



# Service of Holy Communion

(Alternative Service)



**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> August**  
7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

## **WELCOME & Introduction** (please remain seated)

Presiding & Preaching Canon Simon

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you.**

### **HYMN 775 - Seek ye first the kingdom of God**

***1 Seek ye first the kingdom of God,  
and his righteousness,  
and all these things shall be added unto you;  
Allelu-, alleluia:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, allelu-, alleluia!***

***2 Ask, and it shall be given unto you;  
seek and ye shall find;  
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you;  
Allelu-, alleluia:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, allelu-, alleluia!***

***3 We shall not live by bread alone,  
but by every word  
that proceeds from the mouth of the Lord;  
Allelu-, alleluia:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, allelu-, alleluia!***

Karen Lafferty (b.1948)

## Prayers of Penitence

*We are invited to confess what we have done wrong using these or other suitable words:*

We come to God from whom no secrets are hidden,  
and ask for forgiveness and peace.

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

### **Confession** (please sit or kneel)

Father, you come to meet us when we return to you:  
Restore us when we are lost.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Jesus, you died on the cross for our sins:  
Forgive us when our lives don't reflect your love.

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Spirit, you give us life and peace:  
Free us from the turmoil of our hearts.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon us,  
pardon and deliver us from all our sins,  
confirm and strengthen us in all goodness,  
and keep us in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## THE PERUVIAN GLORIA (please stand)

This may be omitted or another version used

*Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father!*  
***Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father!***

*To Him be glory for ever!*  
***To Him be glory for ever!***

*Alleluia. Amen.*  
***Alleluia. Amen. Alleluia. Amen. Alleluia. Amen.***

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to Christ Jesus...  
***Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to Christ Jesus...***

*To Him be glory for ever!*  
***To Him be glory for ever!***

*Alleluia. Amen.*  
***Alleluia. Amen. Alleluia. Amen. Alleluia. Amen.***

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to the Spirit...  
***Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to the Spirit...***

*To Him be glory for ever!*  
***To Him be glory for ever!***

*Alleluia. Amen.*  
***Alleluia. Amen. Alleluia. Amen. Alleluia. Amen.***

## THE COLLECT (prayer of the week - found on the pew sheet)

Generous God,  
you give us gifts and make them grow:  
though our faith is small as mustard seed,  
make it grow to your glory  
and the flourishing of your kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD (please sit)

all age talk

### BIBLE READING

**New Testament: Colossians 3:1-11** *Read by Jennifer D*

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

For the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN 800 - The Lord's my shepherd**

***1 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.***

***2 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 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.***

***3 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.  
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.***

Stuart Townend (b. 1963) based on Psalm 23

## **GOSPEL READING Luke 12: 13-21**

(please remain standing)

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

***Glory to you, O Lord.***

Someone in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.' But he said to him, 'Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?' And he said to them, 'Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.' Then he told them a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

***Praise to you, O Christ.***

**SERMON Canon Simon**

## **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (please stand)

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** Led by Christine (please sit or kneel)

These responses may be used:

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

At the end:

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



## NOTICES AND TIME OF SHARING

### THE PEACE (please stand)

Deep peace be in your hearts,  
Deep peace with God's good earth,  
Deep peace with friend and stranger,  
Deep peace with God - Creator, Redeemer and life-giving Spirit.  
The deep peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

### OFFERTORY HYMN 10,000 Reasons - Bless the Lord, O my soul

(During the hymn the bread & wine are brought forward & the altar prepared)

***Bless the Lord oh my soul, Oh my soul  
Worship His Holy name  
Sing like never before, Oh my soul  
I'll worship Your Holy name***

**The sun comes up  
It's a new day dawning  
It's time to sing Your song again  
Whatever may pass  
And whatever lies before me  
Let me be singing  
When the evening comes  
(Chorus)**

You're rich in love  
And You're slow to anger  
Your name is great  
And Your heart is kind  
For all Your goodness  
I will keep on singing  
Ten thousand reasons  
For my heart to find  
(Chorus)

And on that day  
When my strength is failing  
The end draws near  
And my time has come  
Still my soul will  
Sing Your praise unending  
Ten thousand years  
And then forevermore  
Forevermore

*Bless the Lord oh my soul, Oh my soul  
Worship His Holy name  
Sing like never before, Oh my soul  
I'll worship Your Holy name*

Matt Redman

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.**

## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER** (please sit or kneel)

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.***

Almighty God, good Father to us all,  
your face is turned towards your world.  
In love you gave us Jesus your Son  
to rescue us from sin and death.

Your Word goes out to call us home  
to the city where angels sing your praise.  
We join with them in heaven's song:

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna, in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, Hosanna, 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.

***Blessèd assurance, Jesus is mine:  
O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation purchase of God;  
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood:***

***This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Saviour, all the day long.  
This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Saviour, all the day long.***

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:  
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 all for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this in remembrance of me.

***Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
visions of rapture burst on my sight;  
angels descending bring from above  
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.***

***This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Saviour, all the day long.  
This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Saviour, all the day long.***

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 on us now  
that by these gifts we may feed on 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:

***Perfect submission, all is at rest,  
I in my Saviour am happy and blest;  
watching and waiting, looking above,  
filled with his goodness, lost in his love***

***This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Saviour, all the day long.  
This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Saviour, all the day long.***

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

United as one body we pray for the coming of God's Kingdom  
in heaven and on earth, using the words our Saviour taught us:

**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 forever. Amen.**

## BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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.**

The Agnus Dei is sung:

***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.***

All are welcome to come forward to receive the bread and the wine or a blessing. It is helpful for us if you say your name when you come to the front.

If the choir is present, they will receive Holy Communion first at the High Altar, followed by the rest of the congregation who will receive Holy Communion at the Chancel step.

Draw near with faith.

Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you.

Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

**HYMN (please remain seated) 678 - In Christ alone.**

***1 In Christ alone my hope is found,  
he is my light, my strength, my song;  
this Cornerstone, this solid Ground,  
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My Comforter, my All in All,  
here in the love of Christ I stand.***

***2 In Christ alone! — who took on flesh,  
fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and  
righteousness,  
scorned by the ones he came to save:  
till on that cross as Jesus died,  
the wrath of God was satisfied  
for every sin on him was laid;  
here in the death of Christ I live.***

***3 There in the ground his body lay,  
light of the world by darkness slain:  
Then bursting forth in glorious day  
up from the grave he rose again!  
And as he stands in victory  
sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
for I am his and he is mine  
bought with the precious blood of Christ.***

***4 No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
this is the power of Christ in me;  
from life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man,  
can ever pluck me from his hand;  
till he returns or calls me home,  
here in the power of Christ I'll stand!***

Stuart Townend (b. 1963) and Keith Getty (b. 1974)

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Said by a minister and found on the weekly pew sheet.

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life,  
ever giving himself that the world may live:  
may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and  
passion  
that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect  
in his love;  
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

## THANKSGIVING PRAYER

**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 652 - *Guide me, O thou great redeemer.***

***1 Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,  
pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but thou art mighty;  
hold me with thy powerful hand;  
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,  
feed me now and evermore,  
feed me now and evermore.***



**2 Open now the crystal fountain,  
whence the healing stream doth flow;  
let the fiery cloudy pillar  
lead me all my journey through;  
strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,  
be thou still my Strength and Shield,  
be thou still my Strength and Shield.**

**3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
bid my anxious fears subside;  
death of death, and hell's destruction,  
land me safe on Canaan's side;  
songs and praises, songs and praises,  
I will ever give to thee,  
I will ever give to thee.**

WILLIAM WILLIAMS (1717-1791)  
Translated by PETER WILLIAMS (1727-1796)

## **THE BLESSING**

The Lord bless us and keep us.  
The Lord make his face to shine upon us, and be gracious to us.  
The Lord lift up his countenance upon us and grant us peace.  
And the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon us and remain with us,  
be upon those we love,  
pray for and care for  
now and for evermore.  
**Amen.**

## THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

*or*

By the power of the Spirit, we take into our community the peace and love of God.

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



## BEFORE YOU GO

We're so glad that you decided to join us today.

If you are new to the church  
and would like us to keep in touch,  
or to arrange a time when we can visit you,  
please leave your details with us or contact the church office.

You are very welcome to join us for refreshments  
in the church centre following the service.

**May the Lord bless you and keep you.**  
**May the Lord make his face to shine upon you,**  
**and be gracious to you.**  
**May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you,**  
**and give you peace.**

ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH

LOWESTOFT

