**Early Communion | 4 September 2022 | Trinity 12**

**Setting the scene *congregation kneeling***

*The priest stands at the Communion Table*  
*The congregation kneels*  
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. **Amen**.

**The Collect for Purity**

**Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts be open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hid;  
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love thee,  
and worthily magnify thy holy name;  
through Christ our Lord.** **Amen**.

**The Commandments**

*Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:*  
Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great Commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two Commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.  
**Lord, have mercy upon us, and write these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.**

**The Collect of the Day**

The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity  
Almighty and everlasting God,  
you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire, or deserve: Pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask save through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. **Amen.**

**The Lesson Jeremiah 18:1–11**

The Epistle is written in the eighteenth chapter of the book of the prophet Jeremiah beginning at the first verse

This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: ‘Go down to the potter’s house, and there I will give you my message.’ So I went down to the potter’s house, and I saw him working at the wheel. But the pot he was shaping from the clay was marred in his hands; so the potter formed it into another pot, shaping it as seemed best to him.

Then the word of the Lord came to me. He said, ‘Can I not do with you, Israel, as this potter does?’ declares the Lord. ‘Like clay in the hand of the potter, so are you in my hand, Israel. If at any time I announce that a nation or kingdom is to be uprooted, torn down and destroyed, and if that nation I warned repents of its evil, then I will relent and not inflict on it the disaster I had planned. And if at another time I announce that a nation or kingdom is to be built up and planted, and if it does evil in my sight and does not obey me, then I will reconsider the good I had intended to do for it.

‘Now therefore say to the people of Judah and those living in Jerusalem, “This is what the Lord says: look! I am preparing a disaster for you and devising a plan against you. So turn from your evil ways, each one of you, and reform your ways and your actions.”  
Here endeth the lesson.

**The Gospel Luke 14: 25–33**

The Holy Gospel is written in the fourteenth chapter of the Gospel according to St Luke beginning at the twenty-fifth verse.  
**Glory be to thee, O Lord**

Luke 14:25–33 (NIVUK)

Large crowds were travelling with Jesus, and turning to them he said: ‘If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters – yes, even their own life – such a person cannot be my disciple. And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

‘Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won’t you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, saying, “This person began to build and wasn’t able to finish.”

‘Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Won’t he first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand? If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace. In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples.  
**Thanks be to thee, O Lord**

**The Nicene Creed**

**I believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,  
and of all things visible and invisible: And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
Begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light,  
Very God of very God,  
Begotten, not made,  
Being of one substance with the Father;  
By whom all things were made:  
Who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary,  
And was made man,  
And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried,  
And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, And ascended into heaven,  
And sitteth on the right hand of the Father.  
And he shall come again with glory  
to judge both the quick and the dead:  
Whose kingdom shall have no end.  
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
The Lord, and Giver of life,  
Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son,  
Who with the Father and the Son together  
is worshipped and glorified,  
Who spake by the Prophets.  
And I believe one Catholic and Apostolic Church.  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins.  
And I look for the Resurrection of the dead,  
And the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**Sermon**

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**Church Militant**

*Let us pray for the whole state of Christ’s Church militant here in earth.*  
Almighty and everliving God, who by thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks, for all men; We humbly beseech thee most mercifully [to accept our alms and oblations, and] to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy Divine Majesty; beseeching thee to inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity and concord: And grant, that all they that do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.  
N.I. [We beseech thee also to save and defend all Christian Kings, Princes, and Governors; and especially thy servant ELIZABETH our Queen; that under her we may be godly and quietly governed: And grant unto her whole Council, and to all that are put in authority under her, that they may truly and impartially minister justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of thy true religion, and virtue.]  
Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops and Curates, that they may both by their life and doctrine set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments: And to all thy People give thy heavenly grace; and especially to this Congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.  
And we most humbly beseech thee of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all them, who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.  
And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear; beseeching thee to give us grace so to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom: Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ’s sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

**Introduction to Penitence**

Ye that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways; Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, meekly kneeling upon your knees.

**Confession**

**Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
Maker of all things,  
Judge of all men;  
We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness,  
Which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed,  
By thought, word, and deed,  
Against thy Divine Majesty,  
Provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us.  
We do earnestly repent,  
And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;  
The remembrance of them is grievous unto us;  
The burden of them is intolerable.  
Have mercy upon us,  
Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ’s sake,  
Forgive us all that is past;  
And grant that we may ever hereafter  
Serve and please thee  
In newness of life,  
To the honour and glory of thy Name;  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**.

**Absolution**

*Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins  
to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him;  
Have mercy upon you;  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins;  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness;  
and bring you to everlasting life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.* **Amen**.

**Comfortable Words**

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all that truly turn to him.  
Come unto me all that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you.  
So God loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.  
Hear also what Saint Paul saith.  
This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, That Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.  
Hear also what Saint John saith.  
If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: and he is the propitiation for our sins.  
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them up unto the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.  
**It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty Everlasting God:

Therefore with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,  
**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts,  
heaven and earth are full of thy glory:  
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high. Amen.**

**Prayer of Humble Access**

**We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord,  
trusting in our own righteousness,  
but in thy manifold and great mercies.  
We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table.  
But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy:  
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,  
so to eat the flesh of thy 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**.

**Great Thanksgiving**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there (by his one oblation of himself once offered) a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death, until his coming again:  
Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ’s holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood: Who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took Bread; and, when he had given thanks, **he brake it**, and gave it to his disciples saying, Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me.  
Likewise after supper he took the Cup; and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of this: for this is my Blood of the New Testament which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me. **Amen.**

**Receiving Communion**

**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**.

**Prayer 2**

God of compassion, in this eucharist we know again your forgiveness and the healing power of your love. Grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that forgiveness and healing to this broken world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Gloria in Excelsis**

**Glory be to God on high,  
and in earth peace, good will towards men.  
We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee,  
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,  
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.  
O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesu Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.  
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.  
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,  
have mercy upon us.  
For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord;  
thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**Blessing**

The peace of God,  
which passeth 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, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**