

## Parish Eucharist and Act of Spiritual Communion 14<sup>th</sup> after Trinity – 13 September 2020

### Offering our hearts to join with Jesus' heart in the Eucharist

Although we are apart from one another at this time, we are the body of Christ, united in our prayer and worship wherever we are. This order of service is to help you in your prayer at home, whether you are following our facebook live stream at 10.30am on Sunday 13 September (<https://www.facebook.com/StNicsBrighton>), or praying at another time.



*As you prepare to worship, it may help to light a candle, and pray the collect for purity:*

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.

*If you are watching on facebook, the celebrant introduces the service and we confess our sins. If you are praying alone take a moment to consider how you have strayed from God's love in the last week, and pray in the words of the confession and absolution below.*

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you. *People:* **And also with you.**

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you,  
through our own fault,  
in thought, and word, and deed,  
and in what we have left undone.  
We are heartily sorry,  
and repent of all our sins.  
For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,  
forgive us all that is past;  
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life  
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

*You may like to sign yourself with the cross as you pray:*

May Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

*We 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.**

*We pray the Collect:*

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; 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.**

*We listen to or read the readings:*

**The First Reading:** Genesis 50.15–21

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, 'What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?' So they approached Joseph, saying, 'Your father gave this instruction before he died, "Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you." Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.' Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, 'We are here as your slaves.' But Joseph said to them, 'Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.' In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**The Psalm:** Psalm 103. (1–8)

*Response:* **Bless the Lord, O my soul.**

Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and all that is within me bless his holy name.  
Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and forget not all his benefits;

**Bless the Lord, O my soul.**

Who forgives all your sins  
and heals all your infirmities;  
Who redeems your life from the Pit  
and crowns you with faithful love and compassion;

**Bless the Lord, O my soul.**

Who satisfies you with good things,  
so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.  
The Lord executes righteousness  
and judgement for all who are oppressed.

**Bless the Lord, O my soul.**

He made his ways known to Moses  
and his works to the children of Israel.  
The Lord is full of compassion and mercy,  
slow to anger and of great kindness.

**Bless the Lord, O my soul.**

**The Second Reading:** Romans 14. 1–12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. For it is written,

'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,  
and every tongue shall give praise to God.'

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**The Gospel:** Matthew 18. 21-35

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you. *People:* **And also with you.**

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Then Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

'For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

This is the gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*On Sunday a homily follows the gospel in the livestream.*

*We say the Apostles' Creed:*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
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.  
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.**

Intercessions

*If you are sharing the livestream join in the response:*

Lord hear us: **Lord graciously hear us**

Merciful Father

**accept these prayers for the sake of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*If you are praying at another time spend a few moments praying for:*

*The church of God throughout the world; for unity in faith and a shared  
response of love to the current crisis;  
The needs of our world – for peace, wise leadership, cooperation between  
nations, the protection of the vulnerable;  
An end to the pandemic, all who are suffering with Covid19, and those  
treating them;  
The people you know and love;  
The sick and dying; and our dear departed – that they may rest in peace.*

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

**Joining in the Church's Prayer of Thanksgiving and Making an Act of Spiritual Communion**

<i>If you are following the livestream:</i>	<i>If you are praying alone:</i>
<p><i>The celebrant introduces the Peace and greets us:</i></p> <p>The peace of the Lord be always with you.  <b>And also with you.</b></p> <p><i>The celebrant says the Prayer over the Gifts and we respond: <b>Amen.</b></i></p> <p><i>We join in the Eucharistic Prayer.</i></p> <p><i>Celebrant:</i> The Lord be with you.  <i>People:</i> <b>And also with you.</b>            Lift up your hearts. <b>We lift them to the Lord.</b>            Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  <b>It is right to give thanks and praise.</b></p> <p><i>The celebrant praises God and we say:</i></p> <p><b>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.</b></p> <p><i>The celebrant recalls the Last Supper.</i></p> <p>Great is the mystery of faith.  <b>Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.</b></p> <p><i>The celebrant continues the prayer.</i></p> <p><i>At the end we respond boldly:</i>  <b>Amen.</b></p>	<p><i>You may wish to pray the General Thanksgiving:</i></p> <p>ALMIGHTY God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all humankind.</p> <p>We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life;</p> <p>but above all for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.</p> <p>And we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we shew forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives;</p> <p>by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days;</p> <p>through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.</p>

**People: 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.**

*As the bread is broken, we say:*

**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.**

*Celebrant:* Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

*Pray 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.

*Pray for Spiritual Communion with the Risen Lord:*

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*You may like to pray:*

**Soul of my Saviour, sanctify my breast,  
body of Christ, be thou my saving guest,  
blood of my Saviour, bathe me in thy tide,  
wash me with water flowing from thy side.**

**Strength and protection may thy Passion be,  
O blessèd Jesu, hear and answer me;  
deep in thy wounds, Lord, hide and shelter me,  
so shall I never, never part from thee.**

**Guard and defend me from the foe malign,  
in death's dread moments make me only thine;  
call me and bid me come to thee on high  
where I may praise thee with thy saints for ay.**

*We pray the post-Communion prayer:*

Lord God, the source of truth and love,  
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,  
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,  
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

**May the angels watch over us. May Our Lady, St Nicholas, here name any saint(s) for whom you have special devotion and all the saints pray for us. And may Almighty God bless us, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

## **Pastoral Care**

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## **Weekday Lectionary and Daily Prayers for use at Home**

To aid your reading and meditation at home, the Scripture lessons at Eucharist can be found at <http://universalis.com/mass> every day.

The daily office of the Church of England, including Morning, Evening and Night Prayer, can be found here:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer>

'More options' allows you to use the Book of Common Prayer for Morning and Evening Prayer, instead of Common Worship.

The daily office of the Roman Catholic Church, including Readings, Morning Prayer (Lauds), Evening Prayer (Vespers) and Compline can be found here:

<https://universalis.com/readings.htm>

<https://universalis.com/lauds.htm>

<https://universalis.com/vespers.htm>

<https://universalis.com/compline.htm>

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