

ST BARNABAS ERDINGTON
All Age Holy Communion Service
Sunday 18th October

The Lord be with you!
And also with you.

Jesus welcomes everyone to God's table.
Are you ready to meet God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit?
We're ready!

Song to listen and reflect on

*Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
The holy One, is here;
Come bow before him now
With reverence and fear
In him no sin is found
We stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
The holy One, is here.*

*Be still, for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around;
He burns with holy fire,
With splendour he is crowned:
How awesome is the sight
Our radiant king of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around.*

*Be still, for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place:
He comes to cleanse and heal,
To minister his grace -
No work too hard for him.
In faith receive from him.
Be still, for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place.*

Confession (*with actions*)

We know that God is love and that God loves all that he has made. He loves you and me. Jesus showed us by his life and tells us in his own words that God will never turn anyone away who comes to him. However our lives are far from perfect. We know that we are not the best we can be nor the best God longs us to be. These things stop us from coming close to God. God accepts us as we are but loves us too much to leave us as we are. This is why he asks us to come to Jesus his Son and say sorry.

Make a fist

We are sorry for the times we have got angry with other people.

Point away from yourself with your index finger

We are sorry for the times we have blamed others and seen things wrong in others without recognising how much is also wrong in us.

Close up your hand and hold it close to your chest

We are sorry for the times we have kept things selfishly to ourselves and not been prepared to give to those who need our help.

Put your hand over your mouth

We are sorry for the foolish words we have spoken which have hurt other people.

Put your hand over your eyes

We are sorry that we have deliberately chosen not to see the good things we could have done to help other people.

Put your hand over one ear

We are sorry for the times we have not listened to the cries of those who are poor or who suffer injustice.

Hold out your hand with an open palm upward

Jesus says, 'If you are tired from carrying heavy burdens, come to me and I will give you rest'. So we bring all that we are to Jesus - all our sins and our failure to love. Thank-you that you died for us so that we might be forgiven and start a new life in the power of your Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Gospel Reading: Luke 18:15-17

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *Luke*.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Some people brought their babies to Jesus for him to place his hands on them. The disciples saw them and scolded them for doing so, but Jesus called the children to him and said, "Let the children come to me and do not stop them, because the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Remember this! Whoever does not receive the Kingdom of God like a child will never enter it."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Reflection by Joycelyn

We stand as we say out loud our faith in God.

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heave and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us with power from on high.**

We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayers

Jesus is our peace, and as friends and followers of Jesus
we are at peace with God and our neighbour:

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

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 always right to give you thanks,
God our Creator,
loving and faithful,
holy and strong.
You made us

and the whole universe,
and filled your world with life.

You sent your Son to live among us,
Jesus our Saviour, Mary's child.
He suffered on the cross;
he died to save us from our sins;
he rose in glory from the dead.

You send your Spirit
to bring new life to the world,
and clothe us with power from on high.
And so we join the angels
to celebrate and say:

**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.**

Father, on the night before he died,
Jesus shared a meal with his friends.
He took the bread, and thanked you.
He broke it, and gave it to them, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this to remember me.

After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine.
He thanked you, and gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you.
This is my blood,
the new promise of God's unfailing love.
Do this to remember me.

Jesus Christ has died.
Jesus Christ has died.
Jesus Christ is risen.
Jesus Christ is risen.
Jesus Christ will come again.
Jesus Christ will come again.

Father, as we bring this bread and wine,
and remember his death and resurrection,
send your Holy Spirit,
that we who share these gifts
may be fed by Christ's body and his blood.

Amen.

Pour your Spirit on us
that we may love one another,
work for the healing of the earth,
and share the good news of Jesus,
as we wait for his coming in glory.

Amen.

For honour and praise belong to you, Father,
with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit:
one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

If you are a communicant or receiving communion is a part of your tradition you are welcome to receive here.

Please make sure your hands are sanitized and remain in your seats, bread will be distributed to you.

All are invited to receive God's blessing.

Prayer after communion

For the bread and the wine
Thank you Jesus.

For the love around this table
Thank you Jesus.

For sending us out into the world filled with your Spirit
Thank you Jesus.

Notices

May the blessing of God Almighty Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, come down upon you and stay with you today and always. **Amen.**

Are you ready to go out into the world to share God's love with everyone?
We're ready!

So go in peace to love and serve the Lord,
In the name of Christ. Amen.