

HOLY COMMUNION: P. 9 – 15

Prayer over the Bread and Wine:

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation...

It will become for us the Bread of life.

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation...

It will become for us our spiritual drink.

Blessed be God for ever.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

***SANCTUS Holy, holy, holy..... (sung)**

Invocation of the Holy Spirit

The Institution of the Lord's Supper

***MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION We proclaim your death.. (sung)**

Prayer of humble access:

**We do not presume to come to your table,
merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your manifold and great mercies.**

**We are not worthy so much as to gather up
the crumbs under your table.**

**But you are the same Lord,
whose nature is always to have mercy.**

**Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son,
Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood,
that we may evermore dwell in him,
And he in us. Amen.**

Paste in Psalm and Refrain

Call to confession: Before the love of God for us, let us make our humble confession. In today's Gospel lesson, we hear Jesus using an extraordinary image to encourage his disciples. God has placed us on this planet to share the love of God with the whole creation. To share that love, he has invested us with talents to seize opportunities to serve neighbours and strangers. God's extravagant, life-giving love is not limited by traditional boundaries. We as a Church are being called to embrace our neighbours and strangers with extravagant acts of compassion and grace, working together to find ways to reach out to communities around us. But many times, we as a faith community have failed to be God's agents of healing and restoration, where we use God's gifts as a channel of faithful stewards. Therefore in penitence and humility let us come before God and the people of God with our prayers of confession.

Prayer of confession: Abundant Creator, we confess our strong urge to play it safe with the gifts you give us. In your mercy forgive us, O Lord, and help us to trust in your extravagant life-giving love. Call us to risky adventures to touch the lives of our neighbours and strangers. Transform us, O Lord, and return us to our identity as the people of God. Enable us to trust in your ways, modelling the way of being a community of disciples. In Jesus' name we pray.

***KYRIE ELEISON Lord have mercy...(sung)**

Assurance of Pardon: Friends, God wants only good things for all God's children. Wherever we are and whoever we are, God is with us. God has destined us to be free and generous. God in Christ Jesus works always to forgive us. God calls us to show compassionate love to each other. So let us journey forward in the light of God, in the light of hope, forgiveness and renewal. May God grant us the courage and grace to accept that we are forgiven. So, go in peace and proclaim the good news that God's saving love is for everyone.

Amen! Thanks be to God.

LORD'S PRAYER (sung)

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

1 Thessalonians 5: 1 - 11

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia.** Abide in me as I abide in you; those who abide in me bear much fruit. **Alleluia.**

(John 15:4, 5)

Gospel Reading: St Matthew 25: 14 – 30

Sermon: Parable of the Talents:

Call for extravagant opportunity to discipleship.

Call to engage God's gifts in single-minded faithfulness.

Call to seize opportunities to serve 'the other' across the traditional boundaries.

Hymn 599: *Take my life and let it be*

(Offerings will be received during the singing of this hymn)

Prayer of dedication: *(Congregation remains standing)*

Announcements and concerns of the Church

A Litany – *The Great Cloud of Witnesses* UIW p. 202

The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you

