

Sunday 4th. February, 2024 11.00 am

The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany - The Sacrament of Holy Communion

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Welcome & Intimations

Introit

Call to Worship

Hymn 718 We cannot measure how you heal

1 We cannot measure how You heal
or answer every sufferer's prayer,
yet we believe your grace responds
where faith and doubt unite to care.

Your hands, though bloodied on the cross,
survive to hold and heal and warn,
to carry all through death to life
and cradle children yet unborn.

2 The pain that will not go away,
the guilt that clings from things long past,
the fear of what the future holds,
are present as if meant to last.

But present too is love which tends
the hurt we never hoped to find,
the private agonies inside,
the memories that haunt the mind.

3 So some have come who need Your help
and some have come to make amends,
as hands which shaped and saved the world
are present in the touch of friends.

Lord, let Your Spirit meet us here
to mend the body, mind and soul,
to disentangle peace from pain
and make Your broken people whole.

John L. Bell(b.1949) & Graham Maule(1958-2019)

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Children's Address

Hymn 349 In our lives plant seeds of hope,

*In our lives plant seeds of hope,
In our homes plant seeds of love,
In your Church plant seeds of joy,
Tell the world about God's love.
Tell the world about God's love.*

1 Jesus said 'If you have faith
small as a mustard seed,
In my name you'll do great things,
you'll do great things indeed.

Refrain

2 'If a seed falls to the ground,
lies buried like the grain'
Jesus said 'Until it dies
it cannot grow again.'

Refrain

3 Jesus told the story of
the seed the sower sows,
'Listen to my Father's words
and then your faith will grow.'

Refrain

4 'Some words fall among the thorns
and some on stony ground;
Some are carried off and lost
but others find good ground.'

Refrain

Isaiah 40:21-31
St. Mark 1:29-39

Anthem

Sermon

The Apostles' Creed (Hymn 628)

The Offering (& Sung Doxology: Hymn 807)

Prayer of Intercession

Hymn 18/19 The earth belongs to God alone (Psalm 24)

- 1 The earth belongs to God alone
and all that it contains;
the world and its inhabitants
God's steadfast love maintains.
- 2 The Lord who brought the world to birth
laid earth's foundations sure,
and firm within the surging seas
established them secure.
- 3 Who, then, are those who shall ascend
the holy hill of God?
And who is fit to stand within
the presence of the Lord?
- 4 All those whose hands and hearts are clean,
with no room in their mind
for worthless vanities or vows
of a deceitful kind.
- 5 These are the people who receive
a blessing from the Lord,
and vindication for their ways
from God, their saving God.

- 6 O God of Jacob, help us all
who gather in this place,
to seek your presence with us now:
we yearn to see your face.
- 7 Ye gates lift up your heads on high;
ye doors that last for ay
be lifted up, that so the King
of glory enter may!
- 8 But who of glory is the King?
The mighty Lord is this,
ev'n that same Lord, that great in might
and strong in battle is.
- 9 Ye gates, lift up your heads; ye doors,
doors that do last for ay,
be lifted up, that so the King
of glory enter may!
- 10 But who is he that is the King
of glory? who is this?
The Lord of hosts, and none but he,
the King of glory is.

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The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Responses for Prayer of Great 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 our thanks and praise.

...and with the whole company of heaven,
we lift up our hearts in joyful praise, 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.*

*Through him, with him, in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours,
almighty Father, now and for ever.*

*Our Father which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come.*

*Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.*

*And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for
ever. Amen.*

Breaking of Bread

O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
Grant us your peace.

Hymn 184 Sing to the Lord a joyful song,

- 1 Sing to the Lord a joyful song,
lift up your hearts, your voices raise,
to us his gracious gifts belong,
to him our songs of love and praise.
- 2 For life and love, for rest and food,
for daily help and nightly care,
sing to the Lord, for he is good,
and praise his name, for it is fair.
- 3 For strength to those who on him wait,
his truth to prove, his will to do;
praise ye our God, for he is great:
Trust in his name, for it is true.
- 4 For joys untold that from above
cheer those who love his sweet employ,
sing to our God, for he is love;
exalt his name, for it is joy.
- 5 Sing to the Lord of heaven and earth,
whom angels serve and saints adore,
the Father, Son, and Spirit blest,
to whom be praise for evermore.

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Benediction

Choral Amen (3-fold)