



## Patronal Festival – Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September

### Welcome and Notices

We gather this morning to worship the God who calls us together as his church; as we prepare to meet him in song, in scripture, in prayer, in broken bread and wine outpoured we take time to still our hearts and minds.

*brief silence is kept*

### The Greeting

**In my head, in my heart,  
and all around me, Jesus is here.**

Grace mercy and peace from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

### Song: How Great is Our God

The splendour of the King, clothed in majesty  
Let all the earth rejoice  
All the earth rejoice  
He wraps himself in Light, and darkness tries to hide  
And trembles at His voice  
Trembles at His voice

*How great is our God, sing with me  
How great is our God, and all will see  
How great, how great is our God*

From age to age He stands  
And time is in His hands  
Beginning and the end  
Beginning and the end  
The Godhead Three in One  
Father Spirit Son  
The Lion and the Lamb  
The Lion and the Lamb

*How great is our God, sing with me  
How great is our God, and all will see  
How great, how great is our God*

Name above all names  
Worthy of our praise  
My heart will sing  
How great is our God

## Prayers of Penitence

Secure in the knowledge that God who created us, loves us dearly, let us now confess before him those sins with which we walk in darkness and which separate us from his light.

Lord, forgive us those times when we have not listened to you, but to our own hearts.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Forgive us those times we have not trusted you, when we have been afraid to say yes to you.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Forgive us those times we have not been the people you called us to be

**Lord, have mercy.**

May the Father of all mercies cleanse us from our sins, and restore us in his image to the praise and glory of his name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## Gloria

Glory to God! Glory to God! Glory to the Father.  
Glory to God! Glory to God! Glory to the Father.  
To God be glory forever. To God be glory forever.  
Alleluia Amen. x 3

Glory to God! Glory to God! Glory to Christ Jesus.

Glory to God! Glory to God! Glory to the Spirit.

## Children's Slot: Anna Lovewell

### The Collect

Almighty God, who looked upon the lowliness of the Blessed Virgin Mary and chose her to be the mother of your only Son: grant that we who are redeemed by his blood may share with her in the glory of your eternal kingdom; 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**

### Old Testament Reading: Micah 5:2-4

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labour has brought forth; then the rest of

his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Gospel Reading: Matthew 1:18-23**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

**Glory to you, O Lord**

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: 'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel', which means, 'God is with us.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ**

### **Sermon: The Venerable Alex Hughes**

#### **Song: The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want**

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;  
He makes me lie in pastures green.  
He leads me by the still, still waters,  
His goodness restores my soul.

*And I will trust in You alone,  
And I will trust in You alone,  
For Your endless mercy follows me,  
Your goodness will lead me home.*

He guides my ways in righteousness,  
And He anoints my head with oil,  
And my cup, it overflows with joy,  
I feast on His pure delights.

And though I walk the darkest path,  
I will not fear the evil one,  
For You are with me, and Your rod and staff  
Are the comfort I need to know.

## Profession of Faith

Brothers and sisters, let us affirm together, our common faith in Jesus Christ.

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

**I 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?

**I 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?

**I believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the church.

**This is our faith. We believe in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

## Prayers

*Ending with:*

Merciful Father,

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

## The Peace

The kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**and also with you.**

*We share the peace (with a wave)*

## The Offertory

Generous God, creator, redeemer, sustainer, at your table we present these gifts, a symbol of the work you have given us to do; use it, use us, in the service of your world to the glory of your name. **Amen.**

Be present, be present, Lord Jesus Christ, our risen high priest; make yourself known in the breaking of bread. **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 always right to give you thanks, God our Creator, loving and faithful, holy and strong. You made us and the whole universe, and filled your world with life. You sent your Son to live among us, Jesus our Saviour, Mary's child. He suffered on the cross; he died to save us from our sins; he rose in glory from the dead.

You send your Spirit to bring new life to the world, and clothe us with power from on high. And so we join the angels to celebrate and say:

**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.**

Father, on the night before he died, Jesus shared a meal with his friends. He took the bread, and thanked you. He broke it, and gave it to them, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me.

After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine. He thanked you, and gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you. This is my blood, the new promise of God's unfailing love. Do this to remember me.

Jesus Christ has died.

**Jesus Christ has died.**

Jesus Christ is risen.

**Jesus Christ is risen.**

Jesus Christ will come again.

**Jesus Christ will come again.**

Father, as we bring this bread and wine, and remember his death and resurrection, send your Holy Spirit, that we who share these gifts may be fed by Christ's body and his blood. Pour your Spirit on us that we may love one another, work for the healing of the earth, and share the good news of Jesus, as we wait for his coming in glory. For honour and praise belong to you, Father, with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit: one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

As our Saviour taught us, so we 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.**

**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**

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 have mercy on us.  
 Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us  
 Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace**

## **The Giving of Communion**

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

**Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

## **Prayer After Communion**

God most high, whose handmaid bore the Word made flesh: we thank you that in this sacrament of our redemption you visit us with your Holy Spirit and overshadow us by your power; strengthen us to walk with Mary the joyful path of obedience and so to bring forth the fruits of holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Lord, we have broken your bread and received your life. By the power of your spirit keep us always in your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **Hymn: Tell Out My Soul**

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!  
 Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;  
 Tender to me the promise of his word;  
 In God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!  
 Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;  
 His mercy sure, from age to age the same;  
 His holy name, the Lord, the mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!  
 Powers and dominions lay their glory by;  
 Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,  
 The hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!  
 Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.  
 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord  
 To children's children and forever more!

## **The Blessing**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**