

Holy Communion – Huyton Parish Church

May 27th 10.30 am 18 Trinity Sunday

The Greeting

The president greets the people
The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Words of welcome or introduction may be said.

In the beginning, God the Maker;
Just and creative, strong and loving.

In the beginning, God the storyteller;
Joyful and honest, vulnerable and questioning.

In the beginning, God the Holy Spirit;
Wise and glorious, wild and challenging.

Alpha and Omega and now in this moment
Blessed be the Trinity, Blessed be God

Hymn 261 & 1

**Hallelujah, my Father,
for giving us your Son;
sending him into the world
to be given up for men,
knowing we would bruise him
and smite him from the earth.
Hallelujah, my Father,
in his death is my birth;
Hallelujah, my Father,
in his life is my life.**

Tim Cullen 1975 Celebration/Thankyou Music

**Abba Father, let me be
yours and yours alone.
May my will for ever be
More and more your own.
Never let my heart grow cold,
never let me go,
Abba Father, let me be
yours and yours alone.**

Dave Bilborough Dave Bilborough Songs/Thankyou music

Prayer of Preparation

**Almighty God,
Give us strength and determination to
create more space in our lives for you.
By your Holy Spirit open our ears and
touch our hearts to understand your
justice and mercy, not only for
ourselves but also for those who suffer
injustice in the world; through Jesus
Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Invitation to confession

God the Father forgives us in Christ and
heals us by the Holy Spirit.
Let us therefore put away all anger and
bitterness, all slander and malice,
and confess our sins to God our redeemer.
cf Ephesians 4.30,32

Prayer of confession

We have not always worshipped God, our
creator.

Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

We have not always followed Christ, our
Saviour.

Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

We have not always trusted in the Spirit, our
guide.

Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

The president says
Almighty God,
who in Jesus Christ has given us
a kingdom that cannot be destroyed,
forgive you your sins,
open your eyes to Gods truth,
strengthen you to do Gods will
and give you the joy of his kingdom,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Prayer for this week

The Prayer is said.

Almighty and everlasting God,
you have given us your servants grace, by the
confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the
glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power
of the divine majesty to worship the Unity:
keep us steadfast in this faith,
that we may evermore be defended from all
adversities; through Jesus Christ your Son
our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in
the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now
and for ever. **Amen.**

God Calls Isaiah to Be a Prophet

6 In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord. He was sitting on his throne, high and exalted, and his robe filled the whole Temple. ² Around him flaming creatures were standing, each of which had six wings. Each creature covered its face with two wings, and its body with two, and used the other two for flying. ³ They were calling out to each other:

“Holy, holy, holy!

The LORD Almighty is holy!

His glory fills the world.”

⁴ The sound of their voices made the foundation of the Temple shake, and the Temple itself became filled with smoke.

⁵ I said, “There is no hope for me! I am doomed because every word that passes my lips is sinful, and I live among a people whose every word is sinful. And yet, with my own eyes I have seen the King, the LORD Almighty.”

⁶ Then one of the creatures flew down to me, carrying a burning coal that he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷ He touched my lips with the burning coal and said, “This has touched your lips, and now your guilt is gone, and your sins are forgiven.”

⁸ Then I heard the Lord say, “Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger?” I answered, “I will go! Send me!”

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn 332

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord, of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.

They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?

Dan Schutte, based on Isaiah 6

1981 Daniel L Schutte and New Dawn Music.

New Testament Romans 8:12-17

St Paul writes

So then, my friends, we have an obligation, but it is not to live as our human nature wants us to. ¹³ For if you live according to your human nature, you are going to die; but if by the Spirit you put to death your sinful actions, you will live. ¹⁴ Those who are led by God's Spirit are God's children. ¹⁵ For the Spirit that God has given you does not make you slaves and cause you to be afraid; instead, the Spirit makes you God's children, and by the Spirit's power we cry out to God, “Father! my Father!” ¹⁶ God's Spirit joins himself to our spirits to declare that we are God's children. ¹⁷ Since we are his children, we will possess the blessings he keeps for his people, and we will also possess with Christ what God has kept for him; for if we share Christ's suffering, we will also share his glory.

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn

Therefore we lift our hearts in praise,
sing to the living God who saves,
for grace poured out for you and me.

There for everyone to see,
there on the hill at Calvary,
Jesus died for you and me.

There for sad and broken men
He rose up from the grave again,
and reigns on high for you and me.

There for such great pain and cost
the Spirit came at Pentecost,
and comes in power for you and me.

**Therefore we lift our hearts in praise,
sing to the living God who saves,
for grace poured out for you and me.**

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Gospel John3:1-17

When the Gospel is announced the reader says

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus and Nicodemus

3 There was a Jewish leader named Nicodemus, who belonged to the party of the Pharisees. ² One night he went to Jesus and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher sent by God. No one could perform the miracles you are doing unless God were with him.”
³ Jesus answered, “I am telling you the truth: no one can see the Kingdom of God without being born again.”^{4a}
⁴ “How can a grown man be born again?” Nicodemus asked. “He certainly cannot enter his mother’s womb and be born a second time!”
⁵ “I am telling you the truth,” replied Jesus, “that no one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and the Spirit.
⁶ A person is born physically of human parents, but is born spiritually of the Spirit.
⁷ Do not be surprised because I tell you that you must all be born again.”⁸ The wind blows wherever it wishes; you hear the sound it makes, but you do not know where it comes from or where it is going. It is like that with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”
⁹ “How can this be?” asked Nicodemus.
¹⁰ Jesus answered, “You are a great teacher in Israel, and you don’t know this? ¹¹ I am telling you the truth: we speak of what we know and report what we have seen, yet none of you is willing to accept our message. ¹² You do not believe me when I tell you about the things of this world; how will you ever believe me, then, when I tell you about the things of heaven? ¹³ And no one has ever gone up to heaven except the Son of Man, who came down from heaven.”¹⁴
¹⁴ As Moses lifted up the bronze snake on a pole in the desert, in the same way the Son of Man must be lifted up, ¹⁵ so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.
¹⁶ For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not die but have eternal

life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to be its judge, but to be its savior.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon Canon Neville Black

The Creed

We proclaim the Church’s faith in Jesus Christ.

We believe and declare that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is both divine and human.

God, of the being of the Father,
the only Son from before time began;
human from the being of his mother, born in the world;

**fully God and fully human;
human in both mind and body.**

As God he is equal to the Father,
as human he is less than the Father.

**Although he is both divine and human
he is not two beings but one Christ.**

One, not by turning God into flesh,
but by taking humanity into God;
**truly one, not by mixing humanity with
Godhead,
but by being one person.**

For as mind and body form one human being
so the one Christ is both divine and human.

**The Word became flesh and lived
among us; we have seen his glory, the
glory of the only Son from the Father,
full of grace and truth.**

from the Athanasian Creed

Hymn 166

**Father, we adore you,
lay our lives before you:
how we love you!**

**Jesus, we adore you,
lay our lives before you:
how we love you!**

**Spirit, we adore you,
lay our lives before you:
how we love you!**

*Terrye Coelho Maranatha! Music
USA/Word Music (UK)*

Prayers of Intercession

These responses may be used

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.**

The 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.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Preparation of the Table Taking of the Bread and Wine

*The gifts of the people may be gathered and presented. The
table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.
The president takes the bread and wine.*

Hymn 195

**From heaven you came, helpless babe,
entered our world, your glory veiled,
not to be served but to serve,
and give your life that we might live.**

This is our God, the Servant

King,

**He calls us now to follow him,
to bring our lives as a daily**

offering

of worship to the servant King.

**There in the garden of tears
my heavy load he chose to bear;
His heart with sorrow was torn,
“Yet not my will but yours”, he said.**

This is our God.....

**Come see his hands and his feet,
the scars that speak of sacrifice,
hands that flung stars into space
to cruel nails surrendered.**

This is our God.....

**So let us learn how to serve
and in our lives enthrone him,
each other’s needs to prefer,
for it is Christ we’re serving.**

This is our God.....

Graham Kendrick 1983 Make Way Music/Thankyou Music

The Great Thanksgiving Prayer

The president says

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 thanks and praise.

In the mystery
Of the beginning of things,
Creator God
You made this planet,
Rock upon layer of rock,
**To be weathered and planted,
To become a place for living.**

In the mystery
Of human life,
Parent God,
You made us,
**Flesh and blood and spirit and bone,
Image of yourself,
Woman man and child
For loving.**

In the mystery
Of your unconditional love,
Redeemer God,
You came in Jesus,
Flesh of our flesh, bone of our bone,
To buy us back from our captivity,
**Back to our true belonging, together,
Daughters and sons of heaven,
Living and loving
Here on earth.**

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.**

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.

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

So here, in this sacred place,
Place of celebration,
Of struggle and of safety,
We rest

Content or cautious,

To know your presence,

To hear your Word,

Sense your Spirit,

Welcoming us, and waiting

Once again.

And if, in the quiet,
There come to mind
The broken or the wounded bits
Of our lives
And of our world,
Help us to name some of the items now;
And as you have shared
Our deepest sufferings,
**So may the glue of your transforming
grace
Be for us,
And for our world,
A mending once again.**

And if, in this place,
And at this table,
It will come to pass once again,
Or perhaps for the first time,
That your Spirit will touch ours-
Then in your mercy
**Turn us to face you,
In ourselves, our world, our neighbour,
And send us out from here,
Your companions on the way.**

We pray in Jesus's Name. **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.**

Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Giving of Communion

The president says the invitation to 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 he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

*The president and people receive communion.
Authorized words of distribution are used and the communicant replies*

Amen.

*During the distribution hymns and anthems may be sung.
Any consecrated bread and wine which is not required for purposes of communion is consumed at the end of the distribution or after the service.*

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.

Almighty and eternal God,
you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and live and reign in the perfect unity of love: hold us firm in this faith, that we may know you in all your ways and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory, who are three Persons yet one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

**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.**

Hymn

**May the grace of Christ our Saviour,
And the Father's boundless love,
With the Holy Spirit's favour,
Rest upon us from above.**

**Thus may we abide in union
With each other and the lord,
And possess, in sweet communion,
Joys which earth cannot afford.**

John Newton (1725-1807) Based on 2 Corinthians 13:14

The Dismissal

In us God lives
And we are holy

In us God cries
And we are holy

In us God loves
And we are holy

Baptised and commissioned
We go out with joy

Blessing

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.**

A minister says

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

The ministers and people depart.

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