

CAVERSHAM PARK URC

Holy Communion Service (fourth order)

(Sunday 9 February 2025)

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany - Year C

Moderators Visit - Holy Communion at Caversham Park (URC Fourth Order format)

Opening Hymn: Come In, Come In and Sit Down (*Recorded provision*)

(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.

Whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

Hymn 2 - Worship The Lord

Approach

Let us pray:

Light of all lights and truth behind all truth, holy and loving God, touch us and make us worthy to stand in your presence this day. Anoint us by your Spirit that we may serve you as you wish. Cast out from our hearts all fears and distractions and grant that your living Word – Jesus Christ our Lord may dwell in our praise and thanksgiving and in our thoughts and in our actions - both now - and forevermore. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sins to God and ask for forgiveness

On screen

When we have failed to recognise your love in the actions of friend or stranger forgive us. When we have failed to recognise your presence in the world in which we live forgive us. When we have failed to remember your gospel in our actions, thoughts and words forgive us.

(pause)

Renew our hearts in worship, our minds in wisdom and our hands in service. Take our lives and use them, as a sacrifice of love. Amen.

You challenge us to follow you; not by staying as we are but by stepping out in faith, casting our net into deeper water as with Simon Peter, fisherman. You challenge us to trust you and be prepared for all eventualities, even when the load is heavy, and we struggle to succeed. But with your challenge comes blessing. Flimsy nets are filled, broken lives made whole. From emptiness to abundance. Thank you for your challenge, Grant us courage to follow.

On screen (all say in bold)

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**

Lord of the host of heaven, our salvation and our strength, without you we are lost; guard us from all that harms or hurts and raise us when we fall; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Theme Introduction

This will include the following prayer when called..

A prayer for Wessex Synod Beloved family

Faithful God, we know that you long to gather us close to you as a hen shelters her chicks beneath her wings. We pray for the churches and people of Wessex Synod and the communities we serve. Help us to honour and celebrate our diversity. Make us one family, complex and imperfect (as all families are), held together by a shared story, bound together by love. May we recognise our interdependence with all you have created. May we offer a warm, sheltering place; secure in your grace, close to your heart. Amen.

Reading 1 - Isaiah 6:1-8 (NIV)

Reading 2 - 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 (NIV)

Hymn 3 - I, The Lord of Sea and Sky [MP587]

Gospel – Luke 5:1-11 (NIV)

Sermon – *To be provide by Michael***Hymn 4 - Jesus Calls Us O'er The Tumult [MP 359]****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.

Blessing of the gifts (*Collection*)

God of every soul in heaven and on earth - we bring our tithes and offerings in support of your life-saving work, of your reaching out to gather close to yourself all who are in need. And we offer ourselves as disciples of Jesus, committed to living and loving in his way - to being used for his purposes. Bless these gifts and strengthen us for faithful servanthood. **Amen.**

Hymn 5 - Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God Almighty [MP238]**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 - Let Us Break Bread Together (Communion Hymn) *(Recorded provision)*

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

Dismissal and Blessing:

Go in peace - love and care for one another in Christ's name; and may the God of all grace who has destined you for eternal glory in Christ Jesus restore, establish and strengthen you in faith, may you know the fullness of his blessings and the glory of being witnesses to his saving and redeeming love both now and forevermore. **Amen**

Hymn 7 - Because He Lives I Can Face Tomorrow *(Recorded provision)*