



**Chet Valley Churches**

**Holy Communion  
for the  
First Sunday of Trinity  
14<sup>th</sup> June 2020**



# Introduction

## The Greeting and Welcome

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

## ♪ Hymn: All My Hope on God is Founded

All my hope on God is founded;  
He doth still my trust renew.  
Me through change and chance he guideth,  
Only good and only true.  
God unknown, he alone calls my heart to be his own.

Pride of man and earthly glory,  
Sword and crown betray his trust;  
What with care and toil he buildeth,  
Tower and temple, fall to dust.  
But God's power, hour by hour, is my temple and my tower.

God's great goodness aye endureth,  
Deep his wisdom, passing thought:  
Splendour, light, and life attend him,  
Beauty springeth out of naught.  
Evermore from his store new-born worlds rise and adore.

Still from earth to God eternal  
Sacrifice of praise be done,  
High above all praises praising  
For the gift of Christ his Son.  
Christ doth call one and all: ye who follow shall not fall.

## Prayers of Penitence

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.

**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 neighbour 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 have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins,  
and bring us to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## **Collect**

God of truth, help us to keep your law of love  
and to walk in ways of wisdom,  
that we may find true life in Jesus Christ your Son.  
**Amen.**

## **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 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.**

## **Epistle: Romans 5: 1-8**

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of

God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

For the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### ♪♪ **Hymn: *God Forgave My Sin in Jesus' Name***

**God forgave my sin in Jesus' name,  
I've been born again in Jesus' name;  
And in Jesus' name I come to you  
To share His love as He told me to.**

**He said, "Freely, freely, you have received,  
Freely, freely give;  
Go in My name, and because you believe  
Others will know that I live."**

**All power is given in Jesus' name,  
In earth and heaven in Jesus' name;  
And in Jesus' name I come to you  
To share His power as He told me to.**

**He said, "Freely, freely, you have received,  
Freely, freely give;  
Go in My name, and because you believe  
Others will know that I live."**

### 📖 **Gospel: *Matthew 9:35-10:8***

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful,



but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.'

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax-collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: 'Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, "The kingdom of heaven has come near." Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

For the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Exploring the Word**

There was some talk a few weeks ago about a national leader looking awkward whilst holding a bible, this led to a wonderful YouTube clip of the comedian James Corden's father, Malcolm, being asked to demonstrate how the bible should be held. Now if you haven't seen the clip nor watched the tv show from which it came that sounds all very "So what?" Malcolm Corden was a Christian bookseller and he clearly not only has a love for books but also for the contents of this particular book. Many of us do. I wonder therefore what would be your "favourite" or memorable passage or passages.

My mother died in mid May and when my sister and I were talking about the readings for her funeral two or three passages were instantly mentioned. One was a psalm another a passage from Romans and the third was a single verse from 2 Timothy chapter 4 verse 7... go on look it up, but not now, afterwards!

One of my many memorable verses occurs in the first reading we heard today. The apostle Paul is exploring what it means to be made right with God and is telling the church in Rome that it isn't what we do that does it

but rather what God has done and it is for us to believe and have faith—justification by faith not works—then in this chapter, chapter 5 verse 8, he encapsulates it for me. The classic three point sermon in one verse:

*God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. It is one of those pithy verses of the bible which says everything but requires us to take it seriously.*

It is what has been called the verse of the three crosses.

In this day of instant communication and social media hand-written letters have taken a back-seat but even so when we write to someone we love we sign-off with a cross or three—signifying our love for the recipient of our letter or card. That’s the first cross.

When I was a child it was the teacher’s prerogative to use a red pen across work that was incorrect. If it was the answer to a question that was incorrect then a cross would be placed to say so. A cross to signify that something was wrong. That’s the second cross.

Then of course the third cross is perhaps more obvious—the Cross of Calvary, the place where Jesus was crucified. Yes, God proves to all eternity how much he loves us, that despite the wrong things we do which separate us from each other, still Christ died for us.

Yet whilst our relationship with God is based on faith we are not to sit back and wallow or bask—depending on your perspective. Our Gospel reading reminds us that we need to share that love with others, share that knowledge of God’s love with others. How? Well, by proclaiming that the Kingdom of God has come near and by making the world and individuals better. To tread lightly on creation; to tread heavily to eradicate poverty; to not countenance racism since every person matters in the eyes of God. For, as we shall sing in our final hymn we can only “stand amazed in the presence of Jesus the Nazarene.”

## **Affirmation of Faith**

**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.**

## **Intercessions**

In the power of the Spirit let us pray to our heavenly Father...

We pray for the church at this time, for the new ways of worshipping together, for those who have joined us for the first time, unsure of how the future will unfold...

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

We pray for the world, that we will have respect for your creation, for our leaders to treat your world with care and concern for all...

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

We pray for our communities, we give thanks for the mutual sharing and caring we have seen, we pray for those who are struggling at present...

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

We pray for our families and friends, for fathers and all who responsibilities as parents...

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

We pray for those are sick, that you will bring them your love and compassion...

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

We pray for those who have gone before us, for those who mourn...

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

We bring all our prayers in the name of Jesus our Saviour. **Amen.**

## **The Peace**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

## ♪♪ **Hymn: All People That on Earth Do Dwell**

All people that on earth do dwell,  
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;  
him serve with fear, his praise forth tell,  
come ye before him, and rejoice.

The Lord, ye know, is God indeed;  
without our aid he did us make;  
we are his folk, he doth us feed,  
and for his sheep he doth us take.

O enter then his gates with praise,  
approach with joy his courts unto;  
praise, laud, and bless his name always,  
for it is seemly so to do.

For why? The Lord our God is good;  
his mercy is for ever sure;  
his truth at all times firmly stood,  
and shall from age to age endure.

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
the God whom heaven and earth adore,  
from men and from the angel-host  
be praise and glory evermore.

## **Preparation of the Table**

Wise and gracious God, you spread a table before us;  
nourish your people with the word of life  
and the bread of heaven. **Amen.**

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

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 indeed right, it is our duty and our joy,  
at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise,  
holy Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal God,  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

For he is your living Word; through him you have created all things from  
the beginning, and formed us in your own image.

Through him you have freed us from the slavery of sin,  
giving him to be born of a woman and to die upon the cross;

you raised him from the dead and exalted him to your right hand on high.  
Through him you have sent upon us your holy and life-giving Spirit, and  
made us a people for your own possession.

Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious  
name, for ever praising you and saying:

**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.**

Accept our praises, heavenly Father, through your Son our Saviour Jesus  
Christ, and as we follow his example and obey his command,  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us his body and his blood;  
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, 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.

Therefore, heavenly Father, we remember his offering of himself

made once for all upon the cross;  
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;  
we look for the coming of your kingdom,  
and with this bread and this cup  
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith:

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

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise, and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty, renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,  
we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours for ever and ever. 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 for ever. Amen.**



## **Breaking of the Bread**

We break the bread of life,  
and that life is the light of the world

## **Communion**

### **Prayer**

Our Lord comes to us in bread and wine.  
They are the gifts of God for the people of God.

### **♪♪ Hymn: *I Stand Amazed in The Presence***

**I stand amazed in the presence  
of Jesus, the Nazarene,  
and wonder how he could love me,  
a sinner, condemned, unclean.**

*O, how marvellous! O, how wonderful,  
and my song shall ever be.*

*O, how marvellous! O, how wonderful!  
is my Saviour's love for me!*

**He took my sins and my sorrows,  
he made them his very own;  
he bore the burden to Calvary,  
and suffered, and died alone.**

*O, how marvellous! O, how wonderful,  
and my song shall ever be.*

*O, how marvellous! O, how wonderful!  
is my Saviour's love for me!*

**When with the ransomed in glory  
his face I at last shall see,  
'twill be my joy through the ages  
to sing of his love for me.**

*O, how marvellous! O, how wonderful,  
and my song shall ever be.*

*O, how marvellous! O, how wonderful!  
is my Saviour's love for me!*

## The Blessing

The peace of God which passes all understanding  
keep our hearts and minds  
in the knowledge and love of God  
and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you,  
and those whom you love,  
now and always. **Amen.**

## Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

