



GARROWBYBENEFICE

Holy Communion

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Opening Reflection

The Lord is here

All His spirit is with us

Opening Music: *Welcome Holy Spirit*

O Lord, open our eyes to your presence

Open our minds to your grace

Open our lips to your praises

Open our hearts to your love

Open our lives to your healing

All And be found among us. Amen

(David Adam)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Knowing you are here among us, we bring before you our failure to love you, one another and ourselves.

Silence

In God there is forgiveness

All Loving and all seeing God, forgive us

When we have fallen short of your image in us

When we have failed to support one another

And be what we claim to be

When we have failed to serve you

When our thoughts and actions fail to reflect your love,

When we fail to see ourselves as you see us

And love ourselves as you love us

We ask your pardon

Almighty and loving Father, forgive us, and help us to be at Peace

Silence

Rejoice and be glad for Christ is with us through His Spirit

Through Him we live and move and have our being.

All We are one in Christ and one in our life together.

Praise be to the God the Father who has created us, praise be to the

Holy Spirit who lives within us and praise be to Jesus Christ who

welcomes us as his friends and who sends us into the world

Taize Gloria with additional words by Linda

Gloria, Gloria in excelsis Deo
Gloria, Gloria, alleluia, alleluia

Praise to God, Praise to God, Praise to God my Saviour
Gloria, Gloria, alleluia, alleluia

Bless God's name, Bless God's name, Bless God's name forever
Gloria, Gloria, alleluia, alleluia

THE COLLECT

Readings

As we prepare to explore God's word let us pray together

All **May God guide each of us in the way of Christ,
whatever our age or experience.
May the love of God speak to us all**

A reading from Acts 17: v22-31

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, 'Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, "To an unknown god." What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him - though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For "In him we live and move and have our being"; as even some of your own poets have said,

"For we too are his offspring."

Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.'

This is the word of the Lord

All **Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL READING

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according John 14: v15-21

All Glory to you O Lord

The Promise of the Holy Spirit

'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

'I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'

This is the gospel of the Lord

All Praise to you O Christ

Sermon

THE CREED

We proclaim the Church's faith in Jesus Christ.

**All 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;

**All 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.

**All 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;

**All 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.

**All 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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Chant: Holy Spirit come to us

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 lifegiver.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you.

Abiding

We gather to celebrate life, the life of God in the world, made flesh and
blood in Jesus, embodied in us.

We come to remember the body that was broken, the hands that touched
the untouchables, healed the hurting and did no violence,

the feet that trod dusty along city streets and at the lake's shore, the arms
that welcomed the stranger and embraced the outcast,

the eyes that blazed against injustice, knew how to cry and saw the potential
in everyone,

the lips that wove stories and painted pictures of a new community and a
better world.

**All This blessed body that was broken, abused and rejected, we come to
remember, for we are called to be the body of Christ.**

Music: *Before the Throne of God Above - Selah*

HOLY COMMUNION

May God be with you

All And also with you

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to God

Let us give thanks to our gracious God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

Ground of Being, great I AM, your breath sweeps through the universe bringing life to life.

We praise you for your energy and your intention for all creation.

In Jesus you displayed your love, made known your wisdom, and called us to yourself.

You wait and weep and sorrow as we prefer self-interest over all that is good, for us, for others and for our world.

Yet reaching out with open arms you draw us to yourself revealing the strength of love where we see only weakness.

And so with all who, through time, in our time and for all time rejoice in your being,

We join our voices in a song of endless praise

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of truth and love,
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.**

Blessed is Jesus the bread of life. On the night he was betrayed he took a loaf of bread and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said,

This is my body which is broken for you, do this in remembrance of me. In the same way he took the cup after supper saying

This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this as often as you drink it in remembrance of me.

Blessed is Jesus the bread of life

**All Dying you destroyed death, rising you restored life
Come to us Lord Jesus**

Be with us now, breathe your spirit upon us. Help us to grow in Christ, and be the breath of love in our being and becoming. Call us to Christ like living serving one another in our community and in the world.

All Amen

John Schofield

THE LORDS PRAYER

All Our Father, which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come.
Thy will be done in earth,
As it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive them that 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 DISTRIBUTION

This broken bread we share is the body of Christ

All A sign of all we live and risk together as the community of Christ

The cup we drink is the wine of the kingdom of God

All A sign of God's undertaking for the life of the world

We eat this bread and drink this wine holding in our hearts all whom we
serve and love.

Loving Father bind us together in love and compassion

All and keep us secure as one body.

Though we can neither meet nor touch.

All Keep us close to one another.

Whilst remaining safely apart and distant.

All Unite us in the body of your son Jesus

Hold us until we are able once again
to break the bread and share the wine,

All together around your table. Amen

Revd. Alison Tyler

Prayer of commitment

All Living one, creator and lover of the world, we offer our lives to you this day and our life together in you.

Accept us as we are, with all our stumbling and all our courage.

Guide us into what you would have us be. And in the power of the spirit enable us to be a sign of your presence in the world.

In the name of Jesus your living son. Amen.

BLESSING

May Christ's holy, healing, enabling Spirit be with you
May he stand with you to give you courage and comfort
And the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit
Rest upon you and all whom you love, both living and departed
Now and always

All Amen

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen

Closing Music: *Believe* - Aled Jones