

## The Benefice of Silsoe, Pulloxhill and Flitton

*Growing as beacons of Christ's Light in our communities*

**Eucharist for Trinity Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2020**



**Our service today is led by Rev'd Anne Barker**

### **The Gathering**

*Priest:* In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**All:** Amen

*Priest:* We gather in the name of the living Christ to worship God.

**All:** Surely, God is in this place and calls us to worship in spirit and in truth.

*Priest:* God's love is for you and for all people everywhere.

**All:** May we be renewed in the refreshing Spirit of the living Christ,  
that we may share God's love and life.

*Priest:* The living Christ is with us.

**All:** Praise the Lord!

*(Life in Liturgy)*

### **The Greeting**

*Priest:* The Lord be with you

**All:** And also with you

### **Prayer of preparation**

**All:** Dear Father, quiet our minds, and still our hearts.

For your loving ways are all we seek.

Strengthen our lives, inspire our spirits,

in your living waters flow endless grace. Amen

*(East Jordan United Methodist Church of Sterling)*

## Prayers of penitence

*Priest:* Our Lord Jesus Christ said: The first commandment is this: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.'  
The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'  
There is no other commandment greater than these.  
On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

*All:* **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

*Priest:* I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you (*Luke 15:18*), and have a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise. (*Ps 51: 17*). Come near to God and he will come close to you (*James 4:8a*)

*Priest:* Our hearts are hard, O God -

*All:* **soften them with your love.**

*Priest:* Our hands are clenched, O God -

*All:* **Open them with your grace.**

*Priest:* Our feet are planted too firmly, O God -

*All:* **Invite us to dance with you.**

*Priest:* Our lives are not our own, we know

*All:* **Let us live and move and have our being in you, O God. Amen**

*(Beth Merrill Neel)*

## Assurance of Forgiveness

*Priest:* Friends. Sisters, brothers: hear this good news and see the grace of God:  
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.  
You are free to go and live in light and love.

*All:* **Thanks be to God. Amen.** *(Beth Merrill Neel)*

## The Gloria

*All:* **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.**

## Collect

*Priest:* Holy God, faithful and unchanging,  
enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth,  
and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love,  
that we may truly worship you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

6 In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup> Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: with two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. <sup>3</sup> And they were calling to one another: 'Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory.'

<sup>4</sup> At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup> 'Woe to me!' I cried. 'I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty.' <sup>6</sup> Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. <sup>7</sup> With it he touched my mouth and said, 'See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for.' <sup>8</sup> Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I. Send me!'

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*At the end of the Reading:*

*Priest:* This is the word of the Lord.

*All:* **Thanks be to God.**

## HYMN

**1.** Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art  
thou my best thought by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

**2** Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
thou my great Father, I thy true son;  
thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

**3** Be thou my battle shield, sword for my  
fight;  
be thou my dignity, thou my delight,  
thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tow'r:  
raise thou me heav'n-ward, O Pow'r of my  
pow'r.

**4** Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,  
thou mine inheritance, now and always:  
thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

**5** High King of heaven, my victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Source: [Trinity Psalter Hymnal #446](#)

## Gospel

*Priest:* Alleluia, alleluia

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,  
one God, who was, and is and who is to come.

*All:* **Alleluia.**

*Priest:* Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **Matthew 28:16-20**

*All:* **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you.

And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

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*Priest:* This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**SERMON** *Delivered by Roy Pinnock*

### **Profession of Faith**

*Priest:* We say together in faith

*All:* **Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God almighty,  
who was, and is, and is to come.**

*Priest:* We believe in God the Father, who created all things:

*All:* **for by his will they were created and have their being.**

*Priest:* We believe in God the Son, who was slain:

*All:* **for with his blood, he purchased us for God,  
from every tribe and language, from every people and nation.**

*Priest:* We believe in God the Holy Spirit:

*All:* **the Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come!' Even so come, Lord Jesus! Amen.**

*cf Revelation 4.8,11; 5.9; 22.17, 20*

*All:* **I bind unto myself the name – the strong name of the Trinity,  
by invocation of the same: the Three in One and One in Three,  
by whom all nature hath creation, Eternal Father, Spirit, Word.  
Praise to the Lord of my salvation, Salvation is of Christ the Lord.**

*from the Lorica of St. Patrick (St. Patrick's Breast-Plate; 5th C.)*

**Intercessions** *Led by Jo Holt*

*In response to:* Lord, in your mercy

*All:* **hear our prayer.**

*The prayers end with these words:*

**Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### **The Peace**

*Priest:* Peace to you from God our heavenly Father.

Peace from his Son Jesus Christ who is our peace.

Peace from the Holy Spirit, the life-giver.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*All:* **And also with you.**

## HYMN

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard My people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin,  
My hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear My light to them?  
Whom shall I send?

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them,  
They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
Give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak My word to them  
Whom shall I send?

**Chorus**

*(Written by Daniel L Schutte)*

### **Chorus**

*Here I am Lord, Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard You calling in the night.  
I will go Lord, if You lead me.  
I will hold Your people in my heart.*

3. I, the Lord of wind and flame  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them,  
My hand will save  
Finest bread I will provide,  
Till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give My life to them,  
Whom shall I send?

**Chorus**

## Preparation of the Table

*Priest:* Holy God, holy and strong, holy and immortal,  
give us the bread of everlasting life,  
and make us branches of the true vine. **Amen.**

## The Eucharistic Prayer

*Priest:* The Lord be with you **All: And also with you.**

*Priest:* Lift up your hearts **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

*Priest:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

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

*Priest:* It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.  
For with your only-begotten Son and the Holy Spirit  
you are one God, the Lord.  
All that you reveal of your glory,  
the same we believe of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,  
without any difference or inequality.  
We, your holy Church acclaim you, Father of majesty unbounded,  
your true and only Son, worthy of all worship  
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.  
Three persons we adore, one in being and equal in majesty.  
And so, with all the saints, with angels and archangels,  
with cherubim and seraphim, we sing for ever of your glory:

**All: 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.**

*Priest:* Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
and according to your holy will,  
these gifts of bread and wine may be to us  
the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;  
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
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.  
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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

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

*Priest:* And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,  
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;  
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection  
and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory,  
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.  
As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,  
we bring before you this bread and this cup  
and we thank you for counting us worthy  
to stand in your presence and serve you.  
Send the Holy Spirit on your people  
and gather into one in your kingdom  
all who share this one bread and one cup,  
so that we, in the company of all the saints and angels,  
may praise and glorify you for ever, through 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.

*All:* **Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*Priest:* Praying for the unity of all peoples on the earth, 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 president breaks the consecrated bread.*

*Priest:* 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.**

### Invitation to Communion

*Priest:* Come to this table, not because you must but because you may,  
not because you are strong, but because you are weak.  
Come, not because any goodness of your own gives you a right to come,  
but because you need mercy and help.  
Come, because you love the Lord a little and would like to love him more.  
Come, because he loved you and gave himself for you.  
Come and meet the risen Christ, for we are his Body. (*The Simple Pastor*)

*At the distribution of communion, the minister says to each communicant:*

*Priest:* The Body of Christ. The Blood of Christ

### Prayer After Communion

*Priest:* Almighty and eternal God, you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
and live and reign in the perfect unity of love:  
hold us firm in this faith, that we may know you in all your ways  
and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory,  
who are three Persons yet one God, now and for ever.

*All:* **Amen.**

### Blessing

*Priest:* God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love,  
defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace;  
and the blessing of God almighty, +the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be with each one of you, and those on your heart, today and always. **Amen.**

### Dismissal

*Priest:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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