

St Luke's LEP Sunday Morning Communion Service

Sunday 25 July 2021

Reformed

Gathering

The Greeting

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

All: and also with you.

Welcome

The Call to Worship

This is the day that the Lord has made.

All We will rejoice and be glad in it.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord;

All For his love endures for ever.

Hymn. 160 – Praise my soul the King of Heaven

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven,
to his feet thy tribute bring;
ransomed healed, restored, forgiven,
who like me his praise should sing?
Praise him! Praise him!
praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favour
to our fathers in distress;
praise him still the same for ever,
slow to chide and swift to bless:
Praise him! Praise him!
glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like, he tends and spares us,
 well our feeble frame he knows;
 in his hands he gently bears us,
 rescues us from all our foes:
 Praise him! Praise him!
 widely as his mercy flows.

Frail as summer's flower we flourish;
 blows the wind and it is gone;
 but, while mortals rise and perish,
 God endures unchanging on:
 Praise him! Praise him!
 praise the high eternal One.

Angels, help us to adore him;
 ye behold him face to face;
 sun and moon bow down before him,
 dwellers all in time and space:
 Praise him! Praise him!
 praise with us the God of grace.

Prayer of Approach

Glorious God,
 our earthly pilgrimage has brought us to this place today.
 We have taken different routes, seen different sights,
 but together we bring our hearts' desires to you
 for you to transfigure and bless –
 in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

Confession

**All: Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
 We have sinned against you and against our neighbour
 in thought, word and deed,
 through negligence, through weakness,
 through our own deliberate fault.
 We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.
 For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,
 forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve
 you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

M: In repentance and in faith, receive the promise of grace and the assurance of pardon. Here are words you may trust, words that merit full acceptance: 'Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.' To all who turn to him he says: 'Your sins are forgiven.' He also says 'Follow me.'

P: Thanks be to God.

Hymn 694 – Brother, sister, let me serve you

Brother, sister, let me serve you;
Let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I might have the grace to
Let you be my servant, too.

We are pilgrims on a journey;
We are family on the road;
We are here to help each other
Walk the miles and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you
In the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
Speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping;
When you laugh I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joys and sorrows
Till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in Heaven
We shall find such harmony,
Born of all we've known together
Of Christ's love and agony.

Brother, sister, let me serve you;
Let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I might have the grace to
Let you be my servant, too.

The Word of God

OT Reading: 2 Kings 4:42-44

Gospel Reading: John 6:1-21

Sermon

Prayers of Intercession

Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Hymn. 673 – Let us talents and tongues employ

Let us talents and tongues employ,
reaching out with a shout of joy:
bread is broken, the wine is poured,
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.
Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again.
Pass the Word around: loaves abound!

Christ is able to make us one,
at his table he set the tone,
teaching people to live to bless,
love in word and in deed express.
Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again.
Pass the Word around: loaves abound!

Jesus calls us in, sends us out
bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
gives us love to tell, bread to share:
God (Immanuel) everywhere!
Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again.
Pass the Word around: loaves abound!

The Thanksgiving Prayer

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Invitation

Come to this table, not because you must but because you may, not because you are strong, but because you are weak.

Come, not because any goodness of your own gives you a right to come, but because you need mercy and help.

Come, because you love the Lord a little and would like to love him more.

Come, because he loved you and gave himself for you.

Come and meet the risen Christ, for we are his body.

All those who love the Lord Jesus Christ, or who seek to love him, are welcome at this table.

The narrative of the Institution of the Lord's Supper

Hear the narrative of the institution of the Lord's Supper as it was recorded by the apostle Paul.

I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, 'This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me:

In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it. in remembrance of me: For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

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 our thanks and praise.

With joy we give you thanks and praise, Almighty God, Source of all life and love, that we live in your world, that you are always creating and sustaining it by your power, and that you have so made us that we can know and love you, trust and serve you.

We give you thanks that you loved the world so much that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who has faith in him may not die but have eternal life.

We thank you that Jesus was born among us that he lived our common life on earth; that he suffered and died for us; that he rose again; and that he is always present through the Holy Spirit.

We thank you that we can live in the faith that your kingdom will come, and that in life, in death and beyond death you are with us. Therefore, with all the company of heaven, and with all your people, of all places and times, we proclaim your greatness and sing your praise:

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy Lord God,
by what we do here
in remembrance of Christ
we celebrate his perfect sacrifice on the Cross
and his glorious resurrection and ascension;
we declare that he is Lord of all;
and we prepare for his coming in his kingdom.

We pray that through your Holy Spirit
this bread may be for us the body of Christ
and this wine the blood of Christ.
Accept our sacrifice of praise;
and as we eat and drink at his command
unite us to Christ as one body in him,
and give us strength to serve you in the world.

And to you, one holy and eternal God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
we give praise and glory, now and for ever.
All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

All 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.

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

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

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.

Invitation to Communion

The holy gifts of God for the holy people of God;

All Jesus Christ is Holy, Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Post-Communion Prayer

**Father of all,
 we give you thanks and praise,
 that when we were still far off
 you met us in your Son and brought 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.**

Hymn. 198 – All are welcome

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 as 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 free 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

The 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, Son and Holy Spirit,
be with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: In the name of Christ. Amen.