

Holy Communion 1 August 2021 Trinity 9

Greeting

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all: **and also with you.**

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.

. . on these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets.
Lord, have mercy on us, and write these your laws in our hearts.

Lord, have mercy. **Lord have mercy**

Christ have mercy **Christ have mercy**

Lord, have mercy. **Lord have mercy**

Absolution

Hymn 80 – Great is thy Faithfulness

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not,
as thou hast been, thou for ever wilt be.

Great is thy faithfulness, great is thy faithfulness,
morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided,
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2 Summer and winter, and spring-time and harvest,
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Collect of the Ninth Sunday after Trinity

Ephesians 4:1-6 – please be seated

A reading from Ephesians chapter 4 beginning at verse 1

As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of

peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

John 6:24-35 – Please stand

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to John chapter 6 beginning at verse 24

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Once the crowd realised that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into the boats and went to Capernaum in search of Jesus. When they found him on the other side of the lake, they asked him, 'Rabbi, when did you get here?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw the signs I performed but because you ate the loaves and had your fill. Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval.' Then they asked him, 'What must we do to do the works God requires?' Jesus answered, 'The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent.' So they asked him, 'What sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? What will you do? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written: "He gave them bread from heaven to eat."' Jesus said to them, 'Very truly I tell you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' 'Sir,' they said, 'always give us this bread.' Then Jesus declared, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Sermon – Called to Serve

The Apostles' Creed – Please stand

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 again 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.**

Hymn 614 –Great Shepherd

Great Shepherd of your people, hear;
your presence now display;
as you have given a place for prayer,
so give us hearts to pray.

2 Within these walls let holy peace
and love and concord dwell;
here give the troubled conscience ease;
the wounded spirit heal.

3 May we in faith receive your Word,
in faith present our prayers;
and in the presence of the Lord
unburden all our cares.

4 The hearing ear, the seeing eye,
the contrite heart bestow;
and shine upon us from on high,
that we in grace may grow.

Prayers of the People – from New Zealand

Lord, hear our prayer
and answer us according to your love

Hear the prayers of your people.
**Grant that what we have asked in faith
we may by your grace receive;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

At the Table – we celebrate the Lord's death for us

Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us
therefore let us celebrate the feast.

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.**

. . . 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!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!**

as Christ your Son commanded:
**we remember his passion and death,
we celebrate his resurrection and ascension,
and we look for the coming of his kingdom.**

**. . .in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, Almighty Father, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking Bread

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.

Hymn 310 – Spirit of the living God

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

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Break me, melt me, mould me, fill me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Receiving Communion

Please come forward to receive the Bread and Wine following the wardens' directions and one way system. Keep a safe distance and, please, do not rush.

Going out – in the power of the Spirit

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 & Dismissal

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord **in the name of Christ. Amen.**

Closing Hymn 647 – Guide me O thou great Jehovah

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand:
bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore.

2 Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fiery, cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through:
strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield.

3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs of praises I will ever give to thee.

Notices

Please continue to wear masks and observe social distancing. Remain seated for hymns except for final verses. Sing only through masks.

Tuesday 3rd August Walking Group (all invited) meets near Belfast Boat Club at Stranmillis to walk towards Shaws Bridge. Meet 7:00 pm

Wednesday 4th August Communion at 10:00 in Carryduff.

Sunday 8th August

8:30 Holy Communion and 10:00 Morning Worship at St. Ignatius', Carryduff

12:00 Morning Worship at St. Andrew's, Killaney