



*We welcome all and especially newcomers and visitors, whoever you are and wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith. Whenever you see this sign, + before a word or text, you are invited to make the sign of the cross.*

## **GATHERING THE COMMUNITY**

### **PRELUDE**

*The Celebrant will enter and kneel to pray - at this point, please move to your seats and conclude conventions quietly.*

*The Celebrant then welcomes the gathering informally and makes a territorial acknowledgement.*

### **THE GREETING**

*Celebrant* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,  
be with you all.

**All** **And also with you.**

### **COLLECT OF THE DAY**

*Celebrant* Author and Giver of all good things,  
graft in our hearts the love of your name,  
increase in us true religion,  
nourish us in all goodness,  
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**All** **Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*Celebrant* Let us prepare ourselves for the Word of God  
as it comes to us in the reading of Holy Scriptures.

**All** Our hearts and minds are open.

### FIRST READING

Craig Watson

*Reader* A READING FROM THE SONG OF SOLOMON

The voice of my beloved! Look, he comes, leaping upon the mountains, bounding over the hills. My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag. Look, there he stands behind our wall, gazing in at the windows, looking through the lattice. My beloved speaks and says to me: "Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away; for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away."

SONG OF SOLOMON 2:8-13

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**All** Thanks be to God.

*Musical Interlude*

### SECOND READING

Craig Watson

*Reader* A READING FROM THE LETTER OF JAMES

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like.

But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act - they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

JAMES 1:17-27

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**All Thanks be to God.**

*Musical Interlude*

## THE GOSPEL

Craig Watson

*Reader* The Lord be with you.

**All And also with you.**

*Reader* +The Holy Gospel of Jesus the Christ according to Mark.

**All Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

'This people honours me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.'

You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile. For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come:

fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

MARK 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

*Reader* The Gospel of Christ.

**All Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

## **SERMON**

### **AFFIRMING OUR FAITH** (*The Apostles' Creed*)

*Celebrant* Let us give voice to our convictions and substance to our hopes.

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He 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,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
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.**

## **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

The Revd José Luis Aranda Moyano

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*Deacon* My friends, not out of dread and fear  
but believing that God is faithful to forgive,  
let us rid ourselves of what we need to carry no longer.

*Silence is kept.*

*Deacon* Most merciful God,  
**All** **we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us,  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God have mercy upon you,  
+pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in eternal life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All** **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

*The Celebrant may use some appropriate introductory words.*

*Celebrant* The peace of Christ be always with you.

**All** **And also with you.**

*Deacon will informally give directions.*

## CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

*The table is prepared.*

### **PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

*Celebrant* Let us pray  
*The community prays in silence.*

*Celebrant* Merciful God,  
receive all we offer you this day.  
Give us grace to love one another  
that your love may be made perfect in us.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All** **Amen.**

### **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

**All** **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

**All** **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All** **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant* It is indeed right to thank you and praise you,  
holy and gracious God,  
creator of all things,  
ruler of heaven and earth, sustainer of life,  
for you are the source of all goodness,  
rich in mercy and abounding in love;  
you are faithful to your people in every generation,  
and your word endures for ever.  
Therefore with angels and archangels,  
with the fellowship of saints  
and the company of heaven,  
we glorify your holy name,  
evermore praising you and singing,

## **SANCTUS**

**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.**

*Celebrant* We praise you, merciful Father,  
not as we ought, but as we are able,  
because in your tender love  
you gave the world your only Son,  
in order that the world might be saved through him.  
He made you known by taking the form of a servant,  
healing the sick, liberating the oppressed,  
reaching out to the lost.  
Betrayed, reviled, and nailed to the cross,  
he confronted the power of sin  
and disarmed it for ever.  
In his offering of himself,  
he became the perfect and sufficient sacrifice  
for the sins of the whole world.  
Redeemed by Christ,  
we have been adopted as your children;  
by your pardon  
you have made us worthy to praise you.

On the night he was betrayed,  
Jesus, at supper with his friends,  
took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread,  
gave it to them, and said, "Take and eat:  
this is my body which is given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine,  
and when he had given thanks,  
he gave it to them,  
and said, "Drink this all of you:  
this is my blood of the new covenant

which is shed for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Whenever you drink it,  
do this for the remembrance of me.”

In obedience to him and with grateful hearts  
we approach your holy table,  
remembering our Saviour’s sacrifice,  
and rejoicing in his victory.  
Confident in his sovereign purpose,  
we declare our faith.

**All**      **Christ has died,  
Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again.**

*Celebrant* Send your Holy Spirit on us  
that as we receive this bread and this cup  
we may partake of the body and blood  
of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and feed on him in our hearts  
by faith with thanksgiving.

May we be renewed in his risen life,  
filled with love,  
and strengthened in our will to serve others;  
and make of our lives, we pray,  
a pure and holy sacrifice, acceptable to you,  
knitting us together as one in your Son Jesus Christ,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be all honour and glory, now and forever.

**All**      **Amen.**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER** (*said, please use the language/version which is most helpful to you*)

*Celebrant* As our Saviour taught us, let us pray.

**All**      **Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

## **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread.*

*Celebrant* Be present, be present, Lord Jesus Christ,  
crucified and risen;

**All** **make yourself known  
in the breaking of bread.**

## **THE INVITATION**

*Celebrant* This is the table, not of the righteous,  
but of the poor in spirit.  
It is made ready for those who love God  
and who want to love God more.

So come, you who have much faith and you who have little,  
You who have been here often  
and you who have not been for a long time or ever before,  
You who have tried to follow and all of us who have failed.  
Come, not because the Church invites you;  
It is Christ who invites you to be known and fed here.

**All** The gifts of God for the people of God  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **THE COMMUNION**

*Everyone is invited to share in the communion through receiving the bread or, if preferred,  
a prayer of blessing.*

## THE CONCLUDING RITE

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Deacon* Let us pray.

*The community prays in silence.*

*Celebrant* Almighty God,

**All** you renew us at your table with the bread of life.

**May your holy food strengthen us in love  
and help us to serve you in each other.**

**We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Celebrant* Glory to God,

**All** whose power, working in us,

**can do infinitely more  
than we can ask or imagine.**

**Glory to God from generation to generation,  
in the Church and in Christ Jesus  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### THE BLESSING

*Celebrant* Now go in peace do what God wills,

follow where Christ calls

pray for the gifts of the Spirit;

and may the blessing of God the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer

rest on and remain with you now and always.

**All** **Amen.**

#### THE DISMISSAL

*Deacon* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All** **Thanks be to God.**

#### POSTLUDE

**POST SUNDAY SERVICE VIRTUAL COFFEE TIME**

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