

Holy Trinity Church, Killiney

THE HOLY COMMUNION

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The Lord be with you: **and also with you**

The collect for Purity

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,
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.**

Penitence

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it. You shall love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets.

Lord, have mercy on us, and write these your laws in our hearts.

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ, to save us from our sins, to intercede for us in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life. Let us then confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace: Silence...

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned in thought and word and deed, and in what we have left undone. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may walk in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

Absolution

Gloria in Excelsis

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

Gracious God, you call us to fullness of life: deliver us from unbelief and banish our anxieties with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The first Reading Isaiah 5:1-7

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah: Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watch-tower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

This is the word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God**

The Psalm

8 Turn us again, O God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
9 You brought a vine out of Egypt;
you drove out the nations and planted it.
10 You made room around it,
and when it had taken root, it filled the land.
11 The hills were covered with its shadow
and the cedars of God by its boughs.
12 It stretched out its branches to the Sea
and its tendrils to the River.
13 Why then have you broken down its wall,
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?
14 The wild boar out of the wood tears it off,
and all the insects of the field devour it.
15 Turn again, O God of hosts,
look down from heaven and behold;
16 Cherish this vine which your right hand has planted,
and the branch that you made so strong for yourself.
Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning, is now and shall be for ever. Amen.

The Epistle: Philippians 3: 4b-14

A reading from St Paul's Letter to the Philippians: Even though I, too, have reason for confidence in the flesh, If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may

gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ,² the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ² and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal;² but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved,² I do not consider that I have made it my own;² but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly² call of God in Christ Jesus.

This is the word of the Lord...

The Gospel: Matthew 21: 33-46

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to Matthew:

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said, ‘Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. ³⁴When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷Finally he sent his son to them, saying, “They will respect my son.” ³⁸But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, “This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.” ³⁹So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?’ ⁴¹They said to him, ‘He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.’

Jesus said to them, ‘Have you never read in the scriptures: “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes”?’ Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom.² The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.’²

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

This is the Gospel of the Lord: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed:

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,**

**of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Intercessions

We are bound together in love in Christ, so we pray together for the needs we see around us.

We pray for constant renewal, rededication and regeneration among all Christ's followers, so that God's love is clearly seen in their lives and can draw many to the joy of his peace... Lord, in your mercy.....

We pray for enlightenment and honesty in all business transactions, decision making and discussion, so that people really listen to each other and work towards agreement rather than personal gain... Lord, in your mercy.....

We pray for healing, reassurance and support among all who are ill, injured, confused or heavily burdened by sorrow, so that they may be made whole, and so that out of their pain there may come some good... Lord, in your mercy.....

We pray for a greater desire to know and love God, a deeper sense of his presence, and more willingness to make ourselves available for him to use... Lord, in your mercy.....

We remember those who have passed over into another existence... May we one day be reunited in your presence... Lord, in your mercy.....

Father, in you we hope and place our trust; please accept these prayers, and help us to do your will, through Christ Jesus. Amen.

The Peace

Celebrating at the Lord's Table:

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us:

Therefore let us celebrate the feast

Eucharistic Prayer 3

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 our thanks and praise.

Father, Lord of all creation, we praise you for your goodness and your love.

When we turned away you did not reject us.

You came to meet us in your Son, welcomed us as your children

and prepared a table where we might feast with you.

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

**He opened wide his arms upon the cross
and, with love stronger than death,
he made the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

Lord Jesus Christ, our redeemer, on the night before you died
you came to table with your friends.

Taking bread, you gave thanks, 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.

**Lord Jesus, we bless you:
you are the bread of life.**

At the end of supper you took the cup of wine, gave thanks, 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 in remembrance of me.

Lord Jesus, we bless you: you are the true vine.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ:

**dying, you destroyed our death,
rising, you restored our life;
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Holy Spirit, giver of life, come upon us now; may this bread and wine be to us the body and
blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

**As we eat and drink these holy gifts,
make us, who know our need of grace,
one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Blessed Trinity: with your whole Church throughout the world we offer you this sacrifice of thanks and praise and lift our voice to join the song of heaven, for ever 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.**

Thanks be to you, our God, for your gift beyond words.
Amen. Amen. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say

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 those who 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.

The Fraction:

The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

We being many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

The Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us;

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us;

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God, who has taken away the sins of the world.

Happy are those who are called to his supper.

Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.

The Great Silence

Postcommunion collects:

God our guide, you feed us with bread from heaven as you fed your people Israel. May we who have been inwardly nourished be ready to follow you all the days of our pilgrimage on earth, until we come to your kingdom in heaven. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

All say:

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us

with the spiritual food of 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.

Blessing

The peace of God, which passes all 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 always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

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