**Winchester Diocesan Clergy Conference**

***Monday***

**Opening Eucharist**

***Gathering***

**The Gathering**

May we this day open the window of our worlds,

inviting the fresh Light of Epiphany to flood us with hope,

**to bring us fresh insight and to fill us with grateful joy.**

May we see the world around us with new creation eyes,

**filled with potential and brimming with promise.**

May our lives be a continuous unfolding into God’s grace,

**revealing new vistas that expand our faith horizons.**

As God’s people we have gathered:

**let us worship him together.**

**Amen.**

*Hymn : Hope of our calling*

*1. Hope of our calling: hope through courage won;
By those who dared to share all Christ had done.
Saints of today, Christ’s banner now unfurled,
We bring his Gospel to a waiting world.*

*2. Hope of our calling: hope with strength empowered,
Inspired by all that we have seen and heard;
This call is ours, for we are chosen too,
To live for God in all we say and do.*

*3. Hope of our calling: hope with grace outpoured,
From death’s despair the gift of life restored;
Our call to serve, to wash each others’ feet,
To bring Christ’s healing touch to all we meet.*

*4. Hope of our calling: hope by faith made bold;
To sow God’s righteousness throughout the world;
Bring peace from conflict, fruitfulness from weeds,
The kingdom’s harvest from a mustard seed.*

*5. Hope of our calling: Spirit-filled, unbound,
Old joys remembered and new purpose found,
Our call refreshed by sacrament and word,
We go in peace to love and serve the Lord.*

Almighty God,

**your Son has opened for us**

**a new and living way into your presence.**

**Give us new hearts and constant wills**

**to worship you in spirit and in truth;**

**through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***Invitation to Confession***

Christ the light of the world has come to dispel
 the darkness of our hearts.

As we gather in the Hope of our Calling, we remember those times in our lives and ministries when we have fallen short of the holy calling to which we are committed.

*Silence*

Lord Jesus, illuminate the darkness in our hearts:

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, open our eyes to your saving love:

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, unstop our ears to hear your living word:

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

May the God of all healing and forgiveness

draw you to himself

and cleanse you from all your sins,

that *we* may behold the glory of his Son,

the Word made flesh,

Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

***Collect: The Conference Prayer (Part 1)***

Loving Lord Jesus,

you called your first Disciples to follow you

and gathered them around you.

be with us as we gather in your name

to hear your Word and celebrate your love.

Loving God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

all praise be to your Holy Name.

Amen.

**The Liturgy of the Word**

***First Reading:* Acts 2:42-47** *– The Church in Jerusalem*

They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.43Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. 44All who believed were together and had all things in common; 45they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. 46Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, 47praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Reading:***

John 14:15-23

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

‘If you love me, you will keep my commandments. 16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. 17 This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

18 ‘I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. 19 In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. 20 On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. 21 They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.’ 22 Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, ‘Lord, how is it that you will reveal yourself to us, and not to the world?’ 23 Jesus answered him, ‘Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

***Sermon:* The Church in Jerusalem – Bishop Philip**

***Prayers of Intercession***

*Ending with:*

God of mercy,

**you know us and love us**

**and hear our prayer:**

**keep us in the eternal fellowship of**

**Jesus Christ our Saviour.**

**Amen.**

**The Liturgy of the Sacrament**

***The Peace***

‘Where two or three are gathered together in my name,’
says the Lord, ‘there I am in the midst of them.’
The peace of the Lord be always with you;

**and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

***Preparation of the Gifts***

*Hymn*

*1. O love that wilt not let me go,*

 *I rest my weary soul in thee:*

 *I give thee back the life I owe,*

 *That in thine ocean depths its flow*

 *May richer, fuller, be.*

 *2. O light that followest all my way,*

 *I yield my flickering torch to thee:*

 *My heart restores its borrowed ray,*

 *That in thy sunshine’s blaze its day*

 *May brighter, fairer be.*

 *3. O joy that seekest me through pain,*

 *I cannot close my heart to thee:*

 *I trace the rainbow through the rain,*

 *And feel the promise is not vain*

 *That morn shall tearless be.*

 *4. O cross that liftest up my head,*

 *I dare not ask to fly from thee:*

 *I lay in dust life’s glory dead,*

 *And from the ground there blossoms red*

 *Life that shall endless be.*

***The Eucharistic Prayer***

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.**

God of hope, in your Holy Spirit

 you hovered over the face of the waters in creation,

and in your pillar of fire you led your people to liberation across

the Red Sea.

Through the waters you brought your people

into the life and land of promise.

In your Son’s baptism at the Jordan

 we see your creating and liberating purpose at work

 amid our human flaws and failures,

 and we hear anew with hope the promise of your voice.

In our own baptism you number us among your saints,

 created and redeemed for your glory.

Through baptism you bury us in death with Christ

 yet raise us to new life with him for ever.

And so we gladly thank you, with saints and angels and archangels

 and all the company of heaven,

 joining our voices to the hymn of your unending praise:

**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.**

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord.

As a mother tenderly gathers her children

you embraced a people as your own.

When they turned away and rebelled

your love remained steadfast.

From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary,

to be the living bread,

in whom all our hungers are satisfied.

He offered his life for sinners,

and with a love stronger than death

he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died,

he came to supper with his friends

and, taking bread, he 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.

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 and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

**Dying you destroyed our death**

**Rising you restored our life**

**Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Father, we plead with confidence

his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross;

we remember his dying and rising in glory,

and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.

Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you

these gifts of your own creation;

may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence,

form us in the likeness of Christ,

and build us into a living temple to your glory.

Remember, Lord, your Church in every land.

Reveal her unity, guard her faith,

and preserve her in peace.

Bring us at last with all the saints

to the vision of that eternal splendour

for which you have created us;

Through Jesus Christ our Lord

by whom, with whom, and in whom

with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,

we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power**

**be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

*There may be a period of silence at the end of the Prayer.*

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us,

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.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

***Breaking of the Bread***

The living bread is broken for the life of the world.

**Lord, unite us in this sign.**

***Giving of Communion***

Eat this,

in memory of one who died,

 in honour of one who lives,

 in anticipation of one who will come again.

Drink this,

 recalling the past,

 celebrating the present

 and trusting in God’s future.

***Worship Songs***

***Lord I come, I confess*** *Bowing here, I find my rest
Without You, I fall apart
You're the one that guides my heart*

*Lord, I need You, oh, I need You
Every hour, I need You
My one defence, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You*

*Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more
Where grace is found is where You are
And where You are, Lord, I am free
Holiness is Christ in me*

*Lord, I need You, oh, I need You
Every hour, I need You
My one defence, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You*

*So teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on You
Jesus, You're my hope and stay*

*Lord, I need You, oh, I need You
Every hour, I need You
My one defence, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You
You're my one defence, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You*

*My one defence, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You*

***Behold the Lamb*** *who bears our sins away
Slain for us and we remember
The promise made that all who come in faith
Find forgiveness at the cross

So we share in this bread of life
And we drink of his sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of peace
Around the table of the King

The body of our Saviour Jesus Christ, torn for you
Eat and remember
The wounds that healed the death that brings us life
Paid the price to make us one

So we share in this bread of life
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of love
Around the table of the King

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin, shed for you
Drink and remember
He drained death's cup that all may enter in
To receive the life of God*

 *So we share in this bread of life
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of grace
Around the table of the King

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise
To respond and to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ
As His body here on Earth

And we share in his suffering
We proclaim Christ will come again
And with joy in the feast of Heaven
Around the table of the King
Around the table of the King*

***Prayer after Communion***

Holy Father,
you gathered us here around the table of your Son
to share this meal with the whole household of God:
in that new world
where you reveal the fullness of your peace,
gather people of every race and language
to share in the eternal banquet
of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

***Final Hymn***

***Yet not I, but through Christ in me***

*What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace*

*To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to His
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing, "All is mine"
Yet not I, but through Christ in me*

*The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side, the Saviour He will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need, His power is displayed*

*To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley He will lead
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome
Yet not I, but through Christ in me*

*No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven
The future sure, the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And He was raised to overthrow the grave*

*To this I hold, my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released, I can sing, "I am free"
Yet not I, but through Christ in me*

*With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For He has said that He will bring me home
And day by day I know He will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne*

*To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to Him
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I, but through Christ in me*

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**The Dismissal**

***Blessing***

May God, who gives patience and encouragement,

Give you a spirit of unity

to live in harmony as you follow Jesus Christ,

so that with one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ;

And the blessing of God almighty,

the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,

be among you, and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

We have seen his glory,

**the glory revealed to all the nations.**

Here we have gathered. Use us in your service.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

**Tuesday Morning Eucharist**

**The hope of our calling:**

**Returning to the Centre of our Calling**

**The Gathering**

*As we gather, we sing:*

*1. Take this moment, sign and space;*

*Take my friends around;*

*Here among us make the place*

*Where your love is found.*

*2. Take the time to call my name,*

*Take the time to mend*

*Who I am and what I've been,*

*All I've failed to tend.*

*3. Take the tiredness of my days,*

*Take my past regret,*

*Letting your forgiveness touch*

*All I can't forget.*

*4. Take the little child in me,*

*Scared of growing old;*

*Help me here to find my worth*

*Made in Christ's own mould.*

*5. Take my talents, take my skills,*

*Take what's yet to be;*

*Let my life be yours, and yet,*

*Let it still be me.*

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We come at the start of this new day to meet with God.

Let us recognize his presence with us.

*Silence is kept.*

As God’s people we have gathered:

**let us worship him together.**

Faithful one, whose word is life:

**come with saving power**

**to free our praise,**

**inspire our prayer**

**and shape our lives**

**for the kingdom of your Son,**

**Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

***Invitation to Confession***

What God has prepared for those who love him,

he has revealed to us through the Spirit;

for the Spirit searches everything.

Therefore, let us in penitence open our hearts to the Lord,

who loves us and has called us into his service,

confessing the times when we have not lived up to that calling

*Silence*

We are often slow to follow the example of Christ.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

We often fail to be known as Christ’s disciples.

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

We often fail to walk the way of the cross.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

May the Father of all mercies

cleanse you from your sins,

and restore you in his image

to the praise and glory of his name,

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

***Collect: The Conference Prayer (Part 2)***

Loving Father God,

in returning and rest we shall be saved,

and your arms are always open as we return to you;

be with us as we step back from our ordinary lives,

and draw us back to the centre of our calling.

Loving God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

all praise be to your Holy Name.

Amen.

**The Liturgy of the Word**

***Gospel Reading:* John 1:43-51 –** *Jesus calls Nathanael*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according toJohn*.*

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

43The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, ‘Follow me.’ 44Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. 45Philip found Nathanael and said to him, ‘We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.’ 46Nathanael said to him, ‘Can anything good come out of Nazareth?’ Philip said to him, ‘Come and see.’ 47When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, ‘Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!’ 48Nathanael asked him, ‘Where did you come to know me?’ Jesus answered, ‘I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.’ 49Nathanael replied, ‘Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!’ 50Jesus answered, ‘Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.’ 51And he said to him, ‘Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

***Homily:* Bishop David**

***Prayers of Intercession***

*Ending with:*

Lord of the Church,

**hear our prayer,**

**and make us one in heart and mind**

**to serve you with joy for ever.**

**Amen.**

**The Liturgy of the Sacrament**

***The Peace***

God is love and those who live in love live in God

and God lives in them.

The peace of the Lord be always with you;

**and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*Hymn*

*1. Lord, today your voice is calling,*

*Lifting thoughts to things above;*

*Life is wonderful, enthralling,*

*Touched by your unfailing love.*

*Suddenly I see the beauty*

*Often hidden from my gaze,*

*So I come, not out of duty,*

*But with glad and grateful praise.*

*2. Lord, I sometimes fail to value*

*All your blessing as I should.*

*Slow to make the time to thank you,*

*Blind to so much that is good.*

*Days are lived in such a hurry*

*There's no time to stop and stare,*

*Joy is crushed by weight of worry,*

*Happiness obscured by care.*

*3. Lord, today I come rejoicing,*

*Vowed to waste your gifts no more;*

*Bringing praise and gladly voicing*

*What I should have voiced before.*

*Pouring out my adoration,*

*Scarcely knowing where to start,*

*With a song of exultation,*

*Lord, I thank you from the heart.*

 ***The Eucharistic Prayer***

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 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:

**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.**

Believing the promises of God,

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.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

*There may be a period of silence at the end of the Prayer.*

***Breaking of the Bread***

We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

**God here among us,**

**light in the midst of us,**

**bring us to light and life.**

***Giving of Communion***

Bread and wine,

light and life,

love and mercy,

grace and truth.

These are God’s gifts

offered to you.

Take and rejoice.

***Prayer after Communion***

Living God,
your Son made himself known to his disciples
in the breaking of bread:
open the eyes of our faith,
that we may see him in all his redeeming work;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

**The Dismissal**

***Blessing***

God who has called you is faithful.

The Father, whose glory fills the heavens,

cleanse you by his holiness

and send you to proclaim his word.

**Amen.**

Christ, who has ascended to the heights,

pour upon you the riches of his grace.

**Amen.**

The Holy Spirit, the Comforter,

equip you and strengthen you in your ministry.

**Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty,

the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,

be among you, and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

God of the past who has fathered and mothered us,

**We thank you.**

God of the future who is always ahead of us,

**We trust you.**

God of the present here in the midst of us,

**We praise you.**

God of life beyond us, within us,

**We rejoice in your glorious love.**

Go into the rest of this day,

to love and to be loved,

to welcome and to belong

to serve and to be nourished.
**Thanks be to God!**

***Wednesday***

**Closing Eucharist**

**The hope of our calling:**

***Looking to the future***

**The Gathering**

Wise God, you are older than the ages and you dance in the starlight,

**and you love us.**

Wise God, you share your bread with strangers,

and you welcome little children,

**and you understand us.**

Wise God, you wrestle with the powerful

and you comfort all who need you,

**and you disturb us.**

Wise God, shining in darkness,

seen by those who love you, found by those who seek you,

**we are here to learn from you.**

Starshine, moonshine, sunshine,

**We will walk with God.**

Mountains, main roads, sidetracks,

**We will walk with God.**

Questions, answers, mysteries,

**We will walk with God.**

Backwards, onwards, homewards,

**We will walk with God.**

H*ymn*

1. They who would valiant be 'gainst all disaster,

Let them in constancy follow the master.

There's no discouragement shall make them once relent

Their first avowed intent to be a pilgrim.

2. Who so beset them round with dismal stories,

Do but themselves confound - their strength the more is.

No foes shall stay their might, though they with giants fight:

They will make good their right to be a pilgrim.

3. Since, Lord, thou dost defend us with thy Spirit,

We know we at the end shall life inherit.

Then fancies flee away! We'll fear not what they say,

We'll labour night and day to be a pilgrim.

Creator of all things,

**Your blessed Son turned water into wine;**

**grant that Jesus may come to us and change us,**

**and so transform our lives**

**that in us your glory may be revealed;**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

***Invitation to Confession***

Christ calls us to share the heavenly banquet of his love

with all the whole Church on earth and in heaven.

Knowing our unworthiness and sin,

and as we look with hope to the future,

let us ask from him both mercy and forgiveness.

*Silence*

In a dark and disfigured world we have not held out the light of life:

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

In a hungry and despairing world we have failed to share our bread:

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

In a cold and loveless world we have kept the love of God to ourselves:

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

May God who loved the world so much

that he sent his Son to be our Saviour

forgive youyour sins

and make youholy to serve him in the world,

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

***Collect: The Conference Prayer (Part 3)***

Loving Holy Spirit,

you descended on Christ at his Baptism,

and led him out into the wilderness to pray;

be with us as we are sent out in Jesus’ name

to love and to serve you in all we do.

Loving God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

all praise be to your Holy Name.

**Amen.**

**The Liturgy of the Word**

***First Reading:* Acts 11:19-26, 13:1-5** *– The Church in Antioch*

Now those who were scattered because of the persecution that took place over Stephen travelled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch, and they spoke the word to no one except Jews. 20 But among them were some men of Cyprus and Cyrene who, on coming to Antioch, spoke to the Hellenists also, proclaiming the Lord Jesus. 21 The hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number became believers and turned to the Lord. 22 News of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. 23 When he came and saw the grace of God, he rejoiced, and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast devotion; 24 for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were brought to the Lord. 25 Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, 26 and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. So it was that for an entire year they associated with the church and taught a great many people, and it was in Antioch that the disciples were first called ‘Christians’.

Now in the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen a member of the court of Herod the ruler, and Saul. 2 While they were worshipping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, ‘Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.’ 3 Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off.

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This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading: John 20:19-23

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ 20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. 21 Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’ 22 When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

***Sermon:* The Church in Antioch – Bishop Philip**

***Prayers of Intercession***

*Ending with:*

Fill our hunger with the food that lasts,

the bread of God which comes down from heaven

and gives life to the world.

Merciful Father,

**accept these prayers**

**for the sake of your Son,**

**our Saviour Jesus Christ.**

**Amen.**

**The Liturgy of the Sacrament**

***The Peace***

God is love and those who live in love live in God

and God lives in them.

The peace of the Lord be always with you;

**and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

**WORSHIP SONG**

***The Eucharistic Prayer***

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.**

You are worthy of our thanks and praise

Lord God of truth,

for by the breath of your mouth

you have spoken your Word,

and all things have come into being.

You fashioned us in your image

and placed us in the garden of your delight.

Though we chose the path of rebellion

you would not abandon your own.

Again and again you drew us into your covenant of grace.

You gave your people the Law and taught us by your prophets

to look for your reign of justice, mercy and peace.

As we watch for the signs of your kingdom on earth

we echo the song of the angels in heaven,

evermore praising you and 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.**

Lord God, you are the most holy one,

enthroned in splendour and light,

yet in the coming of your Son Jesus Christ

you reveal the power of your love

made perfect in our human weakness.

*Cantor:* AMEN. Lord, we believe.

*All:* **AMEN. Lord, we believe.**

Embracing our humanity,

Jesus showed us the way of salvation;

loving us to the end,

he gave himself to death for us;

dying for his own,

he set us free from the bonds of sin,

that we might rise and reign with him in glory.

AMEN. Lord, we believe.

**AMEN. Lord, we believe.**

On the night he gave up himself for us all

he took bread and gave you thanks;

he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;

do this in remembrance of me.

AMEN. Lord, we believe.

**AMEN. Lord, we believe.**

In the same way, after supper

he took the cup and gave you thanks;

he gave it to them, saying:

Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant

which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

AMEN. Lord, we believe.

**AMEN. Lord, we believe.**

Therefore we proclaim the death that he suffered on the cross,

we celebrate his resurrection, his bursting from the tomb,

we rejoice that he reigns at your right hand on high

and we long for his coming in glory.

AMEN. Come, Lord Jesus.

**AMEN. Come, Lord Jesus.**

As we recall the one, perfect sacrifice of our redemption,

Father, by your Holy Spirit let these gifts of your creation

be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

form us into the likeness of Christ

and make us a perfect offering in your sight.

AMEN. Come, Holy Spirit.

**AMEN. Come, Holy Spirit.**

Look with favour on your people

and in your mercy hear the cry of our hearts.

Bless the earth,

heal the sick,

let the oppressed go free

and fill your Church with power from on high.

AMEN. Come, Holy Spirit.

**AMEN. Come, Holy Spirit.**

Gather your people from the ends of the earth

to feast with (*N. and*) all your saints

at the table in your kingdom,

where the new creation is brought to perfection

in Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom and with whom, and in whom,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,

for ever and ever.

Amen.

**Amen.**

Seeking the salvation of the world,

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.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

*There may be a period of silence at the end of the Prayer.*

***Breaking of the Bread***

We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

**God here among us,**

**light in the midst of us,**

**bring us to light and life.**

***Giving of Communion***

Be gentle when you touch bread.

Let it not lie uncared for,

taken for granted or unwanted.

There is such beauty in bread,

beauty of sun and soil, beauty of patient toil.

Wind and rains caressed it.

Christ often blessed it.

Be gentle when you touch bread.

Be joyful when you taste wine:

So freely received

and joyfully shared in the Spirit of him who cared.

There is such beauty in wine:

Beauty of laughter and living, beauty of truth and self-giving;

Winds and rain caressed it.

Christ often blessed it.

Be joyful when you taste wine.

*As you return from Communion you will receive a scallop shell with someone’s name on it. As we look to the future, we encourage you to take this shell home and to hold that person in prayer.*

**WORSHIP SONGS**

***Prayer after Communion***

God of glory,

you nourish us with the bread of life

through your Word

and through this Sacrament we have received:

fill us with your Holy Spirit

that through us the light of your glory

may shine in all the world.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*HOPE OF OUR CALLING*

1. Hope of our calling: hope through courage won;
By those who dared to share all Christ had done.
Saints of today, Christ’s banner now unfurled,
We bring his Gospel to a waiting world.

2. Hope of our calling: hope with strength empowered,
Inspired by all that we have seen and heard;
This call is ours, for we are chosen too,
To live for God in all we say and do.

3. Hope of our calling: hope with grace outpoured,
From death’s despair the gift of life restored;
Our call to serve, to wash each others’ feet,
To bring Christ’s healing touch to all we meet.

4. Hope of our calling: hope by faith made bold;
To sow God’s righteousness throughout the world;
Bring peace from conflict, fruitfulness from weeds,
The kingdom’s harvest from a mustard seed.

5. Hope of our calling: Spirit-filled, unbound,
Old joys remembered and new purpose found,
Our call refreshed by sacrament and word,
We go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**The Dismissal**

***Blessing & Sending out***

May God, whose glory is reflected in the lives of his saints,

pour upon you the riches of his grace,

and equip you and strengthen you to proclaim his word.

And the blessing of God almighty,

the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,

be among you, and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

As we have received,

**we go now to give.**

As we have been nourished

**we go now to nurture.**

As we have celebrated God’ s love for us,

**we go now and show love to others.**

As we have remembered the broken Christ.

**we go now and walk the way of sacrificial service.**

As we have worshipped the risen Christ

**we go now and live each day with joy, to his glory.**

Go now, as light-bearers to a world in darkness,
Go now, as hope-carriers to a world in despair;

**We go in the name of Christ,**

**in the love of God**

**and in the power of the Spirit.
Amen.**

**CONFERENCE PRAYER**

**January 2024**

**Loving Lord Jesus,**

**you called your first Disciples to follow you**

**and gathered them around you.**

**be with us as we gather in your name**

**to hear your Word and celebrate your love.**

**Loving Father God,**

**in returning and rest we shall be saved,**

**and your arms are always open as we return to you;**

**be with us as we step back from our ordinary lives,**

**and draw us back to the centre of our calling.**

**Loving Holy Spirit,**

**you descended on Christ at his Baptism,**

**and led him out into the wilderness to pray;**

**be with us as we are sent out in Jesus’ name**

**to love and to serve you in all we do.**

**Loving God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,**

**all praise be to your Holy Name. AMEN.**