

St Nicholas Church Durham
A Service of Holy Communion Sunday 27 September 2020 11am

Our service is led by Claire Elwood
Our Preacher is Arun Arora
Intercessions are led by Vicky Cave
Bible Reading by Vicky Cave
Our sung worship is led by Chris Wagstaff

Welcome and preparation

The Minister welcomes the people.

We gather in the name of Christ

**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**

Opening Worship

Praise Is Rising

Praise is rising
Eyes are turning to You
We turn to You
Hope is stirring
Hearts are yearning for You
We long for You

'Cause when we see You
We find strength to face the day
In Your presence all our fears are
Washed away, washed away!

Hosanna, Hosanna
You are the God who saves us
Worthy of all our praises
Hosanna, Hosanna
Come have Your way among us
We welcome You here, Lord Jesus

Hear the sound of
Hearts returning to You
We turn to You
In Your kingdom
Broken lives are made new
You make us new

'Cause when we see You
We find strength to face the day
In Your presence all our fears are
Washed away, washed away!

Hosanna, Hosanna
You are the God who saves us
Worthy of all our praises
Hosanna, Hosanna
Come have Your way among us
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Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna

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We acknowledge our failings

Lord God; we have sinned against you; we have done wrong in your sight.

We are sorry and turn away from our sins.

Have mercy on us according to your love. Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.

Renew a right spirit within us and restore us to the joy of your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

We receive God's forgiveness

May the Father of all mercies cleanse us from our sins and restore us in his image to the praise and glory of his name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Collect

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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. **Amen**

We hear God's Word to us

Reading(s) from the Bible Psalm78: 1-7, Matthew 21: 23-32

Read by Vicky Cave

Sermon

Our Preacher is Arun Arora

Song

Speak O Lord

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You
To receive the food of your holy word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfil in us
All Your purposes, for Your glory.

Teach us Lord full obedience,
Holy reverence, true humility.

Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise
Cause our eyes to see,
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of power that can never fail;
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time,
That will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises;
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, 'til your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory.

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We declare our faith in the words of the Apostle's Creed (Recorded Family Version)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

We turn to God in prayer led Vicky Cave

We share Christ's peace

the peace of the Lord be always with you
And also with you.

We meet Jesus in the Breaking of Bread

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 thanks and 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.

The Lord's Prayer

**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.

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

Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

Distribution of Communion

We are sent out to serve God in the world

Almighty God,
you have taught us through your Son
that love is the fulfilling of the law:
grant that we may love you with our whole heart
and our neighbours as ourselves;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your son Jesus
Christ.**

Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice.

Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

Amen

Song

Christ is Enough

Christ is my reward
And all of my devotion
Now there's nothing in this world
That could ever satisfy
Through every trial
My soul will sing
No turning back
I've been set free

Christ is enough for me
Christ is enough for me
Everything I need is in You
Everything I need

Christ my all in all
The joy of my salvation
And this hope will never fail
Heaven is our home
Through every storm
My soul will sing
Jesus is here
To God be the glory

Christ is enough for me
Christ is enough for me
Everything I need is in You
Everything I need

I have decided to follow Jesus
No turning back
No turning back
I have decided to follow Jesus
No turning back
No turning back
The cross before me
The world behind me
No turning back
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The world behind me

No turning back
No turning back

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We go into the world to walk in God's light, to rejoice in God's love and to reflect God's glory

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.