

# Eucharist Trinity 13

6<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Welcome and notices

*The first verse of the recorded hymn 'Ye holy angels bright', sung by St Martin in the Field's Choir, is played and the ministers process in.*

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.**

**Welcome of Alan Jenkins as LLM with PTO.**

*Today we warmly welcome Alan Jenkins back as a Licenced Lay Minister with Permission to Officiate at St James. What a blessing to us! He will be formally commissioned by Tim, Bishop of Winchester, when it is possible to do so at Winchester Cathedral. In the meantime, temporary permission has been given from Debbie, Bishop of Southampton. Today we welcome him back in this role and commit to pray for and support him in his valuable ministry here.*

*LLM's are 'called to serve the Church of God and to work together with clergy and other ministers. They are to lead public worship, to preach and teach the word of God, to assist at the Eucharist and to share in pastoral and evangelistic work. They are to encourage the ministries of God's people, as the Spirit distributes gifts among us all. They are called to help the whole Church to participate in God's mission to the world.'*

Loving God, we wonder at the way you call women and men into partnership with you for the sake of your saving purposes for the world. You call us in Christ and empower us by your Spirit, so that your church may be built up and your gospel proclaimed and lived. We thank you for all whom you have called to serve you within this fellowship and especially today for Alan as he begins his licenced lay ministry with us here again.

Alan, I invite you now to commit yourself to this work among us.

Will you be faithful in this ministry that God has called you to that the work of the church may be strengthened and advanced in this place.

Alan: I will.

People of God, will you pray for and support Alan as he ministers among us.

**All: We will.**

This is the day that the Lord has made.

**All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

*Alan is given his temporary licence and he robes in his LLM scarf.*

Let us pray. Generous and loving God we ask your blessing on Alan. Guide and equip him by your Spirit that your church may grow in wisdom, love and unity, and that your name may be glorified, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Alan, may almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, bless you as you fulfil this ministry. In all your words and deeds, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God through him.

### **PRAYERS OF PENITENCE**

*The people are invited to reflect on their sins.*

*We keep a few moments of silence to remember before God our faults and the things we have done that are wrong. God promises us forgiveness, healing and a fresh start when we confess our sins in faith and penitence.*

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you  
and against our neighbour  
in thought and word and deed,  
through negligence, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We are truly sorry  
and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
who died for us,  
forgive us all that is past  
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life  
to the glory of your name.  
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.  
**Amen.**

**The GLORIA is sung by a solo voice**

### **COLLECT**

Almighty God,  
who called your Church to bear witness  
that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself:  
help us to proclaim the good news of your love,  
that all who hear it may be drawn to you;  
through him who was lifted up on the cross,  
and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

**Amen**

**NEW TESTAMENT READING** Romans 13:8-end

8 Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup>The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet'; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' <sup>10</sup>Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

11 Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; <sup>12</sup>the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; <sup>13</sup>let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL READING** Matthew 18:15-20

Alleluia, alleluia. (*sung by solo voice*)

Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.

You have the words of eternal life.

*1 Samuel 3:9, John 6:68*

**Alleluia.**

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

15 'If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. <sup>16</sup>But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>17</sup>If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. <sup>18</sup>Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. <sup>19</sup>Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup>For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**APOSTLES CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen.

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*Response:*

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

### **THE PEACE**

*The priest introduces the peace.*

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*The recorded hymn 'Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour' is played while the altar is prepared.*

### **THE EUCHARISTIC 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.**

*The priest praises God for his mighty acts and we respond:*

**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.**

*The priest recalls the Last Supper.*

Great is the mystery of faith:

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

*The Prayer continues.*

*At the end we respond:*

**Amen.**

#### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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 forever.  
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.**

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

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

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

Jesus is the lamb of God

Who takes away the sin of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

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

### **GIVING OF COMMUNION**

*You are invited to use the prayer for Spiritual Communion below asking Jesus to be with you now.*

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits you have given me,  
for all the pains and insults you have borne for me.

Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,

I ask you to come spiritually into my heart.

O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know you more clearly,

love you more dearly,

and follow you more nearly, day by day.

Amen.

*The anthem 'I give you a new commandment' and 'Love divine, all love's excelling' are played while the congregation receive the sacrament.*

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**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.**

### **THE BLESSING**

*A blessing is given.*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

*The recorded hymn 'Go forth and tell' is played and the ministers depart.*

## Spiritual Communion.

The term 'Spiritual Communion' has been used historically to describe the means of grace by which a person, prevented for some serious reason from sharing in a celebration of the Eucharist, nonetheless shares in the communion of Jesus Christ. The form of prayer offers Christians an opportunity to give thanks for their communion with him, particularly at times when they would ordinarily be present at the Eucharist.

The Book of Common Prayer instructs us that if we offer ourselves in penitence and faith, giving thanks for the redemption won by Christ crucified, we may truly 'eat and drink the Body and Blood of our Saviour Christ', although we cannot receive the sacrament physically in ourselves. Making a Spiritual Communion is particularly fitting for those who cannot receive the sacrament at the great feasts of the Church, and it fulfils the duty of receiving Holy Communion 'regularly, and especially at the festivals of Christmas, Easter and Whitsun or Pentecost' (Canon B 15).

The Church of which we are members is not defined by the walls of a building but by the Body of Christ of which we are members. In making our communion spiritually, we are joining with Christians everywhere to be nourished by the one who tells us, 'I am the Bread of Life'.