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23.01.2022, Sunday in the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, 10:30am Eucharist

Welcome

Welcome to this service at St John's, whoever you are and wherever you find yourself on the journey.

Please note that this service will be livestreamed on Facebook and you might be visible in the first couple of rows. Please wear a facemask, unless exempt. Make sure your facemask covers both mouth and nose. Thank you!

Children

Feel free to use the special area for children near the front of the church, and to move around with small children during the service. And please remember: There is no age restriction on membership or on receiving communion.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

A very special welcome to our ecumenical siblings from St Andrew's & St George's West and St Cuthbert's who join us for this combined city centre service. And a very special welcome also to today's preacher: the Revd Dr Rosie Magee, Minister of St Andrew's & St George's West. This is an annual event – only interrupted in the past two years because of the global pandemic. Today's presider is the Revd Eileen Thompson, a member of the Ministry Team of St John's. Eileen was ordained presbyter in the Church of South India, a Christian community in full communion/full altar- and pulpit fellowship with both the Church of Scotland and the Scottish Episcopal Church. It is good to come together and worship as one the one God with whom we are for ever united in the one baptism. Welcome!

Communion

Holy Eucharist (aka "The Lord's Supper" or "Holy Communion") is a timeless act of intimate union: It link us to other members of the universal Church past, present, and yet to come. It equally unites us unspeakably close with God, as we are drawn into the birth, life, teaching, death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus Christ through the grace of God manifested in the Eucharist. In bread and wine, Christ gives himself fully (body and blood) as food for our journey into God's eternity, as nourishment for the ministry to which God calls us, and as a sacrifice to renew God's salvation in us: "My flesh is food indeed, and my body is drink indeed," (John 6:55). By partaking of Christ's body and bloody we claim for ourselves God's liberating, sin-forgiving, evil-destroying, death-conquering, justice-creating, peace-proclaiming, creation-affirming and life-giving power and love. Having said this, Holy Eucharist remains a mystery, never fully comprehend in this life. Holy Eucharist is celebrated by and for the baptised members of the Body of Christ. You do not need to be Episcopalian to receive communion. Come, "taste and see that the Lord is good" (Psalm 34:8). Communion will be administered in your pew. Please stay in your seats; we will come to you. A drop of wine has been applied to each wafer before the service. You will therefore receive communion in both kinds. Gluten-free communion wafers are available; please let us know.

Gift Aid

If you are making a donation today and are a UK tax payer please consider using one of the gift aid envelopes which you will find at the end of each pew. **Pandemic restrictions do not allow us to collect a donation within the service. There will be an opportunity to give as you leave the church through the porch.**

The Environment

You are welcome to take this booklet home and recycle it when you are finished with it. This service sheet is printed on recycled paper.

Today's Setting of the Sanctus & Benedictus & the Agnus Dei is by Martin How.



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THE PARISH CHURCH OF
ST CUTHBERT

St John's

*Today's Worship Leaders: The Choir of St John's, Director of Music: David Goodenough,
Preacher: Rosie Magee (St Andrew's & St George's West), Presider: Eileen Thompson (St John's)*

*Please do support the work and ministry of ECCCT financially by donating on your way out. Help us to help others.
Today's collection will go to **Edinburgh Street Pastors**, a Christian outreach ministry to those engaging in and overwhelmed by the night life of our city. Whichever context they are in, street pastors offer reassurance, safety and support through caring, listening and helping. They work together with other partners to make communities safer.
Thank you for your generosity and kindness!*

Order of Service

*The parts of the liturgy printed in **bold** are spoken/sung by all. Please join in!*

Voluntary

Please stand, as the liturgical ministers process to the East end.

Introit *Ps 24:7-10 metrical, A Mitchell Thomson (1779-1831), minister of St George's, CH4 #19*

Ye gates, lift up your heads on high; ye doors that last for aye, Be lifted up, that so the King of glory enter may. 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.

Ye gates, lift up your heads; ye doors, doors that do last for aye, Be lifted up, that so the King of glory enter may. 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. Alleluia! Amen.

Welcome

The Lord be with you! **And also with you!**

The presider welcomes the congregation

Hymn *Marty Haugen (*1950), A&M(2013) #365*

**Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live;
a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:**

all are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place

**Let us build a house where prophets speak and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness and a symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:**

all are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place

**Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat:
a banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:**

all are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place

**Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger:**

all are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

**Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:**

all are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Opening: Greeting & Collect for Purity

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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 Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gloria *Hebridean Gloria, Barbara Rusbridge (*1953), A&M(2013) #414*

Refrain: Gloria, gloria in excelsis, in excelsis. Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo.
(Glory in the highest, Glory to God in the highest.)

Peace on earth to all your people, Lord God, heavenly King.

We worship you, almighty Father, let our voices ring! Sing: Refrain

Jesus, blessed Lamb of God, to you our voice we raise.

You take away our sins, O Lord, receive our song of praise! Sing: Refrain

Holy Lord in highest heaven, how our hearts rejoice

in God the Father, Son, and Spirit, so with loudest voice sing: Refrain

Collect of the Day

Let us pray.

The community prays in silence

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you, my own peace I leave with you." Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly city, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated

First Reading *Zephaniah 3:16-20, read by Alastair MacKenzie (St Andrew's & St George's West)*

A reading from Zephaniah:

On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:

Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak.

The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory;

he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love;

he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival.

I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it.

I will deal with all your oppressors at that time.

And I will save the lame and gather the outcast,

and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth.

At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you;

for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth,

when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord.

Hear, what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 133 *Anglican Chant*

- 1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, * when brethren live together in unity!
- 2 It is like fine oil upon the head * that runs down upon the beard,
- 3 Upon the beard of Aaron, * and runs down upon the collar of his robe.
- 4 It is like the dew of Hermon * that falls upon the hills of Zion.
- 5 For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: * life for evermore.

Second Reading *John 17:1, 11b-23, read by Irene Mackenzie (St Cuthbert's)*

Please stand as you are able

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to Christ our Saviour.

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, Holy Father, protect [those whom you gave me from the world] in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

'I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel. **Praise to Christ our Lord.**

Please be seated

Sermon

Anthem *Teach me, O Lord – Thomas Attwood (1765-1838)*

Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes; and I shall keep it unto the end. (*Ps 119:33*)

Renewal of the Baptismal Covenant

The Christian life means turning from evil and turning to Christ. Standing now with Christ, do you renew your commitment to renounce evil? **I renounce evil.**

Seeking to continue following him, do you renew your commitment to follow Christ Jesus, your Lord and your God? **I turn to Christ.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in God the Son?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith. We believe in one God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

As disciples of Christ will you continue in the Apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers? **With the help of God, I will.**

Will you proclaim the good news by word and deed, serving Christ in all people?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you work for justice and peace, honouring God in all Creation? **With the help of God, I will.**

This is the task of the Church.

This is our task; to live and work for the kingdom of God.

God of mercy and love, new birth by water and the Spirit is your gift, a gift none can take away; grant that your servants may grow into the fullness of the stature of Christ. Fill them with the joy of your presence. Increase in them the fruit of your Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of love, patience and gentleness, the spirit of wonder and true holiness. **Amen.**

Intercession, led by Peter Sutton (St Cuthbert's)

Intercessions are offered for the church, the world, creation, those in need, and the departed.

Confession and Absolution

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, [the One] who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness (*1 John 1:8f*). Let us confess our sins to God.

The community prays in silence

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, **have mercy on us sinners.**

God, who is both power and love forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by the Holy Spirit and raise you to new life in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Amen.

Peace

Please stand as you are able

We meet in Christ's name. **Let us share his peace.**

Hymn *J Franck (+1677), tr C Winksworth (+1878), J Crüger (+1662), A&M(2013) #440*

**Jesus, Lord, we look to thee, let us in thy name agree:
show thyself the Prince of peace; bid all strife for ever cease.**

**Make us of one heart and mind, courteous, pitiful, and kind,
lowly, meek in thought and word, altogether like our Lord.**

**Let us for each other care, each the other's burden bear;
to thy church the pattern give, show how true believers live.**

**Free from anger and from pride, let us thus in God abide;
all the depths of love express, all the heights of holiness.**

Prayers over the gifts

**God our strength and salvation, receive all we offer you this day, and grant
that we who have confessed your name, and received new life in baptism,
may live in the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ the Lord.
Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer

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 God thanks and praise.**

Worship and praise belong to you, God our maker. Out of nothing, you called all worlds into being, and still you draw the universe to its fulfilment. Day and night celebrate your glory till time shall be no more.

In Christ, your only-begotten Son, you have revealed yourself to the world. By the guiding of a star, you made him known to the nations as the son of David and king of Israel; that in following him, we might be led from darkness and into his marvellous light.

Filled with the Spirit, who descended upon your Son at his Baptism in the Jordan, we who are baptised in his name strive for his heavenly kingdom in whose radiance we are transfigured and the earth is transformed.

As children of your redeeming purpose who celebrate the manifestation of your Son, we offer you our praise, with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven singing the hymn of your unending glory:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might.

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. **Hosanna in the highest.** Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna in the highest. Glory and thanksgiving be to you, most loving Father.

In Jesus the Messiah you have come to us. Our hope is built on him in whom you are well pleased. Having been shown to the world as your beloved Son, he proclaimed the good news of your kingdom. The blind received their sight, the lame walked, the lepers

were cleansed, and the captives set free. At his word, water became wine, the hungry were filled with bread, and the dead were raised.

Before he was given up to suffering and death, desiring to complete the work for which he came into the world, at supper with his disciples he took bread and offered you thanks. He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying:

"Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you."

After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying:

"Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant; it is poured out for you, and for all, that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me."

We now obey your Son's command.

**We recall his blessed passion and death,
his glorious resurrection and ascension;
and we look for the coming of his Kingdom.
Made one with him, we offer you these gifts
and with them ourselves,
a single, holy, living sacrifice.**

Hear us, most merciful Father, and send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and this wine, that, overshadowed by his life-giving power, they may be the Body and Blood of your Son, and we may be kindled with the fire of your love and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

**Help us, who are baptised
into the fellowship of Christ's Body
to live and work to your praise and glory;
may we grow together in unity and love
until at last, in your new creation,
we enter into our heritage
in the company of the Virgin Mary,
the apostles and prophets,
and of all our brothers and sisters living and departed.**

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be to you, Lord of all ages, world without end. **AMEN.**

Breaking of the Bread

The living bread is broken for the life of the world. **Lord, unite us in this sign.**

Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour Christ has commanded and 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.**

Agnus Dei

|: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: Have mercy on us.

Have mercy on us. :|

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace. **Grant us peace.**

Communion Motets

Thomas Morley (1557-1602)

Nolo mortem peccatoris; Haec sunt verba Salvatoris.

"I do not wish the death of a sinner." These are the words of the Saviour.

Father I am thine only Son, sent down from heav'n mankind to save. Father, all things fulfilled and done according to thy will, I have. Father, my will now all is this: Nolo mortem peccatoris. Father, behold my painful smart, taken for man on ev'ry side; Ev'n from my birth to death most tart, no kind of pain I have denied, but suffered all, and all for this: Nolo mortem peccatoris.

Adrian Batten (1591-1637)

O sing joyfully unto God our strength: make a cheerful noise unto the God of Jacob.

Take the song, bring hither the tabret: the merry harp with the lute. Blow up the trumpet in the new moon: e'en in the time appointed. And upon our solemn feast day.

For this was made a statute for Israel: and a law of the God of Jacob. (*Psalm 81:1-4*)

Post-Communion

Please stand, as you are able

Give thanks to our gracious God: **whose mercy endures for ever.**

Father in heaven, strengthen the unity of your Church, so that we who have been fed with holy things may fulfil your will in the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

Dismissal

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

Hymn *Charles Wesley (1707-1788), Thomas Haweis (1733-1820), A&M(2013) #742:1-4,6*

**O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!**

**Jesus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.**

**He breaks the power of cancelled sin, he sets the prisoner free;
his blood can make the foulest clean; his blood availed for me.**

**He speaks; and, listening to his voice, new life the dead receive,
The mournful broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.**

**My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim
to spread through all the earth abroad the honours of thy name.**

Voluntary *Fugue in G minor, BWV 578 - J S Bach*