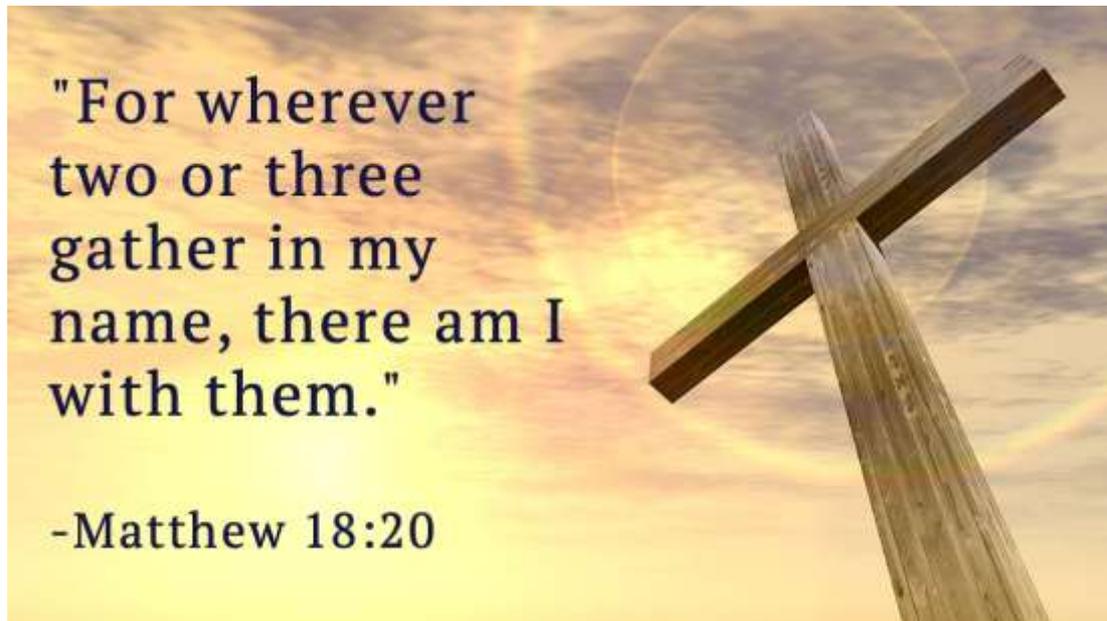


THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND IN
MELBOURNE, SMISBY
STANTON-BY-BRIDGE & TICKNALL



"For wherever
two or three
gather in my
name, there am I
with them."

-Matthew 18:20

**The Thirteenth Sunday
after Trinity**

Sunday 6th September 2020

10.30 am

Welcome back!

Today is a historic day. After so many weeks and months apart, we are once more able to gather together *physically*!

I want to thank everyone who has been able to support our online worship (we are currently exploring ways of continuing our online presence) and particularly Rachel, Sophie and Benjamin for the incredible contributions they have made over the lockdown.

As written in the bulletin, today in particular will be a learning curve but, as always with worship, we offer it and God perfects the offering.

The worship today and for a while yet will be slightly different to pre-lockdown. Aside from social distancing, congregational singing is not yet permitted although a small choir is. We will be experimenting with what music is appropriate and when during the liturgy.

Holy Communion is to be received in one kind only - the bread, but this is still receiving Jesus spiritually and sacramentally. We are also being encouraged to keep acts of worship slightly shorter (as we have modelled with the online Eucharists) to lower the risk of transmission. There will be further instructions within our order of service (in italics) please do take note of them.

Most importantly of all, as we will read in our Gospel **appropriately set for today, Jesus promises that ‘where two or three are gathered’ he is in our midst. Jesus promises to be** with us to the end of the age and we encounter him again this morning in each other and in the bread (and wine) of the altar. We are called together by him and through him - the Body of Christ gathered and dispersed.

We Worship God Together

Introit Anthem

Please remain seated for the introit anthem 'O come ye servants of the Lord' by Christopher Tye (1505-73).

Notices

The notices are given and Banns of Marriage are read. After the notices a few moments of silence are kept.

Processional Hymn Improvisation

Please stand as the organ plays the music of the hymn. The words are provided in italics for prayer and praise as the ministers enter.

*1. The day of resurrection!
Earth, tell it out abroad;
the Passover of gladness,
the Passover of God!
From death to life eternal,
from earth unto the sky,
our God hath brought us over
with hymns of victory.*

*2. Our hearts be pure from evil,
that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal
of resurrection-light;
and, listening to his accents,
may hear so calm and plain
his own 'All hail', and, hearing,
may raise the victor strain.*

*3. Now let the heavens be joyful,
and earth her song begin,
the round world keep high triumph,
and all that is therein;
let all things seen and unseen
their notes of gladness blend,
for Christ the Lord is risen,
our joy that hath no end!*

The Invocation

✠ In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The Greeting

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Please sit.

The deacon introduces the confession.

The gospel calls us to turn away from sin
and be faithful to Christ.

As we offer ourselves to him in penitence and faith,
we renew our confidence and trust in his mercy.

A time of quiet is kept.

Friend of sinners, you bring hope in our despair.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Healer of the sick, you give strength in our weakness.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Destroyer of evil, you bring life in our dying.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

The priest declares God's forgiveness and healing.

May God who loved the world so much
that he sent his Son to be our Saviour

✠forgive you your sins

and make us holy to serve him in the world,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Gloria

Please stand. A responsive form of the Gloria is led by the deacon.

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

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Glory to God in the highest.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
Glory to God in the highest.

we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Glory to God in the highest.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
Glory to God in the highest.

you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
Glory to God in the highest.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Glory to God in the highest.
Amen.

The Collect

The president leads the prayer appointed for today.

Let us pray.

Almighty God,
you search us and know us:
may we rely on you in strength
and rest on you in weakness,
now and in all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Please remain standing for the Gospel reading.

We Listen to God's Word

Gospel Reading - Matthew 18.15-20

The deacon introduces the Gospel.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus spoke to his disciples. 'If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Homily

Please sit.

We Pray

After each prayer petition, the following response is used:

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

After a time of quiet,

Merciful Father,

accept these prayers

for the sake of your Son,

our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

We Share Holy Communion

Please stand.

The Peace

**Where two or three are gathered together in my name,
says the Lord, 'there am I in the midst of them.'**

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

Preparation of the Altar-Choir Hymn

Please be seated for the laying of the altar. The choir group sing

*O thou, who at thy Eucharist didst pray
that all thy Church might be for ever one,
grant us at every Eucharist to say
with longing heart and soul, "Thy will be done:"*

*O may we all one bread, one body be,
through this blest sacrament of unity.*

*For all thy Church, O Lord, we intercede;
make thou our sad divisions soon to cease;
draw us the nearer each to each, we plead,
by drawing all to thee, O Prince of peace:
thus may we all one bread, one body be,
through this blest sacrament of unity.*

*We pray thee too for wanderers from thy fold;
O bring them back, good shepherd of the sheep,
back to the faith which saints believed of old,
back to the Church which still that faith doth keep:
soon may we all one bread, one body be,
through this blest sacrament of unity.*

*So, Lord, at length when sacraments shall cease,
may we be one with all thy Church above,
one with thy saints in one unbroken peace,
one with thy saints in one unbounded love:
more blessed still, in peace and love to be
one with the Trinity in unity.*

Prayer of Offering

Wise and gracious God,
you spread a table before us;
nourish your people with the word of life
and the bread of heaven.

Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

Please stand for the Eucharistic Prayer, the prayer of thanksgiving.

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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 right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;
in your love you made us for yourself.

When we turned away
you did not reject us,
but came to meet us in your Son.
You embraced us as your children
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.

In Christ you shared our life
that we might live in him and he in us.
He opened his arms of love upon the cross
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.

On the night he was betrayed,
at supper with his friends
he took bread, and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to them, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.
Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his body is the bread of life.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, and said:
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins;
do this in remembrance of me.
Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his blood is shed for all.



As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory,
send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine
may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.
As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.

With your whole Church throughout the world
we offer you this sacrifice of praise
and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven (*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.

The Lord's Prayer

Please sit. After a few moments of quiet, the priest introduces the Lord's Prayer

Being made one by the power of the Spirit,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

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.

Breaking of the Bread

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.



Sharing of Communion

The priest invites us to share communion.

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.
Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

Owing to COVID regulations, no words are used when offering and receiving communion. The priest now offers the bread to be distributed and shared saying (to all those who wish to receive):

The body of Christ.

All who wish to receive respond

Amen.

Holy Communion is now offered. Please only move when directed by a steward. You will find instructions on which route to take on a laminated card on your pew. The bread is received standing and queuing at two metre intervals. Please remove your face mask just for the eating of the bread. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please come forward and the sign of the cross will be made over you in blessing. During the distribution of Holy Communion the Agnus Dei by Healey Willan (1880-1968) is played.

We pray after Communion

The priest introduces the post communion prayer.

Let us pray

We thank you, Lord,
that you have fed us in this sacrament,
united us with Christ,
and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet
prepared for all peoples.

Amen.

We are sent out into God's world

The Blessing

May the Father from whom every family
in earth and heaven receives its name
strengthen you with his Spirit in your inner being,
so that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith;
and the ✠blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

The deacon leads the dismissal.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia!
In the name of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia!

Organ Voluntary
Trumpet Tune - John Stanley (1712-86)

During the playing of the voluntary, the president and deacon process to the font.

Please leave from the back pews first. The north aisle and south aisle pew section leave first before the central nave aisles followed by the balcony. Please also maintain social distancing.

*South aisle - leave via the South Door (unless accessible exit is needed)
Central aisle south - leave via the South Door using the south aisle (unless accessible exit is needed)*

*North aisle - leave via the North Door
Central aisle north - leave via the North Door using the north aisle (*

Balcony - please leave via the South Door when other sections have exited.

Please sanitize hands when leaving.

Thank you so much for being here today and making history!
Booking for next week's service opens 10 am on Monday.

Please take this order of service (and the bulletin) home with you
to minimise any transmission risk.

