



# A Eucharist for the Fourth Sunday After Trinity The 72<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of the Foundation of the NHS

## **Prelude**

## **Welcome**

*The President may say some words of introduction and welcome.*

## **Hymn**

Praise to the Holiest in the height,  
and in the depth be praise:  
in all his words most wonderful,  
most sure in all his ways.

O wisest love! that flesh and blood,  
which did in Adam fail,  
should strive afresh against the foe,  
should strive and should prevail;

And that a higher gift than grace  
should flesh and blood refine,  
God's presence and his very self,  
and essence all-divine.

*(John Henry Newman)*

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

**All: Amen.**

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

**All: And also with you.**

## Prayers of Penitence

God so loved the world  
that he gave us 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.

You made us to be one family,  
yet we have divided humanity.  
Lord, have mercy.

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

You were born to reconcile all people,  
yet we have brought disharmony amongst races.  
Christ, have mercy.

*All:* **Christ, have mercy.**

You rejoice in our differences,  
yet we make them a cause of enmity.  
Lord, have mercy.

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

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.

*All:* **Amen.**

## The Gloria

*All:* **Glory to God in the Highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, Heav'nly 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.**

## The Collect

God of healing and compassion,  
we thank you for the establishment of the National Health Service,  
and for the dedication of all who work in it:  
give skill, sympathy and resilience  
to all who care for the sick,  
and your wisdom to those engaged in medical research.  
Strengthen all in their vocation through your Spirit,  
that through their work  
many will be restored to health and strength;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All:* **Amen.**

## First Reading – Ecclesiasticus 38:1-9

Honour physicians for their services,  
for the Lord created them;  
for their gift of healing comes from the Most High,  
and they are rewarded by the king.  
The skill of physicians makes them distinguished,  
and in the presence of the great they are admired.  
The Lord created medicines out of the earth,  
and the sensible will not despise them.  
Was not water made sweet with a tree  
in order that its power might be known?  
And he gave skill to human beings  
that he might be glorified in his marvellous works.  
By them the physician heals and takes away pain;  
the pharmacist makes a mixture from them.  
God's works will never be finished;  
and from him health spreads over all the earth.  
My child, when you are ill, do not delay,  
but pray to the Lord, and he will heal you.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Reading – Luke 7:1-10

Alleluia, alleluia.  
I am the light of the world, says the Lord.  
Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness  
but will have the gift of light.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

After Jesus had finished all his sayings in the hearing of the people, he entered Capernaum. A centurion there had a slave whom he valued highly, and who was ill and close to death. When he heard about Jesus, he sent some Jewish elders to him, asking him to come and heal his slave. When they came to Jesus, they appealed to him earnestly, saying, 'He is worthy of having you do this for him, for he loves our people, and it is he who built our synagogue for us.' And Jesus went with them, but when he was not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to say to him, 'Lord, do not trouble yourself, for I am not worthy to have you

come under my roof; therefore I did not presume to come to you. But only speak the word, and let my servant be healed. For I also am a man set under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, "Go", and he goes, and to another, "Come", and he comes, and to my slave, "Do this", and the slave does it.' When Jesus heard this he was amazed at him, and turning to the crowd that followed him, he said, 'I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such faith.' When those who had been sent returned to the house, they found the slave in good health.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **Sermon**

### **Affirmation of Faith**

*All:* **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 of 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**

*We use either of the following responses or a suitable alternative:*

Lord, hear us.

*All:* **Lord, graciously hear us.**

*At the end of the prayers:*

Merciful Father,

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

## **The Peace**

We are the body of Christ.

In the one Spirit we were all baptized 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.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*This is the moment in the service when we usually take a collection for our churches. The work we do is funded only by the money we raise ourselves. Please visit our website for more information on how to give to our parish:*

<https://www.cheamparish.org.uk/giving>

## **Hymn**

Have faith in God, my heart,  
Trust and be unafraid;  
God will fulfil in every part  
Each promise He has made.

Have faith in God, my mind,  
Though oft Thy light burns low;  
God's mercy holds a wiser plan  
Than Thou canst fully know.

Have faith in God, my soul,  
His cross for ever stands;  
And neither life nor death can pluck  
His children from His hands.

Lord Jesus, make me whole;  
Grant me no resting place,  
Until I rest, heart, mind, and soul,  
The captive of Thy grace.

*(Bryn Rees)*

## **Preparation of the Table**

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.

**All: 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.

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

## Eucharistic Prayer E

The Lord be with you  
*All:* **and also with you.**

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*All:* **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Father, you made the world and love your creation.  
You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour.  
His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death.

And so we gladly thank you,  
with saints and angels praising you, and *saying:*

*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.**

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 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 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.**

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 St Dunstan, St Oswald, St Alban 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

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 bread, saying one of the following:*

*All:* Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
**We proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

## Agnus Dei

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
grant us peace.**

## Giving of Communion

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.  
**Jesus Christ is holy,  
Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.**

*The President receives communion.*

### **Spiritual Communion**

*It is an ancient practice of the Church that, when you are prevented from attending the Holy Eucharist, people are invited to express, in the words of St. Thomas Aquinas, "an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Holy Sacrament and a loving embrace as though we had already received Him." Therefore, during this time you are invited to pray this prayer, which may be said as often as you desire:*

**Jesus, I believe that you are present  
in the Blessed Sacrament.  
I love you above all things,  
and I long for you in my soul.  
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, be with me at least  
spiritually into my heart.  
Amen.**

### **Prayers after Communion**

*The present says the Post Communion prayer.*

Eternal God,  
comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken,  
you have fed us at the table of life and hope:  
teach us the ways of gentleness and peace,  
that all the world may acknowledge  
the kingdom of your Son 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.**

## **Notices and Announcements**

### **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.

*All:* **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

### **Hymn**

All creatures of our God and King,  
lift up your voice and with us sing,  
alleluia, alleluia!  
Thou burning sun with golden beam,  
thou silver moon with softer gleam:  
O praise him, O praise him,  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Dear mother earth, who day by day  
Unfoldest blessings on our way,  
O praise him! Alleluia!  
The flowers and fruits that in thee grow,  
Let them his glory also show:  
O praise him, O praise him,  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,  
and worship him in humbleness,  
O praise him, alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
and praise the Spirit, three in one:  
O praise him, O praise him,  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*(William Henry Draper)*

## **Postlude**