

Christ Church@11am 15th March 2020

Order of Service

Welcome and Introduction

Call to Praise

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let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before him with thanksgiving

and extol him with music and song.

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(after Psalm 95)

<u>Song</u>

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<u>Prayer</u>

The young people and creche go to their groups.

Confession

When asked about how God intends that we live Jesus said: "The first commandment is this: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

It's no secret that we struggle to do this perfectly, and that we have not succeeded this week, and so sinned through negligence, through weakness, and through our own deliberate fault. So, let us turn to God. confess our sins and ask for His help to live as Jesus has taught us saying together 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 act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

Here these words of comfort: God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. John 3.16

May the God of love and power forgive us and free us from our sins, heal and strengthen us by his Spirit, and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Song

Speak, O Lord

Reading: Habakkuk1:12-2:1

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You, LORD, have appointed them to execute judgment; you, my Rock, have ordained them to punish.
¹³ Your eyes are too pure to look on evil; you cannot tolerate wrongdoing.
Why then do you tolerate the treacherous? Why are you silent while the wicked swallow up those more righteous than themselves? ¹⁴ You have made people like the fish in the sea, like the sea creatures that have no ruler. ¹⁵ The wicked foe pulls all of them up with hooks, he catches them in his net, he gathers them up in his drag-net; and so he rejoices and is glad. ¹⁶ Therefore he sacrifices to his net and burns incense to his drag-net, for by his net he lives in luxury and enjoys the choicest food.

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<u>Sermon</u> (A place for notes)

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What a friend we have in Jesus

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

At this point of the service there is an opportunity to greet people. The Bible encourages us to sort out any disagreements before we take communion. Some may use the time in this way, others may greet those around them by shaking hand or hugging. It is important to us that no one feels uncomfortable so if you would rather just keep your hands to yourself others will respect that.

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Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us access to his grace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you. And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

<u>Song</u>

God is love, let heaven adore him

The young people and creche will return at this point.

The Communion prayer

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.

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remembrance of him: his body is the bread of life.

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The Communion

We welcome those who recognise Jesus as their Lord to share with us at this table. If you wish to come forward for a blessing please leave your hands by your side. Please feel free to stay in your seats.

During communion, songs may be sung to give us all an opportunity to pray and reflect on God's amazing love. Our trained prayer ministry team is available in St John's chapel during communion and after the service.

Christ our treasure Empty broken here I stand The King of love my shepherd is

Giving of Communion

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Prayer after Communion Father of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and bought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Final prayer and Blessing May Christ the Good Shepherd enfold us with love, fill us with peace, and lead us in hope; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among us and remain with us always. Amen.

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

Please do join us for tea or coffee.

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"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." Romans 15:13