**Bourne Valley Benefice**

**HOLY COMMUNION in Ordinary time** (Common Worship)

Sunday 20th September 2020

*for use when services are shared via Zoom*

**The Congregation’s responses are printed in bold**

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

Hymn

LORD, FOR THE YEARS Your love has kept and guided,

Urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,

Sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided:

Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.

Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,

Speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,

Teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us:

Lord of the word, receive Your people’s praise.

Lord, for our land in this our generation,

Spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care:

For young and old, for commonwealth and nation,

Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.

Lord, for our world where we disown and doubt You,

Loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain,

Hungry and helpless, lost indeed without You:

Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.

Lord for ourselves; in living power remake us –

Self on the cross and Christ upon the throne,

Past put behind us, for the future take us:

Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

**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**

Prayers of Penitence Our Lord Jesus Christ said: The first commandment is this:

“Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord. You shall love the Lord your God

with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.”

The second is this: “Love your neighbour as yourself.” There is no other commandment greater than these. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets: **Amen, Lord, have mercy**

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God’s commandments and to live in love and peace with all:

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and 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**

Absolution

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, **Amen**

Gloria

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his 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

**God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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.**

O.T. or N.T. Reading - *Philippians 1: 21 – 30*

*At the end the reader may say* This is the word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God**

Gospel Reading *- Matthew 20: 1 – 16*

*When the Gospel is announced all respond:* **Glory to you, O Lord**

*At the end* This is the Gospel of the Lord: **Praise to you, O Christ**

The Sermon

The Creed

Let us declare our faith in God:

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, 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 to judge the living and the dead.**

**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, Amen**

Prayers of Intercession

*This response may be used*  Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

*and at the end*  Merciful God: **Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, Amen**

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: **and also with you**

Eucharistic Prayer

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 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: **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: **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: **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: **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:  **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: **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest**

The Lord’s Prayer

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

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:

**We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us, Amen**

*The president and people receive communion*

Prayers after Communion

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

**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

IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, God only wise,

In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,

Most blessèd, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,

Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,

Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;

Thy justice like mountains high soaring above

Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life Thou givest, to both great and small;

In all life Thou livest, the true life of all;

We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,

And wither and perish; but naught changeth Thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,

Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;

All laud we would render: O help us to see

’Tis only the splendour of light hideth Thee.

**THE DISMISSAL**

The Blessing: The God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus, establish, strengthen and settle you in the faith; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you, and with all those whom you love and those for whom you pray, this day and for evermore. **Amen**

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

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