



st Andrew  
STAPLEFORD

## Holy Communion

*In memory of Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II*  
*21 April 1926 – 8 September 2022*



*Photograph by Anne Leibowitz in Buckingham Palace, 2007*

*Organ music before the service:*

*Elegy C H H Parry (1848-1918)*

*Nimrod Edward Elgar (1857-1934)*

*Solemn Melody Walford Davies (1869-1941)*

*Please stand when the choir and ministers enter*

### Gathering

‘I am the resurrection and the life’, says the Lord. ‘Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.’

*John 11.25-26*

Prayer A with Addington setting

**PSALM 150** *sung by the choir*

- 1 O praise God in his holiness:  
praise him in the firmament of his power.
- 2 Praise him in his noble acts:  
praise him according to his excellent greatness.
- 3 Praise him in the sound of the trumpet:  
praise him upon the lute and harp.
- 4 Praise him in the cymbals and dances:  
praise him upon the strings and pipe.
- 5 Praise him upon the well-tuned cymbals:  
praise him upon the loud cymbals.
- 6 Let everything that hath breath:  
praise the Lord.  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be;  
world without end.  
Amen.

*Music: Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)*

*Please sit*

**WELCOME** – Revd Simon Taylor

We meet in the name of Jesus Christ,  
who died and was raised to the glory of God the Father.  
Grace and mercy be with you.

Almighty God,  
you judge us with infinite mercy and justice  
and love everything you have made.  
In your mercy  
turn the darkness of death into the dawn of new life,  
and the sorrow of parting into the joy of heaven;  
through our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**All Amen.**

*Please stand to sing*

**HYMN (NEH 436)**

**Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;**

to his feet your tribute bring.

Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,

who like me his praise should sing?

Praise him! Praise him!

Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favour

to his people in distress;

Praise him, still the same for ever,

slow to chide, and swift to bless.

Praise him! Praise him!

Glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like he tends and spares us;

well our feeble frame he knows;

in his hand he gently bears us,

rescues us from all our foes.

Praise him! Praise him!

Widely as his mercy flows!

Angels, help us to adore him;

ye behold him face to face;

sun and moon, bow down before him;

dwellers all in time and space.

Praise him! Praise him!

Praise with us the God of grace!

*Words: Psalm 103 adapt. H F Lyte (1793-1847)*

*Music: John Goss (1800-80)*

*Please sit*

God has shone in our hearts

to give the light of the knowledge of his glory

in the face of Christ.

But we have this treasure in earthen vessels

to show that the transcendent power belongs to God

and not to us.

## CONFESSION

As we acknowledge our human frailty,  
we call to mind our sins of word, deed and omission,  
and confess them before God our Father.

### *Silence is kept*

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit:  
Lord, have mercy.

### **All** Lord, have mercy.

You bring pardon and peace to the broken in heart:  
Christ, have mercy.

### **All** Christ, have mercy.

You make one by your Spirit the torn and divided:  
Lord, have mercy.

### **All** Lord, have mercy.

May God our Father forgive us our sins  
and bring us to the eternal joy of his kingdom,  
where dust and ashes have no dominion.

### **All** Amen.

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a 3/4 time signature. It consists of three staves of music. The first staff begins with a piano (*p*) dynamic and contains the lyrics: "Lord, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer-cy." The second staff begins with a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic and contains the lyrics: "Christ, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have". The third staff continues the lyrics: "mer-cy. Lord, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer - cy." and ends with a double bar line.

Let us pray.

Merciful Father and Lord of all life, we praise you that we are made in your image and reflect your truth and light.

We thank you for the life of our late Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth, for the love she received from you and showed among us.

Above all, we rejoice at your gracious promise to all your servants, living and departed, that we shall rise again at the coming of Christ.

And we ask that in due time we may share with your servant Elizabeth that clearer vision promised to us in the same Christ our Lord; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

**All** Amen.

## Liturgy of the Word

**READING – Lamentations 3.22-26, 31-33** – Revd Peter Wenham

- 22 Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed,  
for his compassions never fail.
- 23 They are new every morning;  
great is your faithfulness.
- 24 I say to myself, 'The Lord is my portion;  
therefore I will wait for him.'
- 25 The Lord is good to those whose hope is in him,  
to the one who seeks him;
- 26 it is good to wait quietly  
for the salvation of the Lord.
- 31 For no one is cast off  
by the Lord for ever.
- 32 Though he brings grief, he will show compassion,  
so great is his unfailing love.
- 33 For he does not willingly bring affliction  
or grief to anyone.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All** Thanks be to God.

**READING – 2 Corinthians 4.16-5.4**

<sup>16</sup> We do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup> For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. <sup>18</sup> So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

**5** For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands. <sup>2</sup> Meanwhile we groan, longing to be clothed instead with our heavenly dwelling, <sup>3</sup> because when we are clothed, we will not be found naked.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All** Thanks be to God.

*Please stand*

**HYMN (NEH 459)**

**The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want;**

he makes me down to lie  
in pastures green; he leadeth me  
the quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again,  
and me to walk doth make  
within the paths of righteousness,  
e'en for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,  
yet will I fear no ill;  
for thou art with me, and thy rod  
and staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnished  
in presence of my foes;  
my head thou dost with oil anoint,  
and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life  
shall surely follow me,  
and in God's house forevermore  
my dwelling-place shall be.

*Words: Psalm 23*

*Music: Jessie Irvine (1836-87) & T C L Pritchard (1885-1960)*

*Please remain standing*

**GOSPEL – John 6.35-40 – Romie Ridley**

Alleluia, alleluia.

'It is the will of him who sent me', says the Lord,  
'that I should lose none of all that he has given me,  
but raise them up on the last day'.

**All Alleluia.**

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

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

<sup>35</sup> Then Jesus declared, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. <sup>36</sup> But as I told you, you have seen me and still you do not believe. <sup>37</sup> All those the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away. <sup>38</sup> For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me. <sup>39</sup> And this is the will of him who sent me, that I shall lose none of all those he has given me, but raise them up at the last day. <sup>40</sup> For my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day.'

This is the gospel of the Lord.



**SERMON** – Revd Simon Taylor

**PRAYERS** – Revd Lucinda Howard

## Liturgy of the Sacrament

### THE PEACE

Jesus says:

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.

Not as the world gives do I give you.

Do not let your hearts be troubled,

neither let them be afraid.

The peace of the risen Lord be always with you

**All** and also with you.

*Please stand*

### HYMN (NHWS 26)

**Be still, my soul: the Lord is at your side;**

bear patiently the cross of grief and pain;

leave to your God to order and provide;

in ev'ry change he faithful will remain.

Be still, my soul: your best, your heav'nly friend

through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: your God will undertake  
to guide the future as he has the past;  
your hope, your confidence, let nothing shake;  
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.  
Be still, my soul: the tempests will obey  
his voice, who ruled them once on Galilee.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on  
when we shall be forever with the Lord,  
when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,  
sorrow forgotten, love's pure joys restored.  
Be still my soul: when change and tears are past,  
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

*Words: Katherin von Schlegel (b.1697) trans. Jane L Borthwick (1813-1897)*

*Music: Jean Sibelius (1865-1957)*

*Please remain standing*

#### **PREPARATION OF THE TABLE**

May all who are called to a place at your table  
follow in the way that leads to the unending feast of life.

**All** Amen.

#### **EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

The Lord is here.

**All** His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

**All** We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*We praise God for his mighty acts*





## LORD'S PRAYER

**All** 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 BREAD

Every time we eat this bread  
and drink this cup,

**All** we proclaim the Lord's death  
until he comes.

## AGNUS DEI

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us. Je - sus, bear - er  
of ours sins: have mer - cy on us. Je - sus, re - deem - er of the world: grant us  
peace.

## GIVING OF COMMUNION

Jesus is the Lamb of God  
who takes away the sin of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**All** Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

*All who would like to receive communion or a blessing*

*Please remain seated after you have received communion*

**ANTHEM** *sung by the choir*

**Crossing the Bar**

Sunset and evening star,  
and one clear call for me!  
And may there be no moaning of the bar,  
when I put out to sea.

But such a tide as moving seems asleep,  
too full for sound and foam.  
When that which drew from out the boundless deep  
turns again home.

Twilight and evening bell,  
and after that the dark!  
And may there be no sadness of farewell,  
when I embark.

For tho' from out our bourne of Time and Place,  
the flood may bear me far  
I hope to see my Pilot face to face  
when I have crost the bar.

*Words: Alfred, Lord Tennyson (1809-1892)*

*Music: Rani Arbo (b. 1968)*

**HYMN** (NEH 331)

**Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;**

the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide;  
when other helpers fail and comforts flee,  
help of the helpless, oh, abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;  
earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;  
change and decay in all around I see;  
O thou who changest not, abide with me.

I need thy presence every passing hour;  
what but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?  
Who, like thyself, my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.

I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;  
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.  
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?  
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.

Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;  
shine through the gloom and point me to the skies;  
heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;  
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

*Words: W H Monk (1823-89)*

*Music: H F Lyte (1793-1847)*

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Father in Heaven,  
whose Church on earth is a sign of your heavenly peace,  
an image of the new and eternal Jerusalem:  
grant to us in the days of our pilgrimage that,  
fed with the living bread of heaven  
and united in the body of your Son,  
we may be the temple of your presence,  
the place of your glory on earth,  
and a sign of your peace in the world;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**All Amen.**

### **Blessing & Dismissal**

*Please stand*

**HYMN** (NEH 362, music NEH 185)

**Glorious things of thee are spoken,**

Sion, city of our God.

He whose word cannot be broken

formed thee for his own abode:

on the Rock of Ages founded,

what can shake thy sure repose?

With salvation's walls surrounded,

thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

See, the streams of living waters,

springing from eternal love,

well supply thy sons and daughters

and all fear of want remove:

who can faint while such a river  
ever flows their thirst to assuage?  
Grace, which like the Lord, the giver,  
never fails from age to age.

Saviour, if of Sion's city  
I through grace a member am,  
let the world deride or pity,  
I will glory in thy name:  
fading is the worldling's pleasure,  
all his boasted pomp and show;  
solid joys and lasting treasure  
none but Sion's children know.

*Words: John Newton (1725-1807)*

*Music: Abbot's Leigh Cyril Taylor (1907-91)*

*Please remain standing*

God grant to the living, grace;  
to the departed, rest;  
to the Church, the King, the Commonwealth,  
and all humankind,  
peace and concord;  
and to us and all his servants, life everlasting;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**All Amen.**

**THE NATIONAL ANTHEM**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

Crown Imperial *William Walton (1902-1983)*

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