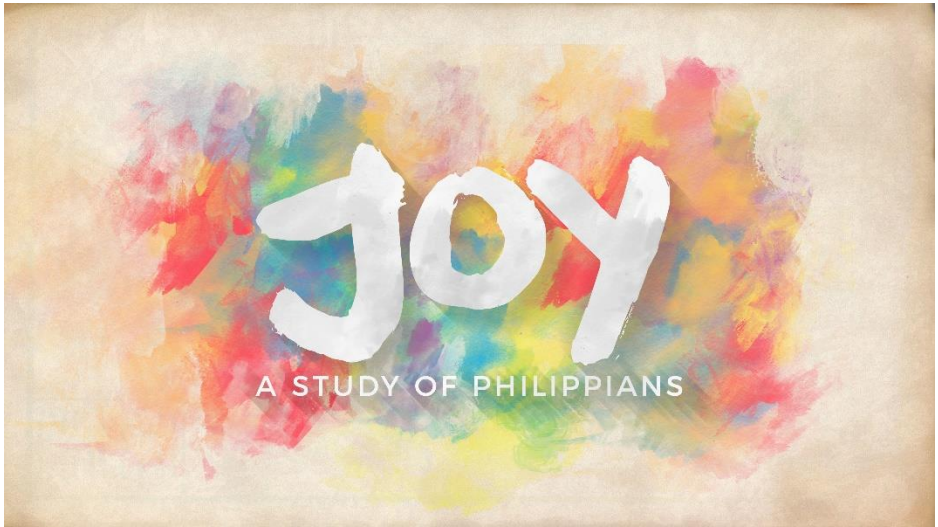


St Peter and St Paul, Cudham



Holy Communion

27<sup>th</sup> September 2020

11am

Welcome to our church, it's wonderful to have you here with us today as Rev Rach celebrates her first communion as a priest and as our new curate.

## **A few things to help you navigate our service this morning:**

**Children:** You are especially welcome, it is super to have you with us this morning. If you usually go to Sunday Club, you will be able to go upstairs after the Collect. If you are visiting us today, we hope you will enjoy using the worship bags you have been given throughout the service this morning.

**Communion:** All are invited to come forward. If you are unsure about receiving the bread, keep your hands low, so we know not to give it to you, and we will offer words of a Blessing prayer instead.

**Singing:** We love to sing here, although at the moment, we're finding different ways to express our worship whilst the current restrictions are in place. We can listen, we can use movement, we can clap, we may even like to sign whilst our organist and choir sing to us.

*You are invited to join in with the words of the service that are printed in **bold** type, and to reflect on the words of the hymns as congregational singing is not currently allowed.*

*Welcome*

The Lord be with you: **And also with you**

*Hymn: Thine be the Glory*

**Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son.  
Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.  
Angels in bright raiment, rolled the stone away.  
Kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay.**

*Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son.  
Endless is the victory, thou o'er death hast won.*

**Lo! Jesus meets us risen from the tomb.  
Lovingly, He greets us, scatters fear and gloom.  
Let the church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing.  
For her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting.**

*Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son.  
Endless is the victory, thou o'er death hast won.*

**No more we doubt thee, glorious prince of life,  
life is naught without thee, aid us in our strife.  
Make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love.  
Bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.**

*Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son.  
Endless is the victory, thou o'er death hast won.*

*Opening prayer:*

As we gather in this place, let us open our minds to God  
Blessed be God **who sets us free**

As we gather in this place, let us open our hearts to God  
Blessed be God **who sets us free**

As we gather in this place, let us open ourselves to new  
possibilities  
Blessed be God **who sets us free**

*Saying sorry:*

*(This is where you need your stone)*

As part of saying sorry we will hear the Russian Kyrie being  
sung to us. The words 'kyrie eleison' mean Lord have mercy.

*Absolution*

*Gloria:*

As a forgiven people it is good to be able to say thank-you to  
God. We can do that through signing an ancient song of praise  
to God known as the Gloria.

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest.**

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest.**

**To him be glory forever.**

**To him be glory forever.**

**Alleluia, amen.**

**Alleluia, amen.**

**Alleluia amen, alleluia ame—n.**

*Collect for the 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity:*

**Lord of creation, whose glory is around and within us:  
open our eyes to your wonders,  
that we may serve you with reverence  
and know your peace at our lives' end,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Those children who usually go to our Sunday Club, have the opportunity to leave now, with Karen and Kate. If you are visiting our church today (and we are so glad you are) we hope you will find the worship bags helpful as you explore what makes you joyful.*

*Bible reading: Philippians 2:1-13*

**2** Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, **2** then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. **3** Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, **4** not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. **5** In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: **6** who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; **7** rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.**8** And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death – even death

on a cross! <sup>9</sup>Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,<sup>11</sup> and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. <sup>12</sup>Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed – not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence – continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, <sup>13</sup>for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfil his good purpose.

This is the word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God**

*Gospel: Matthew 21:23-32*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew: **Glory to you, O Lord**

<sup>23</sup>Jesus entered the temple courts, and, while he was teaching, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him. ‘By what authority are you doing these things?’ they asked. ‘And who gave you this authority?’ <sup>24</sup>Jesus replied, ‘I will also ask you one question. If you answer me, I will tell you by what authority I am doing these things. <sup>25</sup>John’s baptism – where did it come from? Was it from heaven, or of human origin?’ They discussed it among themselves and said, ‘If we say, “From heaven”, he will ask, “Then why didn’t you believe him?”’ <sup>26</sup>But if we say, “Of human origin” – we are afraid of the people, for they all hold that John was a prophet.’ <sup>27</sup>So they answered Jesus, ‘We don’t know.’ Then he said, ‘Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.’

<sup>28</sup> ‘What do you think? There was a man who had two sons. He went to the first and said, “Son, go and work today in the vineyard.”

<sup>29</sup> “I will not,” he answered, but later he changed his mind and went.

<sup>30</sup> ‘Then the father went to the other son and said the same thing. He answered, “I will, sir,” but he did not go. <sup>31</sup> ‘Which of the two did what his father wanted?’ ‘The first,’ they answered. Jesus said to them, ‘Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you. <sup>32</sup> For John came to you to show you the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes did. And even after you saw this, you did not repent and believe him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord: **Praise to you, O Christ**

*Sermon - John*

We are invited to explore the third section in our sermon series on the letter to the Philippians.

*(you might want to make notes here!)*

*The creed.*

Let us declare our faith in God.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, who made all things?

**I believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ, who redeemed the world?

**I believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in his Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God?

**I believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith.**

**We believe and trust in one God.**

**Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

**Amen**

*Prayers*

After each prayer we are invited to respond to *Lord in your mercy* with **hear our prayer**

At the end of our prayers we say together:

**Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**



*The Peace*

Christ is our peace. He offered up his life for us with a love beyond imagining; with a love which dispels fear; with a love which holds and guides us through life's trials and joys.

The peace of the Lord be always with you: **And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace from where we are sitting.

*We welcome the children from Sunday Club back into church.*

Hymn: *All are Welcome*

**Let us build a house  
Where love can dwell  
And all can safely live  
A place where  
Saints and children tell  
How hearts learn to forgive  
Built of hopes and dreams and visions  
Rock of faith and vault of grace  
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions  
All are welcome, all are welcome  
All are welcome in this place**

**Let us build a house where prophets speak  
And words are strong and true  
Where all God's children dare to seek  
To dream God's reign anew**

Here the cross shall stand as witness  
And a symbol of God's grace  
Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus  
All are welcome, all are welcome  
All are welcome in this place

Let us build a house where love is found  
In water, wine and wheat  
A banquet hall on holy ground  
Where peace and justice meet  
Here the love of God, through Jesus  
Is revealed in time and space  
As we share in Christ the feast that frees us  
All are welcome, all are welcome  
All are welcome in this place

*Holy Communion*

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.**

Almighty God, good Father to us all,  
your face is turned towards your world.  
In love you gave us Jesus your Son  
to rescue us from sin and death.  
Your Word goes out to call us home

to the city where angels sing your praise.  
We join with them in heaven's song:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Father of all, we give you thanks for every gift that comes  
from heaven.

To the darkness Jesus came as your light.  
With signs of faith and words of hope  
he touched untouchables with love  
and washed the guilty clean.

This is his story.

**This is our song.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

The crowds came out to see your Son,  
yet at the end they turned on him.  
On the night he was betrayed  
he came to table with his friends  
to celebrate the freedom of your people.

This is his story.

**This is our song:  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food;  
he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said:  
This is my body, given for you all.

Jesus then gave thanks for the wine;  
he took the cup, gave it and said:  
This is my blood, shed for you all  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this in remembrance of me.  
This is our story.

**This is our song:  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup  
we celebrate the cross  
on which he died to set us free.  
Defying death he rose again  
and is alive with you to plead for us and all the world.  
This is our story.

**This is our song:  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Send your Spirit on us now  
that by these gifts we may feed on Christ  
with opened eyes and hearts on fire.  
May we and all who share this food  
offer ourselves to live for you  
and be welcomed at your feast in heaven  
where all creation worships you,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:  
**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.  
And forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom,  
the power,  
and the glory are yours  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.  
**Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share  
in one bread.**

The body of Christ keep you in eternal life: **Amen**

So come forward, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.\*

*After Communion*

Almighty God,  
you have taught us through your Son  
that love is the fulfilling of the law:  
grant that we may love you with our whole heart  
and our neighbours as ourselves;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A prayer of thanks:

**Almighty God**

**We thank you for feeding us**

**With 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.**

*Notices*

Hymn: *Go forth and tell*

**Go forth and tell! O church of God, awake!**

**God's saving news to all the nations take;**

**proclaim Christ Jesus, saviour, Lord, and king,**

**that all the world his worthy praise may sing.**

**Go forth and tell! God's love embraces all;**

**he will in grace respond to all who call:**

**how shall they call if they have never heard**

**the gracious invitation of his word?**

**Go forth and tell where still the darkness lies;  
in wealth or want, the sinner surely dies:  
give us, O Lord, concern of heart and mind,  
a love like yours which cares for all mankind.**

**Go forth and tell! The doors are open wide:  
share God's good gifts let no one be denied;  
live out your life as Christ your Lord shall choose,  
your ransomed powers for his sole glory use.**

**Go forth and tell! O church of God, arise!  
go in the strength which Christ your Lord supplies;  
go till all nations his great name adore  
and serve him, Lord and king for evermore**

*Blessing*

**Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
In the name of Christ. Amen**

It has been wonderful to share our worship with you this morning. Please remain in your seats until directed to leave by the stewards. There is hand sanitiser for you to use on your way out, and don't forget no more than 6 people, socially distanced, chatting in groups outside. You are also invited to take your stone and place it by the yew tree to make a cairn.

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