, and that life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.

Teach us to be faithful stewards of our time, our talents and our money, that we may use them for the sake of the gospel and to extend your kingdom. **Amen.**

## *Sermon*

### *Worship in Song*

I will offer up my life In spirit and truth  
Pouring out the oil of love as my worship to you  
In surrender I must give my every part  
Lord receive the sacrifice of a broken heart

Jesus what can I give what can I bring  
To so faithful a friend to so loving a King  
Saviour what can be said what can be sung  
As a praise of Your name  
For the things You have done  
Oh my words could not tell not even in part  
Of the debt of love that is owed  
By this thankful heart

You deserve my every breath  
For You've paid the great cost  
Giving up Your life to death even death on a cross  
You took all my shame away there defeated my sin  
Opened up the gates of heaven  
And have beckoned me in

### *An Affirmation of Faith*

We believe the grace of God has dawned upon us with healing for all the world, and so we rejoice to declare our faith in him:

**We trust in God the Father, who has revealed his love and kindness to us, and in his mercy saved us, not for any good deed of our own, but because he is merciful.**

**We trust in Jesus Christ, who gave himself up for us to free us from our sin, and set us apart for himself a people eager to do good.**

**We trust in the Holy Spirit, whom God poured out on us generously through Christ our Saviour so that justified by grace we might become heirs with the hope of eternal life. Amen.**

## *Prayers*

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

### *The Peace*

Jesus says to his disciples, 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled or afraid.'

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

### *Offertory Prayer*

**Heavenly Father, your love for us is beyond measure. Help us to offer for your work a due proportion of what we have, in gratitude for what you have given us. This we pray in Jesus name who gave his very life for us. 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.**

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 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*

### *Song during Communion*

How deep the Father's love for us  
How vast beyond all measure  
That he should give his only Son  
To make a wretch his treasure  
How great the pain of searing loss  
The Father turns his face away  
As wounds which mar the chosen one  
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross  
My sin upon his shoulders  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice  
Call out among the scoffers  
It was my sin that held him there  
Until it was accomplished  
His dying breath has brought me life  
I know that is finished.

I will not boast in anything  
No gifts, no powers, no wisdom  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ  
His death and resurrection

Why should I gain from his reward  
I cannot give an answer  
But this I know with all my heart  
His wounds have paid my ransom.

### *Song during Communion*

Take my life and let it be  
Consecrated Lord to Thee  
Take my moments and my days  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise

Take my hands and let them move  
At the impulse of Thy love  
Take my feet and let them be  
Swift and beautiful for Thee

Take my voice and let me sing  
Always only for my King  
Take my lips and let them be  
Filled with messages from Thee

Take my silver and my gold  
Not a mite would I withhold  
Take my intellect and use  
Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose

Take my will and make it Thine  
It shall be no longer mine  
Take my heart it is Thine own  
It shall be Thy royal throne

Take my love my Lord I pour  
At Thy feet its treasure store  
Take myself and I will be  
Ever only all for Thee

### *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*

Speak O Lord as we come to You  
To receive the food of Your holy word  
Take Your truth plant it deep in us  
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness

That the light of Christ might be seen today  
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith  
Speak O Lord and fulfill in us  
All Your purposes for Your glory

Teach us Lord full obedience  
Holy reverence true humility  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes  
In the radiance of Your purity  
Cause our faith to rise  
Cause our eyes to see  
Your majestic love and authority  
Words of power that can never fail  
Let their truth prevail over unbelief

Speak O Lord and renew our minds  
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us  
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time  
That will echo down through eternity  
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises  
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us  
Speak O Lord till Your church is built  
And the earth is filled with Your glory

### *Blessing*

Go out from here with a pocket full of free gifts to give to those you meet. Give freely your love and concern as a token of the greater love of God. Give freely your time and effort as a token of the sacrifice of Jesus. Give freely your help and friendship, as a token of the upholding Spirit. And may all you give and all you do cause others to seek the true gift of the God who blesses without end. And may the blessing of God, the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit, be with you now and always. **Amen.**

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

### *Music as we leave*

When I survey the wondrous cross