

CAVERSHAM PARK CHURCH  
LOCAL ECUMENICAL PARTNERSHIP

Holy Communion Service order  
(Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2022)  
Trinity 21 - Year C

## **A Trinity 21 service with Holy Communion at Caversham Park (Forth Order)**

**Opening Hymn:** Spirit of The Living God

*(On Screen)*

Let us worship God.

This is the day which the Lord has made;  
**let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

It is good to give thanks to the Lord;  
**for God's love endures for ever.**

Our service today looks at stories from the Bible that show how we get to see or not to see the living God.

**Hymn 2** – Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

**Approach**

Let us pray:

Lord, as we gather to worship you we ask that you would guide our hearts into good works, our minds to worthy plans. Help us to hear what you have to say to us in the special places deep within us. Help us to bring forth from the faith we have songs of praise and words of adoration. Transform this time for us so that it becomes a time in which we bless you and one another - make it a time in which we grow stronger in trust and in faith and in righteousness. We ask it in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sins to God and ask for forgiveness

**On screen**

**Gracious and loving God, open our hearts so that we are able to admit to you the fullness of our lives – that which is beautiful and good, and that which is hurtful and hateful.**

**We confess that we do not follow Jesus in all that we do. We love with condition. We judge and condemn. We cast the first stone, and keep the logs in our own eyes. We do not turn to You as the source of our healing.**

**Forgive us, we pray. Forgive our sin, and empower us to be imitators of Christ in love and service. Amen.**

Brothers and sisters in Christ, know this: the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting, and I remind you of this surpassing grace – in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia!. **Amen.**

**On screen**

**Thanks be to God**

Lord, have mercy on us.

**Christ, have mercy on us.  
Lord, have mercy on us.**

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

**Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
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.**

**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.  
Amen**

God, our refuge and strength, bring near the day when wars shall cease and poverty and pain shall end, that earth may know the peace of heaven through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Reading 1** - Haggai 2:1-9 (NIV)

**Reading 2** – Psalm 145 (NIV)

**Hymn 3** - Now the Green Blade Rises

**Gospel** – Luke 20:27-38 (NIV)

**Sermon** - **What a cost**

**Hymn 4** - All The Way My Saviour Leads Me

**Intercessions**

**Gracious words**

Hear the gracious words of our Lord Jesus Christ;

Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.

*Matthew 11:28*

I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. *John 6:35*

Anyone who comes to me, I will never drive away. *John 5:37*

**The Peace**

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**Peace be with you.**

### **Hymn 5 - The Lord's My Shepherd**

### **The Narrative of the Institution of the Lord's Supper**

Hear the narrative of the institution of the Lord's Supper as it was recorded by the apostle Paul.

I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, 'This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.' For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. *1 Corinthians 11:23-26*

### **The Taking of the Bread and wine**

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and following his example, we take this bread and this cup, and give thanks to God.

### **The Thanksgiving (*On Screen*)**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

With joy we give you thanks and praise, Almighty God, Source of all life and love, that we live in your world, that you are always creating and sustaining it by your power, and that you have so made us that we can know and love you, trust and serve you. We give you thanks that you loved the world so much that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who has faith in him may not die but have eternal life.

Therefore with all the company of heaven, and with all your people, of all places and times, we proclaim your greatness and sing your praise.

*(On Screen)*

**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.**

Holy Lord God, by what we do herein remembrance of Christ we celebrate his perfect sacrifice on the Cross and his glorious resurrection and ascension; we declare that he is Lord of all; and we prepare for his coming in his kingdom. We pray that through your Holy Spirit this bread may be for us the body of Christ and this wine the blood of Christ. Accept our sacrifice of praise; and as we eat and drink at his command unite us to Christ as one body in him, and give us strength to serve you in the world. And to you, one holy and eternal God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we give praise and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer** *(On Screen)*

Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**All 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.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

The Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed  
took bread and when he had given thanks,  
he broke it and said, 'This is my body which is for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me.'

In the same way also the cup saying  
'This cup is the new covenant in my blood.  
Do this, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me.'

*If the narrative of the institution has been used earlier in the service, as the bread is broken the minister may say:*

The bread which we break is the communion of the body of Christ.

*And as the cup is raised the minister may say:*

The cup of blessing which we bless is the communion of the blood of Christ.

*Distribution of the Bread and Wine then follows with the following hymn:*

**Hymn 6 – Broken for you**

### **The Acclamation** *(On Screen)*

Let us praise the Lord.

**Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.  
Blessing and honour and glory  
and power be to our God for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Prayer after Communion**

Let us pray.

*(On Screen)*

**Most gracious God, we praise you for what you have given and for what you have promised us here. You have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. You have fed us with the bread of life, and renewed us for your service.**

**Now we give ourselves to you; and we ask that our daily living may be part of the life of your kingdom, and that our love may be your love reaching out into the life of the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Notices**

**Offerings**

We pray thee, O God, to receive and bless these our tithes and offerings. Grant that they and we may be used in your saving and healing work - and so bring to our world ever greater hope and to you ever greater praise and glory. We ask it in Jesus' name. Amen

**Dismissal and Blessing:**

In the power of the Holy Spirit, we now go forth into the world, to fulfil our calling as the people of God, the body of Christ.

Go in peace and may God the Father who created the universe create in you an abiding faith; may God the Son, who gave sight to the blind give to you the clear vision of his kingdom, and may God the Holy Spirit who intercedes for the saints with sighs too deep for words, lift you into God's presence, both today and tomorrow - and indeed forever and ever. **Amen.**

**Hymn 7 - Faith of Our Fathers**