

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF LAMBTON

Holy Communion 12.9.21

Processional Hymn **TiS 636**

(Please stand if you are able)

Refrain

***God has spoken to his people, hallelujah!
and his words are words of wisdom, hallelujah!***

Open your ears, O Christian people, open your ears and hear good news.

Open your hearts, O royal priesthood, God has come to you, God has come to you. *Refrain*

**They who have ears to hear his message, they who have ears, now let them hear;
they who would learn the way of wisdom, let them hear God's word,
let them hear God's word. *Refrain***

**Israel comes to greet the Saviour, Judah is glad to see his day;
from east and west the peoples travel: he will show the way,
he will show the way. *Refrain***

Traditional Israeli folk melody Willard Francis Jabusch 1930-

Sentence

Those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for the sake of the gospel will save it. Mark 8.35

The Priest greets the people.

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

Let us pray:

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.

Invitation to Confession

'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' Jesus said: 'This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself'.

Silence may be kept

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, confident in God's forgiveness.

Merciful God,

our maker and our judge,

we have sinned against you

in thought, word, and deed,

and in what we have failed to do:

we have not loved you with our whole heart;

**we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.
Father, forgive us,
Strengthen us to love and obey you
in newness of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Almighty God,
who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith:
pardon you and set you free from all your sins,
strengthen you in all goodness
and keep you in eternal life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Lord have mercy.
Christ have mercy.
Lord have mercy.**

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's 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.**

The Collect

God of mercy, help us to forgive as you have forgiven us, to trust you, even when hope is failing, and to take up our cross daily and follow you in your redeeming work; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Ministry of the Word

The Old Testament Reading Proverbs 1. 20-33

...For the word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm Reading 19

The New Testament Reading James 2: 18-26

...For the word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Hymn TiS 422 verses 1,4,5 and 6

Come, Holy Spirit, come! inflame our souls with love,

**transforming every heart and home with wisdom from above.
O let us not despise the humble path Christ trod,
but choose, to shame the worldly-wise, the foolishness of
God.**

**Spirit of truth, arise; inspire the prophet's voice:
expose to scorn the tyrant's lies, and bid the poor rejoice.
O Spirit, clear our sight, all prejudice remove,
and help us to discern the right, and covet only love.**

**Give us the tongues to speak, in every time and place,
to rich and poor, to strong and weak, the word of love and
grace.**

**Enable us to hear the words that others bring,
interpreting with open ear the special song they sing.**

**Come, Holy Spirit, dance within our hearts today,
our earth-bound spirits to entrance, out mortal fears allay;
and teach us to desire all other things above,
that self-consuming holy fire, the perfect gift of love.**

George Job Elvey 1816-93 Michael Lindsay Forster 1946-

The Gospel Reading Mark 8. 27-38

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ...

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

This is the Gospel of the Lord

praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Sermon

After the Sermon there may be a time of quiet reflection.

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge
the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ has promised that you will hear us when we ask in faith: receive the prayers we offer.

Let us pray for the preservation of the earth.

We give thanks for the beauty and abundance of the earth. Give us and all peoples grace to live in harmony with your creation, wisdom and generosity in our use of its bounty.

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Let us pray for peace and shared prosperity.

We give thanks for leaders who serve the common good. Give wisdom to those who have responsibility and authority in every land, that we may share with justice the resources of the world, and work together in trust.

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Let us pray for our nation
We give thanks for this land and the diversity of its peoples.
Grant that we may so honour one another that all may be
enriched by our common heritage and freed from despair, poverty
and exclusion.

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Let us pray for the Church and its mission.
We give thanks for the good news of salvation for all people.
Strengthen us for our work in the world, empower your Church to
proclaim the gospel in service, word and sacrament. Unite in the
truth all who confess your name, that we may live together in love
to your glory.

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Let us pray for ourselves and our community.
We give thanks for the fellowship of the communities in which we
live and work. We commend to your keeping ourselves and each
other, our families, those with whom we work and learn, our
neighbours and our friends. Enable us by your Spirit to live in love
for you and for one another.

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Let us pray for those in need.
We give thanks that you are the God who brings mercy and
wholeness. Comfort and heal, we pray, all who are in sorrow,

need, sickness, or any other trouble. Give to those who care for them wisdom, patience and gentleness and, to us all, your peace.

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Let us give thanks for the faithful departed.
We give you thanks for your servants in every age. Grant that we, and all your saints may be brought to a joyful resurrection and the fulfilment of your kingdom.

Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray,

**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.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the Kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now
and forever. Amen**

Jesus said: I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. John 6.35

Let us pray.

**We do not presume to come to your table, merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and
great mercies.**

We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs

under your table.

But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy.

Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ,

and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Greeting of Peace

We are the body of Christ.

His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Offertory Hymn TiS 626

A thanksgiving offertory collection is received for the work of the Church.

Lord of creation, to you be all praise!

Most mighty your working, most wondrous your ways!

Your glory and might are beyond us to tell,

and yet in the heart of the humble you dwell.

Lord of all power, I give you my will,

in joyful obedience your tasks to fulfil.

Your bondage is freedom; your service is song;

and, held in your keeping, my weakness is strong.

Lord of all wisdom, I give you my mind:

rich truth that surpasses our knowledge to find,

what eye has not seen and what ear has not heard

is taught by your Spirit and shines from your word.

Lord of all bounty, I give you my heart;

**I praise and adore you for all you impart,
your love to inspire me, your counsel to guide,
your presence to shield me, whatever betide.**

**Lord of all being, I give you my all;
if ever I leave you I stumble and fall;
but, led in your service your word to obey,
I'll walk in your freedom to the end of the way.**

Irish traditional melody *harm.* from Erik Reginald Routley 1917-82 Jack Copley Winslow 1882-1974 *alt.*

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have these gifts to share.
Accept and use our offerings for your glory
And for the service of your kingdom.

Blessed be God for ever!

The Great Thanksgiving

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 our thanks and praise.

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,
mighty Creator, everliving God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son,

our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary
and lived as one of us.
By his death on the cross
and rising to new life,
he offered the one true sacrifice for sin
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.
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.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Feel free to remain standing, to kneel or be seated.

Merciful God, we thank you for these gifts of your
creation,
this bread and wine,
and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit,
we who eat and drink them
may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.
On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread;

and when he had given you thanks
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Take, eat. This is my body given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup,
and again giving you thanks he gave it to his disciples, saying,
Drink from this, all of you.

This is my blood of the new covenant
shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.
Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded:
proclaiming his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross,
his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming again,
we celebrate, with this bread and this cup,
his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice
for the sins of the whole world.

Renew us by your Holy Spirit,
unite us in the body of your Son,
and bring us with all your people

into the joy of your eternal kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom, and in whom,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, we worship you,
Father, in songs of never-ending praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread and the Communion

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
We who are many are one body,
For we all share in the one bread.

Agnus Dei

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.

Reflection Hymn MP 375

**Jesus, Name above all names, beautiful Saviour, glorious
Lord;**

Emmanuel, God is with us, blessed Redeemer, living Word.

Words and music: Naida Hearn Music arranged Roland Fudge

Prayer after Communion

Father of all
we give you thanks and praise
that when we were still far off
you met us I your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.

Father,
**we offer ourselves to you
as a living sacrifice
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory.**

Notices

The Blessing

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord;
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn TiS 231

**At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow,
every tongue confess him King of Glory now:
This the Father's pleasure that we call him Lord,
who from the beginning was the mighty Word.**

**Humbled for a season to receive a name
from the lips of sinners unto whom he came,
faithfully he bore it spotless to the last,
brought it back victorious when from death he passed.**

**In your hearts enthrone him, there let him make new
all that is not holy, all that is not true.
He is God the Saviour, he is Christ the Lord,
ever to be worshipped, trusted and adored.**

**When this same Lord Jesus shall appear again
in his Father's glory there with him to reign,
then may we adore him, all before him bow,
as our hearts confess him King of Glory now.**

John Michael Brierley 1932- Caroline Maria Noel 1817-77 *alt.*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen

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