

St John the Baptist Church, Wittersham

Service sheet for Eucharist 9th May 2021

Welcome to our church today in this Easter Season.

Let us keep a moment of silence giving thanks for God's presence with us now.

Hymn

Make me a Channel of your peace

Make me a channel of your peace.

Where there is hatred let me bring your love;

Where there is injury your pardon, Lord;

And where there's doubt true faith in you.

Refrain: Oh, Master grant that I may never seek

So much to be consoled as to console;

To be understood as to understand;

To be loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace.

Where there's despair in life let me bring hope;

Where there is darkness, only light;

And where there's sadness, ever joy.

Refrain

Make me a channel of your peace.

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

In giving to all men that we receive;

And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

Prayer of Penitence

Christ our Passover lamb has been sacrificed for us.

Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil
and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

Lord Jesus, you raise us to new life.

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you forgive us our sins.

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you feed us with the living bread.

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

The Gloria

Glory to God in the highest

and 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;

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

**Risen Christ, by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples: help your
Church to obey your command and draw the nations to the fire of your love, to the
glory of God the Father. Amen**

The First Reading from the book of Acts 10: 44 - end

⁴⁴ While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵ The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶ for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷ "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" ⁴⁸ So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Hymn

The church's one Foundation

1 The church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
she is his new creation
by water and the Word.
From heav'n he came and sought her
to be his holy Bride;
with his own blood he bought her.
And for her life he died.

2. Elect from every nation
yet one o'er all the earth;
her charter of salvation,
one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one holy name she blesses,
partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses,
with every grace endued.

3 Mid toil and tribulation,
and tumult of her war;
she waits the consummation
of peace for evermore.
Till with the vision glorious
her longing eyes are blest?"
And the great Church victorious
shall be the Church of rest.

4 Yet she on earth have union
with God, the Three in One,
and mystic, sweet communion
with those whose rest is won.
Oh, happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly,
on high may dwell with thee..

The Gospel Reading John 15: 9 - 17

9" As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. 10 If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. 11 I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. 12 My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. 13 Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. 14 You are my friends if you do what I command. 15 I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. 16 You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit-fruit that will last-and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. 17 This is my command: Love each other.

This is the gospel of the Lord

Praise to you O Christ

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

Faithful God, your Son Jesus Christ gave us a new commandment, of love for each other and so we ask you to teach us to love you in our neighbours that by serving them we might also serve you.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Mighty God, we pray for your church which day by day gathers to praise you and to hear your holy word. We pray for our Christian sisters and brothers worshipping around the world in small rural churches, great city cathedrals and on the internet. Give us a sense of expectation as we come and inspiration as we go. Bless us and those with Permission to Officiate whose preaching and teaching inspire us with the message of your salvation.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Creator God, the world so often seems to be a violent and fearful place. Give us the strength to love our enemies and to pray for those who by violence and acts terrorism distort and demonise your wonderful creation.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Father God, may our closeness to family and friends make us never exclusive, shutting others out, but always inclusive, welcoming others. Encourage us in outgoing hospitality and keep us from becoming possessive with those we love.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Lord thinking of this week we pray for those disappointed with the election result, for those in Israel who died or were injured in the stampede and those killed or injured in the Mexico City Metro collapse.

Lord in your mercy: Hear our Prayer

Loving God, help us all to be a part of the healing ministry of your church. Encourage us to constantly pray for those we know who are suffering in body, mind or spirit and from the Coronavirus. Deepen our love for our neighbours especially those who are weak, help us to console the sorrowful and give hope to the dying.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Merciful God, your love reaches beyond the grave. At the end of our days on earth be with us and with those we love and with those whom we love and have gone before us. We pray now for those who have recently died; give to the departed the perfect joy of your eternal love and to those bereaved by their passing the consolation of Your perfect love.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Holy God, send us out into the world today mindful that as witnesses and servants, we should make you known in every place we visit and bear witness to the Gospel with acts of faith and hope and love.

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

Anthem

The Peace

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said,
'Peace be with you.'

Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.
Alleluia.

The peace of the risen Christ be always with you
and also with you. Alleluia.

Hymn: Seek Ye First

Seek ye first the kingdom of God,
And His righteousness,

And all these things, shall be added unto you,
Alleu, alleluia
Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia Allelu Alleluia

You shall not live by bread alone,
But by every word
That proceeds from the mouth of God

Alleu, Alleuia
Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia Allelu Alleluia

Ask and it shall be given unto you,
Seek and ye shall find.
Knock and the door shall be opened onto you.
Alleu, Alleuia
Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia Allelu Alleluia

Preparation of the table

Lord of life,
with unbounded joy we offer you our sacrifice of praise.
As we are fed with the bread of heaven
may we know your resurrection power;
through Christ our risen Lord. **Amen.**

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.

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;
in your love you made us for yourself.
When we turned away

you did not reject us,
but came to meet us in your Son.
**You embraced us as your children
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life
that we might live in him and he in us.
**He opened his arms of love upon the cross
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed
at supper with his friends
he took bread, and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to them, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.
Father, we do this in remembrance of him:

His body is the bread of life.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, and said:
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins;
do this in remembrance of me.

Father, we do this in remembrance of him: His blood is shed for all.

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory,
send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine
may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.
**As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world
we offer you this sacrifice of praise
and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:
The choir sing the Sanctus

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 on the name of the Lord

Hosanna in the highest.

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**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.**

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.**

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.**

Giving of Communion

**Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Prayer after Communion

Post Communion

**God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: may we
thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him who is alive and
reigns, now and for ever. Amen.**

**May the celebration of resurrected life bring new hope to your being. May the victory over
earthly death turn your eyes to the promises of heaven. May the empty tomb help you
to leave your sorrows at the foot of the cross. So that God's hope, promises and
forgiveness reign in your life forever.**

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.

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