

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday 14th June 2020

THEME: God is faithful and always with us.

Grace mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

OPENING HYMN – To be a Pilgrim

**He who would valiant be 'gainst all disaster,
let him in constancy follow the Master.
There's no discouragement shall make him once relent
his first avowed intent to be a pilgrim.**

**Who so beset him round with dismal stories,
do but themselves confound--his strength the more is.
No foes shall stay his might, though he with giants fight.
he will make good his right to be a pilgrim.**

**Since, Lord, Thou dost defend us with Thy Spirit
we know we at the end shall life inherit.
Then, fancies, flee away! I'll fear not what men say,
I'll labour night and day to be a pilgrim.**

Percy Dreamer (1867 – 1936) after John Bunyan (1628-1688)

CHILDREN'S TALK - Simon

OPENING PRAYER

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires know, and from whom no secrets are hidden;
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love
you and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

St Paul says

**'Be imitators of God; love as Christ loved; do not grieve the Holy Spirit;
put away all anger and bitterness, all slander and malice.'
So let us confess our sins to God, who forgives us in Christ.**

**God of mercy, we acknowledge that we are all sinners.
We turn from the wrong that we have thought and said and done,
and are mindful of all that we have failed to do.
For the sake of Jesus, who died for us,
forgive us for all that is past, and help us to live each day
in the light of Christ our Lord. Amen.**

May the God of love bring us back to himself,
forgive us our sins, and assure us of his eternal love
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

COLLECT PRAYER

God of truth,
help us to keep your law of love
and to walk in ways of wisdom,
that we may find true life
in Jesus Christ your Son.

1ST BIBLE READING – DANIEL 3:13-27 Steve Dumba

SONG – BE STILL FOR THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD – David Evans

2ND BIBLE READING – 1 PETER 5:8-11 – Milly Dumba

SERMON - Simon

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION – Steve Dumba

THE PEACE

God is love
and those who live in love live in God
and God lives in them.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

THE BREAKING OF BREAD

The Lord is here.

All His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All 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.

All 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.

**All 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.

**All 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.

**All 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.

**All 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:

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

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come.
Thy will be done on earth, As it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive them that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, The power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ. Though we are many we are one body because we all share in the one bread. Lord whose nature is always to have mercy grant that as we eat this bread and drink this wine our souls and bodies may be made clean of sin and that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us. **Amen.**

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

We thank you Lord, that you have fed us in this sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet prepared for all peoples. Amen.

FINAL HYMN – Great is thy faithfulness

**Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.**

**Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided—
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

**Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.**

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!**

Thomas Obadiah Chisholm (1866-1960)

BLESSING