



**Chet Valley Churches**



## **Service of Holy Communion for Trinity 3, 28<sup>th</sup> June 2020**

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

**♪ Hymn: *When Morning Gilds the Skies***

**When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries,  
May Jesus Christ be praised: alike at work and prayer  
To Jesus I repair; may Jesus Christ be praised.**

**Whene'er the sweet church bell peals over hill and dell,  
May Jesus Christ be praised: O hark to what it sings,  
As joyously it rings, may Jesus Christ be praised.**

**My tongue shall never tire of chanting with the choir,  
May Jesus Christ be praised: this song of sacred joy,  
It never seems to cloy, may Jesus Christ be praised.**

**Does sadness fill my mind? A solace here I find,  
May Jesus Christ be praised: or fades my earthly bliss?  
My comfort still is this, may Jesus Christ be praised.**

**Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine,  
May Jesus Christ be praised: be this the eternal song  
Through ages all along, may Jesus Christ be praised!**

## **Confession**

We have wandered from your paths, yet your truth leads us home.

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

We have failed to live as your children, yet your love restores us.

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

We are disfigured by our sin, yet your power heals us.

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



## **Prayer for forgiveness**

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

## **Gloria in Excelsis**

**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: Prayer of the Day**

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **📖 Reading: Jeremiah 28:5-9**

Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord; and the prophet Jeremiah said, 'Amen! May the Lord do so; may the Lord fulfil the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the Lord, and all the exiles.

But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the Lord has truly sent the prophet.'

## **🎵 Hymn Thy Hand O God Has Guided**

**Thy hand, O God, has guided thy flock, from age to age;  
The wondrous tale is written, full clear, on every page;  
Thy people owned thy goodness, and we their deeds record;  
And both of this bear witness: One Church, one faith, one Lord.**

**Through many a day of darkness, through many a scene of strife,  
The faithful few fought bravely, to guard the nation's life.  
Their Gospel of redemption, sin pardoned, man restored,  
Was all in this enfolded: One Church, one faith, one Lord.**

**Thy mercy will not fail us nor leave thy work undone;  
With thy right hand to help us, the victory shall be won  
And then, by men and angels, thy name shall be adored,  
And this shall be their anthem One Church, one faith, one Lord.**

## **Gospel: Matthew 10:40-42**

‘Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.’

### **Sermon [Rev Ros]**

May I speak in the name of God, Father Son and Holy Spirit.

“Whoever gives a cup of water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple will not lose their reward”. This made me think of a photograph taken during WWI of a British soldier giving some water to a German prisoner of war. An act of compassion, perhaps often repeated, amidst the carnage going on round them. Who was he doing it for and what motivated him? We don’t know but it is to be hoped it was a response to another’s need. A recognition of the need of a fellow human being. Whether the Tommy realised it or not, in handing that cup of water to the German soldier, he was handing it to Jesus and the German soldier was accepting the water as from Jesus.

The reading today comes at the end of quite a long set of instructions and advice that Jesus gave to his disciples to prepare them for being sent out to teach and heal as ambassadors for Jesus. An ambassador is a representative of the king and as such would be treated as a king should be treated, with honour and respect. A bit like the Lord Lieutenant of a county is the Queen’s representative. So, if you don’t respect the ambassadors, you don’t respect the king or queen who sent them. Those who don’t respect the disciples or welcome them are rejecting Jesus. Giving a drink to the least valued member of society is giving a drink to Jesus.

In a hot desert country like Israel, water is literally life. There’s a story in the Old Testament in which David had a desire to drink of the well in Bethlehem, his home town. There was a problem though. Bethlehem was occupied by Philistines with whom David and his army were at war. “O that someone would give me water to drink from the well of Bethlehem that is by the gate.” It may have been a throw away remark, not meant to

be taken seriously but three of his soldiers risked their lives to fetch some of that water for their king. When they gave it to him and David realised that they had risked their lives, he wouldn't drink it, but poured it on to the ground as an offering to God. This used to puzzle me and I wonder how the three friends felt when David poured the water away. But to David drinking it would be like drinking the blood of the men who were prepared to give their lives to get the water. It's more than a nice, cooling drink when you're thirsty. It's as though you're giving it to someone of worth.

Jesus has empowered the disciples to heal on their mission but he instructed them not to take any provisions with them. No extra clothing, no food and no money. They were to rely on hospitality. In fact the kingdom of God will be furthered by acts of hospitality and welcoming. If they were welcomed, they were to stay but if they were not welcomed, they must leave. A small gesture like giving someone a drink has huge ramifications because that person is welcoming Christ and those who welcome him, welcome the Father.

Maybe you know the story of St. Martin and the beggar. Martin was a Roman soldier in Gaul who became a Christian. One day as he was out riding, he came across a beggar who was dressed in rags. Martin took his sword and cut his cloak in two and gave half of it to the beggar. That night Martin had a dream. In his dream he saw Christ wearing his cloak and realised that in giving it to the beggar he actually gave it to Jesus.

Most of us don't give what we do a second thought and would be surprised that these little gestures are part of a bigger picture. Meeting people's needs with small gestures are so important. A hug, a bunch of flowers or a cup of tea, mean so much and show that the person is valued and loved.

During the lockdown many of us have received acts of kindness although of course the one thing that humans need, physical contact has been denied us. Never the less, the phone calls, the on line chats and the shopping done or delivered, sometimes by strangers, have all been signs of the Kingdom.

## **Creed**

Let us declare our faith in God.

**We believe in God the Father,  
from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,  
who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
who strengthens us with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

## **Prayers**

*We pray for the World; for the Church; for our Local Community; and for Ourselves.*

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



## **♪ Hymn. For the healing of the nations**

**For the healing of the nations, Lord, we pray with one accord,  
For a just and equal sharing Of the things that earth affords.  
To a life of love in action Help us rise and pledge our word.**

**Lead us Father into freedom, from despair your world release,  
that, redeemed from war and hatred,  
all may come and go in peace.**

**Show us how through care and goodness  
fear will die and hope increase.**

**All that kills abundant living, let it from the earth be banned:  
pride of status, race or schooling, dogmas that obscure your plan.**

**In our common quest for justice may we hallow brief life's span.  
You, Creator God, have written your great name on humankind;  
for our growing in your likeness bring the life of Christ to mind;  
that by our response and service earth its destiny may find.**

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,  
since as members of one body you are called to peace.

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

## **Eucharistic Prayer**

Father, we give you thanks and praise through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word through whom you have created all things; who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh; as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin, he lived on earth and went about among us; he opened wide his arms for us on the cross; he put an end to death by dying for us and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life; so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

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.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness; grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ; 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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption. As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus Christ our

Lord; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, 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.**



## **The Communion**

### **The Blessing**

Christ, who has nourished us with himself the living bread, make you one in praise and love, and raise you up at the last day; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

### **♪ Hymn: You Shall Go Out With Joy**

**You shall go out with joy  
And be led forth with peace,  
And the mountains and the hills  
Shall break forth before you.  
There'll be shouts of joy  
And the trees of the fields  
Shall clap, shall clap their hands.**

**And the trees of the fields shall clap their hands,  
And the trees of the fields shall clap their hands,  
And the trees of the fields shall clap their hands,  
And you'll go out with joy.**

