
Cam Villages Together Service of Holy Communion

from St Mary's, Wendens Ambo, 10 am

Easter 6, May 9th, 2021

The Gathering Welcome and Notices

This service may be recorded so that others, unable to attend, may see it later. Normally only readers, singers and the preacher will be shown on any uploaded video, but if you prefer, you may keep your camera turned off. The choir will sing the hymns, but congregational singing is not yet allowed in church.

All age activities can be found here: [All age activities](#)

First Hymn – sung by the choir, number 12 Alleluia, Sing to Jesus

1. Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!
His the sceptre, his the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph,
His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
Thunder like a mighty flood.
Jesus, out of every nation,
Hath redeemed us by his blood.
2. Alleluia! Not as orphans
Are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! He is near us;
Faith believes nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received him
When the forty days were o'er,
Shall our hearts forget his promise,
"I am with you evermore"?
3. Alleluia! Bread of angels,
Here on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluia! Here the sinful
Come to you from day to day.
Intercessor, friend of sinners,
Earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
Where the songs of all the sinless
Sweep across the crystal sea.

The president says:

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

All Amen.

The Greeting: The president greets the people.

President: Grace, mercy and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Zoom link details

If you would like to be sent the Zoom meeting details please email website.camvillages@gmail.com.

We have also set up a virtual giving plate to go with this virtual service. It is very convenient to use, you just click on this link.... <https://bit.ly/wendenchurch>

Click on this link for the Grapevine:

https://www.camvillages.org.uk/Groups/321990/Grapevine_Newsletter.aspx

4. Alleluia! King eternal,
He the Lord of lords we own:
Alleluia! born of Mary,
Earth his footstool, heaven his throne:
He within the veil, have entered,
Robed in flesh, our great High Priest:
He on earth both priest and victim
In the Eucharistic feast

President: Alleluia. Christ is Risen.

All: He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Collect for purity.

All: Almighty God, _____ to whom all hearts are open, _____ all desires known, _____ and from whom no secrets are hidden: _____ cleanse the thoughts of our hearts _____ by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, _____ that we may perfectly love you, _____ and worthily magnify your holy name; _____ through Christ our Lord. _____ Amen.

Prayers of Penitence: Invitation to confession

All: Almighty God, our heavenly father _____ we have sinned against you _____ through our own fault _____ in thought, and word and deed, _____ and in what we have left undone. _____ We are heartily sorry _____ and repent of all our sins. _____ For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake _____ forgive us all that is past; _____ and grant that we may serve you _____ in newness of life _____ to the glory of your name. Amen.

Absolution

President: May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by his spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Gloria - sung by the choir (Addington setting by Richard Shephard)

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.

Liturgy of the Word

Collect for 6th Sunday of Easter

President: God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

The First Reading: Acts 10: 44-end, read by Chris Forster

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, 'Can anyone withhold the water for baptising these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' So he ordered them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

The Gospel: We stand for the proclamation of the Gospel read by Alison Tills.

Reader: Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus according to John.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. 'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Sermon is preached by Revd Alex Jeewan.

The Creed

We stand to declare our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

We believe in one God, ____ the Father, the Almighty, ____ maker of heaven and earth, ____ of all that is, seen and unseen. ____ We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, ____ the only Son of God ____ eternally begotten of the Father, ____ God from God, ____ Light from Light ____ true God from true God. ____ begotten, not made, ____ of one Being with the Father; ____ through him all things were made. ____ For us and for our salvation ____ he came down from heaven, ____ was incarnate from the Holy Spirit ____ and the Virgin Mary ____ and was made man. ____ For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; ____ he suffered death and was buried. ____ On the third day he rose again ____ in accordance with the Scriptures; ____ he ascended into heaven ____ and is seated at the right hand of the Father. ____ He will come again in glory ____ to judge the living and the dead, ____ and his kingdom will have no end. ____ We believe in the Holy Spirit, ____ the Lord, the giver of Life, ____ who proceeds from the Father and the Son, ____ is worshipped and glorified, ____ who has spoken through the prophets. ____ We believe in one holy catholic ____ and apostolic Church. ____ We acknowledge one baptism ____ for the forgiveness of sins. ____ We look for the resurrection of the dead, ____ and the life of the world to come. ____ Amen.

Sheila Chambers will introduce the prayers of intercession with these or similar words:

Intercessor: In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father.

These (or other suitable) responses may be used:

Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy,

All **Hear our prayer.**

Ending with

Intercessor: Merciful Father,

All **Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Peace

President: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: **And also with you**

President: Let us offer one another a sign of peace by waving to one another.

The Eucharist

There is no physical collection during this time of coronavirus; you are invited to contribute to the work of the church online. The second hymn is sung during the preparation of the table.

Second Hymn - 137, (tune Diademata DSM) Crown him with many crowns

1 Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne,
hark the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing

of him who died for thee
and hail as thy matchless King
through all eternity.

2 Crown him the Lord of life
the God incarnate born,
whose arm those crimson trophies won
which now his brow adorn:
fruit of the mystic rose
as of that rose the stem
the root, whence mercy ever flows
the babe of Bethlehem

3 Crown him the Lord of love,
behold his hands and side
rich wounds yet visible above
in beauty glorified.
No angel in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends his burning eye
at mysteries so bright.

4 Crown him the Lord of peace
whose pow'r a sceptre sways
from pole to pole let wars may cease
absorbed in prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end,
and round his pierced feet,
fair flow'rs of paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.

5 Crown him the Lord of years,
the potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres
ineffably sublime:
all hail, Redeemer, hail,
for you hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity!

President: Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation;
Through your goodness we have this bread to offer,
Which earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life.

All: **Blessed be God for ever.**

President: Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
Through your goodness we have this wine to offer,
Fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become for us our spiritual drink.

All: **Blessed be God for ever.**

President: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

President: Lift up your hearts.

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

President: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

President: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, almighty and eternal Father, and in these days of Easter to celebrate with joyful hearts the memory of your wonderful works. For by the mystery of his passion Jesus Christ, your risen Son, has conquered the powers of death and hell and restored in men and women the image of your glory. He has placed them once more in paradise and opened to them the gate of life eternal. And so, in the joy of this Passover, earth and heaven resound with gladness, while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation sing for ever the hymn of your glory.

Sanctus followed by the Benedictus - sung by the choir:

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.

President: We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died, he had supper with his friends and, taking the bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said: 'Take eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended, he took the cup of wine. Again, he praised you, gave it to them 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.'

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once and for all upon the cross. Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory. Great is the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

President: Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth. Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with Mary and all the saints to feast at your table in heaven. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever.

All: Amen

The Lord's Prayer

President: 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.

President: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All: Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.
His Spirit is with us.

The Agnus Dei - sung by the choir

Jesus, Lamb of God; have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world: grant us peace.

Giving of Communion

President: Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins 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: Most merciful Lord, ____ your love compels us to come in. ____ Our hands were unclean, ____ our hearts were unprepared; ____ we were not fit even to eat the crumbs from under your table. ____ But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation, ____ and share your bread with sinners. ____ So cleanse and feed us with the precious body and blood of your Son, ____ that he may live in us and we in him; ____ and that we, with the whole company of Christ, ____ may sit and eat in your kingdom. ____ Amen.

While those following the service on zoom can't partake of the bread as those in church can, they are invited to say together this prayer of Spiritual Communion, inviting Jesus to enter our deepest being. A church warden will lead the following prayer while the president completes the ablution....

All: My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. ____ I love you above all things, ____ and I desire to receive you into my soul. ____ Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally ____ come at least spiritually into my heart. ____ I embrace you as if you were already there ____ and I unite myself wholly to you. ____ Never permit me to be separated from you. ____ Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

President: God our Father, you have raised our humanity in Christ and have fed us with the bread of heaven: mercifully grant that, nourished with such spiritual blessings, we may set our hearts in the heavenly places; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen

All Father of all, ____ we give you thanks and praise, ____ that when we were still far off ____ you met us in your Son ____ and brought us home. ____ Dying and living, he declared your love, ____ gave us grace, ____ and opened the gate of glory. ____ May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; ____ we who drink his cup, bring life to others; ____ we whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world. ____ Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, ____ so we and all your children shall be free, ____ and the whole earth live to praise your name; ____ through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

President: The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, make you perfect in every good work to do his will; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; be among you and remain with you always.

All: Amen.

Final hymn – 551 (tune Hanover), O worship the king, all glorious above, sung by the choir.

1. O worship the King, all glorious above
O gratefully sing His power and his love
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days
Pavilioned in splendour, and girded with praise

2. O tell of His might, O sing of His grace
Whose robe is the light whose canopy space
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm

3. This earth, with its store of wonders untold
Almighty, thy pow'r hath founded of old.
Hath 'stablished if fast by a changeless decree
And round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

4. Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
And sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.

5. Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
In thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end!
Our maker, defender, redeemer and friend.

6. O measureless might, ineffable love
While angels delight to worship above
Thy humbler creation, though feeble their lays
with true adoration shall sing to thy praise.

The Dismissal

President: Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.