

## Parish Eucharist and Act of Spiritual Communion 19<sup>th</sup> After Trinity – 18 October 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 18 October (<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:*

O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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:** Isaiah 45.1-7

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus,  
whose right hand I have grasped  
to subdue nations before him  
and strip kings of their robes,  
to open doors before him—  
and the gates shall not be closed:  
I will go before you  
and level the mountains,  
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze  
and cut through the bars of iron,  
I will give you the treasures of darkness  
and riches hidden in secret places,  
so that you may know that it is I, the LORD,  
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.  
For the sake of my servant Jacob,  
and Israel my chosen,  
I call you by your name,  
I surname you, though you do not know me.

I am the LORD, and there is no other;  
besides me there is no god.  
I arm you, though you do not know me,  
so that they may know, from the rising of the sun  
and from the west, that there is no one besides me;  
I am the LORD, and there is no other.  
I form light and create darkness,  
I make weal and create woe;  
I the LORD do all these things.

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

**The Psalm:** Psalm 96.1-9, (10-13)

*Response:* **Ascribe to the Lord honour and power.**

Sing to the Lord a new song;  
sing to the Lord, all the earth.  
Sing to the Lord and bless his name;  
tell out his salvation from day to day.  
Declare his glory among the nations  
and his wonders among all peoples.

**Ascribe to the Lord honour and power.**

For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised;  
he is more to be feared than all gods.  
For all the gods of the nations are but idols;  
it is the Lord who made the heavens.  
Honour and majesty are before him;  
power and splendour are in his sanctuary.

**Ascribe to the Lord honour and power.**

Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples;  
ascribe to the Lord honour and strength.  
Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name;  
bring offerings and come into his courts.  
O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;  
let the whole earth tremble before him.

**Ascribe to the Lord honour and power.**

Tell it out among the nations that the Lord is king.  
He has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;  
he will judge the peoples with equity.

Let the heavens rejoice and let the earth be glad;  
let the sea thunder and all that is in it;  
Let the fields be joyful and all that is in them;

**Ascribe to the Lord honour and power.**

let all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the Lord.  
For he comes, he comes to judge the earth;  
with righteousness he will judge the world  
and the peoples with his truth.

**Ascribe to the Lord honour and power.**

**The Second Reading:** 1 Thessalonians 1.1-10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of people we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place where your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

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

**The Gospel:** Matthew 22. 15-22

*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 the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, 'Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?' But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, 'Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.' And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, 'Whose head is this, and whose title?' They answered, 'The emperor's.' Then he said to them, 'Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's.' When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

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.</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>

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The celebrant recalls the Last Supper.*

Great is the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.**

*The celebrant continues the prayer.*

*At the end we respond boldly:*  
**Amen.**

*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.

through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

*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:*

Holy and blessed God, you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son and filled us with your Holy Spirit: may we honour you, not only with our lips but in lives dedicated to the service of 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.**

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## Safeguarding

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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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