

## The Celebration of the Lords Supper

(Congregational responses are in **bold** type)

**Music – Listen and reflect**

### **SERVICE NOTICES**

**THE GATHERING** – *Please stand*

Let us acknowledge God's presence  
with us now.

The Lord is here

**His Spirit is with us.**

Loving Lord,  
Open our hearts to your presence,  
Open our ears to your voice  
Open our eyes to see your kingdom  
Here in this place,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

### **WE MAKE OUR PEACE WITH OUR NEIGHBOUR**

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

*We greet one another with a sign of peace*

### **HYMN**

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to  
thee.

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,  
casting down their golden crowns around the  
glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim falling down before  
thee,  
who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide  
thee,  
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not  
see,  
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee  
perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth  
and sky and sea.

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

*Reginald Heber*

### **WE MAKE OUR PEACE WITH GOD**

*After some introductory words the minister we say*

**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.  
Thank you that in your Son Jesus Christ,  
who died for us,  
you have forgiven all that is past  
Grant that we may evermore remain in him  
and he in us  
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

*The leader declares God's forgiveness*

### **DECLARATION from Romans 8**

**God the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness;  
the Spirit intercedes for us according to the  
will of God.**

**We know that all things work together for good  
for those who love God. If God the Father is for  
us, who is against us?**

**God did not withhold his own Son, but gave  
him up for all of us; Christ Jesus, who died,  
who was raised, who is at the right hand of  
God, who intercedes for us.**

**Who will separate us from the love of Christ?  
In everything we are more than conquerors  
through him who loved us.**

**We are convinced that neither death, nor life,  
nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor  
things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor  
depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be  
able to separate us from the love of God in  
Christ Jesus our Lord.**

*This we believe and this we declare.*

**Amen. Thanks be to God.**

### **WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD**

**Reading: Matthew 13.31-33,44-52**

He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom  
of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone  
took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all  
the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest  
of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of  
the air come and make nests in its branches.'

He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of  
heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed  
in with three measures of flour until all of it was  
leavened.'

'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in  
a field, which someone found and hid; then in his  
joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that  
field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant

in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

'Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.'

And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### **SERMON**

#### **SONG**

All I once held dear, built my life upon  
All this world reveres, and wars to own  
All I once thought gain I have counted loss  
Spent and worthless now, compared to this

*Knowing you, Jesus, knowing you,  
There is no greater thing  
You're my all, you're the best  
You're my joy, my righteousness  
And I love you, Lord*

Now my heart's desire is to know you more  
To be found in you and known as yours  
To possess by faith what I could not earn  
All-surpassing gift of righteousness

Oh, to know the power of your risen life  
And to know You in Your sufferings  
To become like you in your death, my Lord  
So with you to live and never die *Robin Mark.*

**THE PRAYERS** - *This response may be used*

Your kingdom come,  
**Your will be done.**

*Ending...* **on earth as in heaven. 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.**

#### **SONG**

**There's a place that we're made for  
Just beyond what we have known  
In a realm still yet unseen  
Still yet unseen**

**There's a place where all is right  
No more darkness only light  
The things of earth grow strangely dim  
Strangely dim**

*On the earth as it is in heaven  
Let it be here with us right now  
Where Your word is fulfilled  
And your glory's revealed  
Let it be here with us right now*

*There's a place where sickness bows  
Hope's restored and joy abounds  
With shouts of praise the only sound  
The only sound*

*We have this confidence  
Though we don't see it yet  
Your kingdom will be fully known  
With hope we'll watch and pray  
Waiting that coming day  
But here and now before Your throne*

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#### **THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE**

*The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.*

#### **THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

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.**

**...Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

## **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND WINE**

*The president breaks the consecrated 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.**  
Every time we eat this bread  
and drink this cup  
**we proclaim the Lord's death  
until he comes.**

*Anyone who accepts Jesus as their Lord and Saviour  
and would normally participate in their own church is  
welcome to come and receive the bread and wine.*

### **SONG**

**I take the bread of life  
Broken for all my sin  
Your body crucified  
To make me whole again**

**I will recall the cup  
Poured out in sacrifice  
To trade this sinner's end  
For Your new covenant**

*Hallelujah  
I'll live my life in remembrance  
Hallelujah  
Your promise I won't forget*

**I'll walk salvation's road  
With fear and trembling  
Your way borne as my own  
As Christ is formed in me**

*Hallelujah  
I'll live my life in remembrance  
Hallelujah  
Your promise I won't forget*

**If ever I should lose my way  
If ever I deny Your grace  
Remind me of the price You paid  
Hallelujah  
I'll live in remembrance**

**You've been so, so good to me  
You've been so, so good to me  
Oh to think where I would be  
If not for You, If not for You (Repeat)**

**As far as heights reach from the depths  
As far as east is from the west  
So far Your grace has carried me  
Until I see You face to face  
Until at last I've won my race  
Remind me You're not finished yet  
*Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah  
I'll live in remembrance***

## **THANKSGIVING PRAYER**

**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.**

### **NOTICES**

#### **SONG**

**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art--  
thou my best thought by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
thou my great Father, I thy true son;  
thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.**

**Riches I need not, nor man's empty praise,  
thou mine inheritance, now and always:  
thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.**

**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art--  
thou my best thought by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**High King of heaven, my victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's  
Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

*Mary E. Byrne*

### **WE RE-DEDICATE OURSELVES TO GOD'S SERVICE**

*A prayer of blessing may be said followed by these words*

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

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