*Eucharist for 16th Sunday after Trinity, Proper 21, Year A, 27.09.2020*

*The Gathering*

*Hymn* All Hail The Power Of Jesus’ Name

All hail the power of Jesu’s name; let angels prostrate fall;  
bring forth the royal diadem to crown him Lord of all.  
  
Crown him, ye morning stars of light, who fixed this floating ball;  
now hail the strength of Israel’s might, and crown him Lord of all.  
  
Crown him, ye martyrs of your God, who from his altar call;  
praise him whose way of pain ye trod, and crown him Lord of all.  
  
Ye seed of Israel’s chosen race, ye ransomed of the fall,  
hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.  
  
Hail him, ye heirs of David’s line, whom David Lord did call;  
the God incarnate, man divine, and crown him Lord of all.

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

*The Greeting*

The Lord be with you

**and also with you.**

*Prayers of Penitence*

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ to save us from our sins, to be our advocate in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life. Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace with all.

**Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart.**

**We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.**

**In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy,**

**and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

*Absolution*

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you,

pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,

and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The Gloria*

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father.

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father.**

To God be glory forever. **To God be glory forever.**

Alleluia, amen. **Alleluia, amen. Alleluia, amen. Alleluia, amen.**

Glory to God, glory to God, Son of the Father.

**Glory to God, glory to God, Son of the Father.**

To God be glory forever. **To God be glory forever.**

Alleluia, amen. **Alleluia, amen. Alleluia, amen. Alleluia, amen.**

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit.

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit.**

To God be glory forever. **To God be glory forever.**

Alleluia, amen. **Alleluia, amen. Alleluia, amen. Alleluia, amen.**

*The 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.**

*The Liturgy of the Word*

*First Reading* Ezekiel 18: 1-4, 25 - 32

The word of the Lord came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, ‘The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge’? As I live, says the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die. Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is unfair.’ Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, ‘The way of the Lord is unfair.’ O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin.Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Second Reading* Philippians 2: 1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*The Gospel*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *St Matthew*.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Matthew 21: 23-32

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, ‘By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?’ Jesus said to them, ‘I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?’ And they argued with one another, ‘If we say, “From heaven,” he will say to us, “Why then did you not believe him?” But if we say, “Of human origin,” we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.’ So they answered Jesus, ‘We do not know.’ And he said to them, ‘Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, “Son, go and work in the vineyard today.” He answered, “I will not”; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, “I go, sir”; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?’ They said, ‘The first.’ Jesus said to them, ‘Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Sermon*

*The Creed*

**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,)**

**who with 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.**

*Prayers of Intercession*

*In the Diocesan Calendar we pray for the Zimbabwe Link Representatives: Moira Astin (Croydon-Central Zimbabwe); Steve Coulson (Kingston-Matebeleland); Alastair Cutting (Woolwich-Manicaland); and Wendy Robins (Southwark Cathedral-Masvingo)*

*In the Anglican Communion Calendar, we pray for the Bishops, priests and people of the Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan and the Most Revd Ezekiel Kumir Kondo: Archbishop of the Province and Bishop of Khartoum*

*In the Christ Church calendar, we pray for Springwater Close*

*We also pray for all whose year’s mind falls at this time.*

As you have called us to know you, you have called us to love you.

Lord, sustain us by your love and make us worthy of our calling.

We pray for the church as it works in poor and difficult areas,

for the work of the church among outcasts and rejected people.

Lord, by our love

lead us and transform us.

We pray for the kingdoms of the world, that they may become the kingdom of our God.

We pray that leaders of people and rulers may govern with humility,

that they may not be full of selfish ambition or conceit,

that they may seek truly to serve and to meet the needs of their people.

We pray for all who are exploited, for all who are treated like slaves,

for all who yearn for freedom and justice.

Lord, by our love

lead us and transform us.

We give thanks for all who have given themselves for us in love,

for the sacrifice of parents and friends.

We pray that we may be generous towards all.

As we have richly received, may we richly give.

Teach us to be accepting and hospitable.

Lord, by our love

lead us and transform us.

Lord, bless all who find life difficult at this time.

We pray for those who have hard decisions to make this week.

We remember those who are having a hard time at home or at work,

all who are suffering humiliation or degradation.

We pray for all who are brought low by sickness.

We remember especially ………….

Lord, by our love

lead us and transform us.

We give thanks for all who have revealed the working of God

in their lives and are now in glory.

We give thanks for saints and martyrs,

for all who have enriched the world by their willingness to sacrifice.

We pray that we may rejoice with them in your kingdom.

Lord, by our love

lead us and transform us.

Merciful Father, **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,**

**our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*The Liturgy of the Sacrament*

*The Peace*

We are the body of Christ.

In the one Spirit we were all baptised into one body.

Let us then pursue all that makes for peace and builds up our common life.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

**and also with you.**

*Hymn Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour*

Lord, enthroned in heav'nly splendour, first-begotten from the dead,  
thou alone, our strong defender, liftest up thy people's head.  
Alleluia, alleluiah, Jesu, true and living bread!

Here our humblest homage pay we; here in loving reverence bow;  
here for faith’s discernment pray we lest we fail to know thee now,  
Alleluia, alleluia! thou art here, we ask not how.

Though the lowliest form doth veil thee, as of old in Bethlehem,  
here as there thine angels hail thee, Branch and Flower of Jesse’s stem.  
Alleluia, alleluia! we in worship join with them.

Paschal Lamb, thine offering, finished once for all when thou wast slain,  
in its fullness undiminished shall for evermore remain,  
Alleluia, alleluia! cleansing souls from every stain.

Life-imparting heavenly manna, stricken rock with streaming side,  
heaven and earth with loud hosanna worship thee, the Lamb who died,  
Alleluia, alleluia! risen, ascended, glorified!

*Preparation of the Altar*

*Prayer at the preparation of the altar.*

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:

through your goodness we have this bread to set before you,

which earth has given and human hands have made.

It will become for us the bread of life.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:

through your goodness we have this wine to set before you,

fruit of the vine and work of human hands.

It will become for us the cup of salvation.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

*The Eucharistic Prayer*

The Lord be with you

**and also with you.**

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 indeed right, it is our duty and our joy,

at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise,

holy Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal God,

through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

*For he is your living Word; through him you have created all things from the beginning,*

*and formed us in your own image. Through him you have freed us from the slavery of sin,*

*giving him to be born of a woman and to die upon the cross;*

*you raised him from the dead and exalted him to your right hand on high.*

*Through him you have sent upon us your holy and life-giving Spirit,*

*and made us a people for your own possession.*

Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven,

we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying:

**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.**

Accept our praises, heavenly Father, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,

and as we follow his example and obey his command,

grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine

may be to us his body and his blood;

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.

Therefore, heavenly Father, we remember his offering of himself

made once for all upon the cross;

we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;

we look for the coming of your kingdom,

and with this bread and this cup we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,

and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty,

renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love

and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,

we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power**

**be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

*The Lord's Prayer*

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**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 president breaks the consecrated bread.*

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.**

*Agnus Dei*

**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*

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,**

**but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*Quiet Music: Nzamuranza (Mozambique) (We worship Christ)*

*Prayer after Communion*

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**.

*Then we pray together:*

**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. 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.**

*The Dismissal*

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.**

*Hymn Jesus is Lord*

Jesus is Lord! Creation's voice proclaims it,

for by his power each tree and flower was planned and made.

Jesus is Lord!

The universe declares it -sun, moon and stars in heaven cry:

`Jesus is Lord!'

*Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lord!*

*Praise him with alleluias, for Jesus is Lord.*

Jesus is Lord! Yet from his throne eternal

in flesh he came to die in pain on Calvary's tree.

Jesus is Lord! From him all life proceeding -yet gave his life a ransom thus setting us free.

Jesus is Lord! O'er sin the mighty conqueror;

from death he rose and all his foes shall own his name.

Jesus is Lord! God sends his Holy Spirit

to show by works of power that Jesus is Lord.

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