

# Parish of Whitton

## A Liturgy for Holy Communion in Lockdown for the Fourth Sunday After Trinity

5<sup>th</sup> July 2020

### *We are made welcome*

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**Amen.**

**And also with you.**

### *We listen to the words of a hymn*

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ofp6rdAgRrY>

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,  
pilgrim though this barren land;  
I am weak, but thou art mighty;  
hold me with thy powerful hand;  
bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
feed me 'till I want no more;  
feed me 'till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain,  
whence the healing stream doth flow;  
let the fire and cloudy pillar  
lead me all my journey through;  
strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer,  
be thou still my strength and shield  
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
bid my anxious fears subside;  
death of death, and hell's destruction,  
land me safe on Canaan's side;  
songs of praises, songs of praises,  
I will ever give to thee;  
I will ever give to thee.

*William Williams*

### *We set aside all that separates us from God and from one another*

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ to save us from our sins, to be our advocate in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life. 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 neighbours 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.**

**We are forgiven**

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.**

**We give glory to God**

**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**

Gracious Father, by the obedience of Jesus  
 you brought salvation to our wayward world:  
 draw us into harmony with your will,  
 that we may find all things restored in him,  
 our Saviour Jesus Christ.

**Amen**

**We read from the Bible:** Genesis 24.34-38, 42-49, 58-67

**We hear the Gospel reading** – Matthew 11.16-19, 25-30

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Matthew **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the end, the reader says*

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**We affirm our shared trust in God**

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom  
 we exist? **I 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?  
**I 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?

**I 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.**

**We pray for ourselves, and for God's world**

Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

*And at the end*

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

**Amen.**

**We share God's peace**

Peace to you from God our heavenly Father.

Peace from his Son Jesus Christ who is our peace.

Peace from the Holy Spirit, the life-giver.

The peace of the triune God be always with you

**and also with you.**

**We listen to the words of a hymn**

**See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pN4tPkX0MGO>**

**The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;  
 He makes me lie in pastures green.  
 He leads me by the still, still waters,  
 His goodness restores my soul.**

***And I will trust in You alone,  
 And I will trust in You alone,  
 For Your endless mercy follows me,  
 Your goodness will lead me home.***

**He guides my ways in righteousness,  
 And He anoints my head with oil,  
 And my cup, it overflows with joy,  
 I feast on His pure delights.**

***And I will trust...***

**And though I walk the darkest path,  
 I will not fear the evil one,  
 For You are with me, and Your rod and staff  
 Are the comfort I need to know.**

***And I will trust..x2***

***For Your endless mercy follows me,  
 Your goodness will lead me home.***

*Stuart Townend © Thankyou Music*

**We take bread and wine, and offer it to God, giving thanks for all his gifts to us**

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

**All things come from you, and of your own do we give you.**

**We remember Jesus' sacrifice for us, and we ask for God's blessing**

The Lord is here.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**His Spirit is with us.**

**We lift them to the Lord.**

**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Father, you made the world and love your creation.

You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour.

His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death.

And so we gladly thank you,

with saints and angels 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.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord;

and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit,

that broken bread and wine outpoured

may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends

and, taking bread, he praised you.

He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;

do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.

Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:

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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead

with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,

we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day  
 when your kingdom comes  
 and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.  
 Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms  
 and bring us with all the saints to feast at your table in heaven.  
 Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,  
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
 all honour and glory are yours, O loving 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 Bread is broken**

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
 we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We can't physically share the bread and wine today – but we have shared together in the remembering and the blessing. So Mike and I will receive them on behalf of us all, looking forward to the day when we can be physically together again.

### **The Bread and Wine are received**

#### **We say "thank you" to God**

Father in heaven, we pray that the joy of this celebration  
 may fill our hearts with a new and deeper sense of your love for us, and for your world.  
 Grant that, as we go out into the world,  
 we may show your love in the way we live our lives.

**Amen.**

#### **We receive God's blessing as we are sent out to share God's love in the world**

God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love, defend you on every side,  
 and guide you in truth and peace; 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.**

#### **We listen to the words of a hymn**

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zltma-BlmM8>

**I cannot tell why He, whom angels worship,  
 Should set His love upon the sons of men,**

Or why, as Shepherd, He should seek the wand'rer,  
 To bring them back, they know not how or when.  
 But this I know, that He was born of Mary,  
 When Bethl'hem's manger was His only home,  
 And that He lived at Nazareth and laboured,  
 And so the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is come.

I cannot tell how silently He suffered,  
 As with His peace He graced this place of tears,  
 Or how His heart upon the Cross was broken,  
 The crown of pain to three and thirty years.  
 But this I know, He heals the broken-hearted,  
 And stays our sin, and calms our lurking fear,  
 And lifts the burden from the heavy laden,  
 For yet the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is here.

I cannot tell how He will win the nations,  
 How He will claim His earthly heritage,  
 How satisfy the needs and aspirations  
 Of east and west, of sinner and of sage.  
 But this I know, all flesh shall see His glory,  
 And He shall reap the harvest He has sown,  
 And some glad day His sun shall shine in splendour  
 When He the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is known.

I cannot tell how all the lands shall worship,  
 When, at His bidding, every storm is stilled,  
 Or who can say how great the jubilation  
 When all the hearts of men with love are filled.  
 But this I know, the skies will thrill with rapture,  
 And myriad, myriad human voices sing,  
 And earth to heaven, and heaven to earth, will answer:  
 At last the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is King.

*William Young Fullerton*

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