



Sunday 24 October 2021, 10am  
The Last Sunday after Trinity

# The Eucharist

Presider  
Revd Richard Carter

Preacher  
Revd Sally Hitchiner

Soloist  
Katie Hilton

Organist  
Richard Tanner

Setting  
Mass of St Thomas *Thorne*

⊕ Common Worship

## **Thank you for joining us today, whether you are in the building or worshipping online.**

Please note the following guidelines for worship in the building. These are gestures of the care we have for one another.

- Wear face coverings indoors unless you are medically exempt. This is particularly important now we have reintroduced congregational hymn singing.
- Be respectful of those who wish to maintain social distancing.
- Make use of hand sanitiser stations as needed.
- At the Peace you are invited to shake hands with neighbours, but please be respectful of those who would rather share the peace in non-physical ways.
- Receive communion in one kind – the bread – only.
- Leave contact information to be kept securely for 30 days for Test and Trace.
- Take a lateral flow test before coming to church. Tests are available from the stewards.

### Filming

This service is being streamed live to our public Facebook page. The camera focuses on the clergy and other contributors only for most of the service but turns to face the congregation at times, in the central block of seating between the pillars. If you wish to avoid being on camera, please sit in one of the side areas and let a steward know if you would like to receive communion.

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# The Gathering

Welcome

*Please stand. Silence is kept.*

The Greeting

The Lord be with you

*All* **and also with you.**

Visit us Lord, by your Holy Spirit.

*All* **Though in many places, we are united us as one body.  
Though from many backgrounds, we share one hope.**

Opening Hymn

**1 Through all the changing scenes of life,  
in trouble and in joy,  
the praises of my God shall still  
my heart and tongue employ.**

**2 O magnify the Lord with me,  
with me exalt his name;  
when in distress to him I called,  
he to my rescue came.**

**3 The hosts of God encamp around  
the dwellings of the just;  
deliverance he affords to all  
who on his succour trust.**

**4 O make but trial of his love:  
experience will decide  
how blest are they, and only they,  
who in his truth confide!**

**5 Fear him, ye saints, and you will then  
have nothing else to fear;  
make you his service your delight,  
your wants shall be his care.**

*continued...*

**6 To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
the God whom we adore,  
be glory, as it was, is now,  
and shall be evermore.**

*Nahum Tate (1652-1715) and Nicholas Brady (1659-1726)*

*Please sit.*

## Confession

Let us confess our sins to God, our faithful companion and friend, who calls us alongside to walk in love through seasons of plenty and seasons of sorrow.

*Silence is kept.*

**All 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.**

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

**All Amen.**

*Please stand.*

# Gloria in excelsis

Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God in the High - est. Glo-ry to God in the High - est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God, Heav'n- ly King, Al-migh-ty God and Fa - ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we\_ praise you for your glo - ry. Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God in the High - est. Lord, Je - sus Christ, on - ly son of the Fa - ther. Lord God, Lamb of God, you take\_ a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us; You are sea-ted at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer. Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God in the High - est. For you a-lone are the Ho - ly one, You a - lone are the Lord, You a-lone are the most high, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly spi - rit, in the Glo - ry of God the Fa - ther, Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God in the High - est.

## Collect

Merciful God, teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty, that trusting in your word and obeying your will we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

*Please sit.*

## The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Job 42: 1-6, 10-end *read by Genevieve  
Marjoribanks*

Then Job answered the Lord: 'I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted. "Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?" Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know. "Hear, and I will speak; I will question you, and you declare to me." I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you; therefore I despise myself, and repent in dust and ashes.' And the Lord restored the fortunes of Job when he had prayed for his friends; and the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before. Then there came to him all his brothers and sisters and all who had known him before, and they ate bread with him in his house; they showed him sympathy and comforted him for all the evil that the Lord had brought upon him; and each of them gave him a piece of money and a gold ring. The Lord blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning; and he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand donkeys. He also had seven sons and three daughters. He named the first Jemimah, the second Keziah, and the third Keren-happuch. In all the land there were no women so beautiful as Job's daughters; and their father gave them an inheritance along with their brothers. After this Job lived for one hundred and forty years, and saw his children, and his children's children, four generations. And Job died, old and full of days.

Hear the word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading Hebrews 7: 23-end *read by Dan Kaszeta*

Furthermore, the former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues for ever. Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect for ever.

Hear the word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

Gospel Hymn

- 1 God moves in a mysterious way  
his wonders to perform;  
he plants his footsteps in the sea,  
and rides upon the storm.**
- 2 Deep in unfathomable mines  
of never-failing skill  
he treasures up his bright designs,  
and works his sovereign will.**
- 3 Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take,  
the clouds ye so much dread  
are big with mercy, and shall break  
in blessings on your head.**

*continued...*

- 4 Judge not the Lord by feeble sense,  
but trust him for his grace;  
behind a frowning providence  
he hides a smiling face.
- 5 His purposes will ripen fast,  
unfolding every hour;  
the bud may have a bitter taste,  
but sweet will be the flower.
- 6 Blind unbelief is sure to err,  
and scan his work in vain;  
God is his own interpreter,  
and he will make it plain.

*William Cowper (1731-1800)*

Gospel Reading Mark 10: 46-end

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

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

They came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, 'Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!' Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, 'Son of David, have mercy on me!' Jesus stood still and said, 'Call him here.' And they called the blind man, saying to him, 'Take heart; get up, he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, 'What do you want me to do for you?' The blind man said to him, 'My teacher, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has made you well.' Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please sit.*

Sermon Revd Sally Hitchiner



Anthem We walk by faith *Marty Haugen*

We walk by faith, and not by sight;  
no gracious words we hear from him  
who spoke as none e'er spoke;  
but we believe him near.

We may not touch his hands and side,  
nor follow where he trod;  
but in his promise we rejoice;  
and cry, 'My Lord and God!'

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;  
and may our faith abound,  
to call on you when you are near,  
and seek where you are found:

That, when our life of faith is done,  
in realms of clearer light  
we may behold you as you are,  
with full and endless sight.

*Henry Alford (1810-1871)*

*Please stand.*

Nicene Creed

*All* **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 from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary**

and was made man.

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.

*Please sit or kneel.*

The Prayers of Intercession *led by Andrew Aitken*

*The response to the prayers is:*

Lord, in your mercy

*All* **Hear our prayer.**

*And, at the end:*

Merciful Father,

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

*Please stand.*

## The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you

*All* **and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*All may exchange a sign of peace. You are invited to shake hands with neighbours, but please be respectful of those who would rather share the peace in non-physical ways.*

*Those who join us online may wish to write the word 'Peace' or another suitable greeting in the comments bar. As we place bread and wine on the altar during the next hymn, members of the congregation watching online are invited to write a short phrase in the comments section of the Facebook livestream placing an experience they have had this week on the altar.*

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## Offertory Hymn

- 1 Just as I am, without one plea  
but that thy blood was shed for me,  
and that thou bidst me come to thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come.**
- 2 Just as I am, though tossed about  
with many a conflict, many a doubt,  
fightings and fears within, without,  
O Lamb of God, I come.**
- 3 Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;  
sight, riches, healing of the mind,  
yea, all I need, in thee to find,  
O Lamb of God, I come.**
- 4 Just as I am, thou wilt receive,  
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve:  
because thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come.**

*continued...*

5 Just as I am, thy love unknown  
has broken every barrier down;  
now to be thine, yea, thine alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

6 Just as I am, of that free love  
the breadth, length, depth and height to prove,  
here for a season, then above,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

*Charlotte Elliott (1789-1871)*

## The Preparation of the Table The Taking of the Bread and Wine

Make this the table of transformation, where bread and wine become  
the food of salvation,  
*All* **and our humble offering becomes the first fruit of your abundant  
harvest. Amen.**

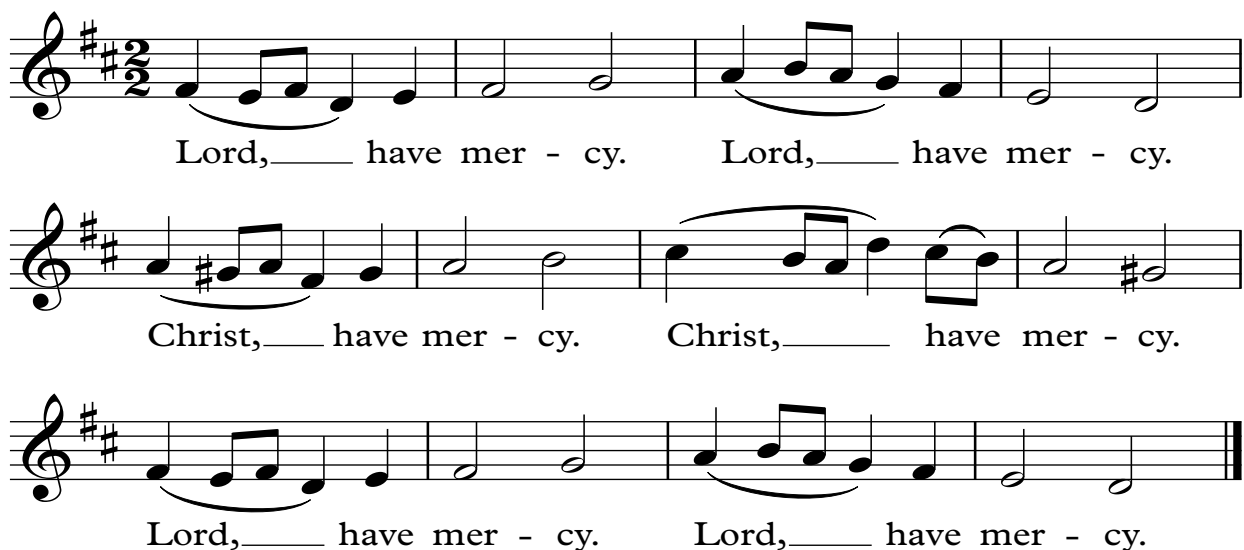
## The Eucharistic Prayer

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

Lift up your hearts.  
*All* **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*All* **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

We lift our hearts to you in praise and thanksgiving, God of mercy and grace, because you called all things into being in creation, and in covenant you made Israel your chosen people. You brought your people out of the pit of slavery and the wilderness of exile. In Jesus you placed your very life in the midst of ours, taking the worst of us upon his crucified body and redeeming us through the joy of resurrection. He is the great high priest, holy, blameless, exalted above the heavens, and made perfect forever, saving all who approach you through him. And so we rejoice to thank you, joining angels and archangels and the company of heaven in songs of everlasting praise.



Healing God, you call us to cast aside the cloak of our poverty that we may follow you in faith and hope. Open our eyes to see your glory. Speak your word of transformation and truth. Send your Spirit upon your church that in this holy meal we may be turned from despair to joy and from doubt to wonder. By that same Spirit, sanctify this bread and this cup that they may be for us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. Who, at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying, 'Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.' After supper he took the cup. Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

Great is the mystery of faith.

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

Generous God, make your church holy that it may bear your aching world to you, and may reveal your longing heart to the world. Give your people, like Bartimaeus, a spring in their step, that they may be eager in seeking you, clear in asking you and ready in following you. When your children yearn for healing yet search in vain for tangible signs, bring them the comfort of your presence, the encouragement of your word, and the power of your Spirit. To all who have known loss, or suffering, or disaster, bring a double portion of your abundant love, that every eye may see, and every tongue may tell how great is your almighty hand that draws all things to completion in you, one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**All Amen.**

*Please sit or kneel.*

## The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray each in our own first language.

*All* **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.**

## The Breaking of the Bread

The body of Christ, broken for the life of the world.

*All* **Lord, unite us in this sign.**

## The Giving of Communion

Behold the lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.  
Blessed are all those who are called to his supper.

*All* **Lord I am not worthy to receive you  
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

Solo O God of mercy *Lole*

O God of mercy, God of might,  
In love and pity infinite,  
Teach us, as ever in thy sight,  
To live our life to thee.

In sickness, sorrow, want or care,  
Whate'er it be, 'tis ours to share;  
May we, where help is needed,  
There give help as unto thee.

*continued...*

And may thy Holy Spirit move  
all those who live, to live in love,  
Till thou shalt greet in heav'n above  
All those who give to thee.

*Godfrey Thring (1823-1903)*

*Silence is kept.*

### The Prayer after Communion

**All God of all mercy, in this eucharist you have set aside our sins and given us your healing: grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that healing to this broken world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

## The Dismissal

### Notices

*Please stand.*

### Blessing

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

**All Amen.**

### Thanksgiving Hymn

**1 Forth in the peace of Christ we go;  
Christ to the world with joy we bring;  
Christ in our minds, Christ on our lips,  
Christ in our hearts, the world's true King.**

*continued...*

- 2 King of our hearts, Christ reigns in us;  
kingship with him his servants gain;  
with Christ, the Servant-Lord of all,  
Christ's world we serve to share Christ's reign.**
- 3 Priests of the world, Christ sends us forth  
this world of time to consecrate,  
our world of sin by grace to heal,  
Christ's world in Christ to re-create.**
- 4 Prophets of Christ, we hear his word:  
he claims our minds, to search his ways;  
he claims our lips, to speak his truth;  
he claims our hearts, to sing his praise.**
- 5 We are his Church, he makes us one;  
here is one hearth for all to find;  
here is one flock, one Shepherd-King;  
here is one faith, one heart, one mind.**

*James Quinn (1919-2010)*

## Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All In the name of Christ.**

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