

CW Communion 10th January 2021

Welcome and Archbishops Prayer for Covid Pandemic

**Loving God, at this time of crisis,
when so many are suffering,
we pray for the nation and our world.
Give our leaders wisdom,
our Health Service strength and us hope.
Lead us through these parched and difficult days,
to these fresh springs of joy and comfort,
that we find in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Moment of quiet

Hymn - Tell Out My Soul

We pray together our Opening Prayer

**Come, Lord Jesus, do not delay,
give new courage to your people who trust in your love.
By your coming, raise us to the joy of your kingdom,
where you live and reign with the Father and the Spirit,
one God for ever and ever. Amen.**

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

Amen.

The Lord be with you **and also with you**

Confession

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son
Jesus Christ to save us from our sins,
to be our advocate in heaven,
and to bring us to eternal life.

Let us therefore confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly
resolved to keep God's commandments
and to live in love and peace with all.

Silence is kept.

We pray together

**Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned in thought,
word and deed.**

We have not loved you with our whole heart.

We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.

In your mercy forgive what we have been,

help us to amend what we are,

and direct what we shall be;

that we may do justly, love mercy,

and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

God's forgiveness is declared

The Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, 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;

for you are seated at the right hand of the Father:

receive our prayer.

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.

Our special prayer for today, The Collect

Creator of the heavens,

who led the Magi by a star to worship the Christ-child:

guide and sustain us, that we may find our journey's end

in Jesus Christ our Lord.

who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever. Amen

Bible Readings First Reading: Ephesians 3 v1-12

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Hymn –Lord Jesus Christ

Gospel Reading Matthew 2 v1-12

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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

Sermon

Creed/Affirmation of Faith

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

We believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church. **This is our faith.**

We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Lord, in your mercy **hear our prayer.**

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

Communion Prayer

The Peace

Our Saviour Christ is the Prince of Peace.

Of the increase of his government and of peace there shall be no end

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Hymn - Freely, Freely

Offertory Prayer

With this bread that we bring **We shall remember Jesus**

With this wine that we bring **We shall remember Jesus**

Bread for his body, wine for his blood

Gifts from God to his table we bring

We shall remember Jesus

The Communion Prayer

The Lord is here. **His Spirit is with us.**

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.

All honour and praise be yours always and everywhere,
mighty creator, ever-living God,

through Jesus Christ your only Son our Lord:

for at this time we celebrate your glory

made present in our midst.

In the coming of the Magi

the King of all the world was revealed to the nations.

In the waters of baptism

Jesus was revealed as the Christ,

the Saviour sent to redeem us.

In the water made wine

the new creation was revealed at the wedding feast.

Poverty was turned to riches, sorrow into joy.

Therefore with all the angels of heaven

we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name

and sing our joyful hymn of praise:

**Holy Lord, God of power and God of 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.**

Father of all, we give you thanks
for every gift that comes from heaven.
To the darkness Jesus came as your light.
With signs of faith and words of hope
he touched untouchables with love
and washed the guilty clean.
The crowds came out to see your Son,
yet at the end they turned on him.

On the night he was betrayed
he came to table with his friends
to celebrate the freedom of your people.
Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food;
he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said:
Take, eat, this is my body, given for you all.
Do this in remembrance of me.
Jesus then gave thanks for the wine;
he took the cup, gave it and said:
This is my blood, 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 faith

Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again,

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup
we celebrate the cross on which he died to set us free.
Defying death he rose again
and is alive with you to plead for us and all the world.

Send your Spirit now, that by these gifts,
we may feed on the body and blood of Christ
with opened eyes and hearts on fire.
May we and all who share this food
offer ourselves to live for you
and be welcomed at your feast in heaven
where all creation worships you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Silence is Kept

Lord's Prayer - Sung

**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.**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ:
**though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

**Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.**

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have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us your peace.**

Draw near with faith,
and spiritually receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ
which he gave for you and his blessing which is his special gift.
Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving. **Amen**

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, the bright splendour whom the nations seek:
may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light
discern the glory of your presence in your Son,
the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**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.**

Hymn – Praise My Soul The King of Heaven

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.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.