

Communion Service: 20 February 2022
3rd Sunday of Lent

Notices

- Mothering Sunday – 27 March 2022 (NB clocks spring forward!)
- Afternoon teacakes, Hethel, 27 March 2-5pm
- Lent – 40 Prayers for 40 Days - Wednesday 7:30pm, Harvest House
- Banns for Nick & Nikki – 30 April wedding

Collect for 3rd Sunday of Lent

Eternal God, give us insight
to discern your will for us,
to give up what harms us,
and to seek the perfection
we are promised
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Everyone needs compassion

Everyone needs compassion,
Love that's never failing;
Let mercy fall on me.
Everyone needs forgiveness,
The kindness of a Saviour;
The hope of nations.

Saviour, He can move the mountains,
My God is Mighty to save,
He is mighty to save.
Forever, Author of salvation,
He rose and conquered the grave,
Jesus Conquered the grave.

So take me as you find me,
All my fears and failures,

Fill my life again.
I give my life to follow
Everything I believe in
Now I surrender

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Shine your light and
let the whole world see
We're singing,
for the glory of the risen king,
Jesus

Saying Sorry

Father God, we are sorry for the things we do and say and think which make you sad, and for not thinking of others before ourselves.

Please forgive us, and help us to love you and other people more and more.

Amen.

Receiving Forgiveness

May God who loved the world so much that he sent his Son to be our Saviour, forgive us our sins, and make us holy to serve him in the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Sharing Journeys:

Praise is rising
Praise is rising,

eyes are turning to You, we turn to You
Hope is stirring,
hearts are yearning for You, we long for You
'Cause when we see You
we find strength to face the day
In Your presence
all our fears are washed away,
washed away

Hosanna, Hosanna
You are the God who saves us,
worthy of all our praises
Hosanna, Hosanna
Come have Your way among us,
we welcome You here, Lord Jesus

Hear the sound of hearts returning to You,
we turn to You
In Your Kingdom broken lives are made new,
You make us new
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we find strength to face the day
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Isaiah 55:1-9 (NIV)

“Come, all you who are thirsty,
come to the waters;
and you who have no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without cost.
² Why spend money on what is not bread,
and your labor on what does not satisfy?
Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good,
and you will delight in the richest of fare.
³ Give ear and come to me;
listen, that you may live.
I will make an everlasting covenant with you,
my faithful love promised to David.
⁴ See, I have made him a witness to the peoples,
a ruler and commander of the peoples.
⁵ Surely you will summon nations you know not,
and nations you do not know will come running to you, because of the Lord your God,
the Holy One of Israel,
for he has endowed you with splendour.”
⁶ Seek the Lord while he may be found;
call on him while he is near.
⁷ Let the wicked forsake their ways
and the unrighteous their thoughts.
Let them turn to the Lord, and he will have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will freely pardon.
⁸ “For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways,”
declares the Lord.
⁹ “As the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Luke 13:1-9 (NIV)

Now there were some present at that time who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. ² Jesus answered, “Do you think that these Galileans were

worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered this way? ³ I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish. ⁴ Or those eighteen who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them—do you think they were more guilty than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵ I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish.”

⁶ Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree growing in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it but did not find any. ⁷ So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, ‘For three years now I’ve been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and haven’t found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?’

⁸ “‘Sir,’ the man replied, ‘leave it alone for one more year, and I’ll dig around it and fertilize it. ⁹ If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.’”

Talk by Adrian

Profession of Faith

The president addresses the congregation:

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess
the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

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

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

**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.

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**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.

King of kings, majesty

King of kings, Majesty
God of Heaven living in me
Gentle Saviour, closest friend
Strong Deliverer, beginning and end
All within me falls at Your throne

Your Majesty, I can but bow
I lay my all before You now
In royal robes I don't deserve
I live to serve Your Majesty

Earth and Heaven worship You
Love eternal, Faithful and True
Who bought the nations, ransomed souls
Brought this sinner near to Your throne
All within me cries out in praise.

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I lay my all before You now
In royal robes I don't deserve
I live to serve Your Majesty

The splendour of the king

The splendour of the King,
Clothed in majesty;
Let all the earth rejoice,
All the earth rejoice.
He wraps Himself in light,
And darkness tries to hide,
And trembles at His voice,
And trembles at His voice.

How great is our God, sing with me,
How great is our God, and all will see
How great, how great is our God.

And age to age He stands,
And time is in His hands;
Beginning and the end,
Beginning and the end.
The Godhead, three in One,

Father, Spirit, Son,
The Lion and the Lamb,
The Lion and the Lamb.

How great is our God, sing with me,
How great is our God, and all will see
How great, how great is our God.

How great is our God, sing with me,
How great is our God, and all will see
How great, how great is our God.

Name above all names,
Worthy of all praise;
My heart will sing:
How great is our God.

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How great is our God.

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Our Prayers

led by Sue

Here at Thy table, Lord

Here at Your table, Lord,
this sacred hour,
O let us feel You near,
in loving power,
calling our thoughts away
from self and sin,

as to Your banquet hall
we enter in.

Come then, O holy Christ,
feed us, we pray;
touch with Your pierced hand
each common day,
making this earthly life
full of Your grace,
till, in the home of heaven,
we find our place.

Holy Communion

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.

It is right to praise you,
Father, Lord of all creation;
in your love you made us for yourself.

When we turned away
you did not reject us,
but came to meet us in your Son.

**You embraced us
as your children
and welcomed us
to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life
that we might live in him
and he in us.

**He opened his arms of love
upon the cross
and made for all
the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed,
at supper with his friends
he took bread,
and gave you thanks;
he broke it
and gave it to them, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body
which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this
in remembrance of him:
his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper,
taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, and said:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you
for the forgiveness of sins;
do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this
in remembrance of him:
his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death
and celebrate his rising in glory,
send your Holy Spirit
that this bread and this wine
may be to us the body and blood
of your dear Son.

**As we eat and drink
these holy gifts
make us one in Christ,
our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church
throughout the world
we offer you
this sacrifice of praise
and lift our voice
to join the eternal song of heaven:

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

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.**

Every time we eat this bread
and drink this cup.

We proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Giving of Communion

Draw near with faith.
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ
which he gave for you,
and his blood which he shed for you.
Eat and drink
in remembrance that Christ died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts
by faith with thanksgiving.

Receiving Bread and Wine

O God, beyond all praising

O God beyond all praising,
we worship you today
and sing the love amazing
that songs cannot repay;
for we can only wonder
at every gift you send,
at blessings without number
and mercies without end:
we lift our hearts before you
and wait upon your word,
we honour and adore you,
our great and mighty Lord.

Then hear, O gracious Saviour,
accept the love we bring,
that we who know your favour
may serve you as our king;
and whether our tomorrows
be filled with good or ill,
we'll triumph through our sorrows
and rise to bless you still:
to marvel at your beauty
and glory in your ways,
and make a joyful duty
our sacrifice of praise.

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Post Communion Prayer

God of glory,
you nourish us with your Word
who is the bread of life:
fill us with your Holy Spirit
that through us the light of your glory
may shine in all the world.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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.**

Your hand, O God, has guided

Your hand, O God, has guided
Your church from age to age,
The tale of love is written
for us on every page.
Our fathers knew Your goodness,
And we Your works record,
And each of these bear witness:
One church, one faith, one Lord.

Your mercy never fails us,
Or leaves Your work undone;
With Your right hand to help us,
The victory shall be won.
And then with heaven's angels
Your name shall be adored,
And they shall praise you singing:
One church, one faith, one Lord.

One church, one faith,
one Lord of life,
One Father, one Spirit, one Christ.
One church, one faith,
one Lord of Life,
One heavenly King, Lord of all.

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Closing Blessing

Now may the peace of God, which passes understanding,
keep your 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,
now and always. **Amen.**