

St John's Penge – 3rd May 2020
Holy Communion

Opening Song: Be Thou My Vision

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Confession

We serve a risen Saviour yet live as if we are in chains.
Forgive us, Lord that we are so hesitant to live the resurrection life.
Forgive us that we fail to show through word and action the truth that
you loved us into your kingdom through the glorious mystery of the
Cross.
Forgive us that there is still fear in our lives that prevents us from
achieving our full potential.

Draw us close. Open our eyes to the glory of the risen Christ,
our hearts to the wonder of the Cross
and our hands to the service of your kingdom
where you have placed us,
that your name might be glorified through our lives. Amen.

God of resurrection
God of promise
God of hope
We thank you for forgiving us through the sacrifice of your death and the
victory of your resurrection. Amen

Affirmation of Faith

We believe in God the Father, who created the world,
He was faithful when we were not,
and continuously seeks to redeem the world.

We believe in God the Son, Jesus Christ,
He humbled himself by becoming human and living among us.
He was sent by the Father to give us life;
who, though he knew no sin, became sin
and was put to death on a cross.
We believe that three days later He was raised from the dead
by the power of God and was seen in bodily form.

We believe that the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus
gives us victory over any form of sin and brokenness
and allows us to know the full love of God for the world.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who actively works in our lives,
giving us grace to be like Jesus, and sends us to show God's love for the
world. Amen

Reading: Psalm 25

Psalm 25^[a]

Of David.

¹ In you, LORD my God,

I put my trust.

² I trust in you;

do not let me be put to shame,

nor let my enemies triumph over me.

³ No one who hopes in you

will ever be put to shame,

but shame will come on those
 who are treacherous without cause.
⁴Show me your ways, LORD,
 teach me your paths.
⁵Guide me in your truth and teach me,
 for you are God my Saviour,
 and my hope is in you all day long.
⁶Remember, LORD, your great mercy and love,
 for they are from of old.
⁷Do not remember the sins of my youth
 and my rebellious ways;
 according to your love remember me,
 for you, LORD, are good.
⁸Good and upright is the LORD;
 therefore he instructs sinners in his ways.
⁹He guides the humble in what is right
 and teaches them his way.
¹⁰All the ways of the LORD are loving and faithful
 toward those who keep the demands of his covenant.
¹¹For the sake of your name, LORD,
 forgive my iniquity, though it is great.
¹²Who, then, are those who fear the LORD?
 He will instruct them in the ways they should choose.^[b]
¹³They will spend their days in prosperity,
 and their descendants will inherit the land.
¹⁴The LORD confides in those who fear him;
 he makes his covenant known to them.
¹⁵My eyes are ever on the LORD,
 for only he will release my feet from the snare.
¹⁶Turn to me and be gracious to me,
 for I am lonely and afflicted.
¹⁷Relieve the troubles of my heart
 and free me from my anguish.
¹⁸Look on my affliction and my distress

and take away all my sins.
¹⁹See how numerous are my enemies
 and how fiercely they hate me!
²⁰Guard my life and rescue me;
 do not let me be put to shame,
 for I take refuge in you.
²¹May integrity and uprightness protect me,
 because my hope, LORD,^[c] is in you.
²²Deliver Israel, O God,
 from all their troubles!

Talk

Prayers: **Kemi**

After each prayer I will say "**Lord in your mercy**".
 You respond "**Hear our prayer**".

Also we are going to remember Maat & her brother in our prayer; it is a request from our mission partner, the Day family in Thailand.

Let us pray.

Eternal God, in faith we turn to you on this new day to pray for ourselves, families, friends and our world. We lift our prayer to you for our churches and for all who are worshipping around the world today. We pray for those church doors are closed today including our parish, that they might connect with one another and you through prayer and song, we give thanks that technology can help people stay connected.

Lord in your mercy
Hear our prayer

We pray for our nations finding their path through this complicated and challenging period of corona virous. May leaders know your wisdom as they discern the way ahead.

Lord in your mercy
Hear our prayer

We pray for those who feel afraid about their future, may they know your hope as they travel through darkness.

Lord in your mercy
Hear our prayer

God of life, we ask for your healing power on those who are enduring pain and illness. We especially think of Val Beck way, Yvette and Anthony Wedderburn and those we name quietly in our hearts.

Lord in your mercy
Hear our prayer

We share the grief of people close to us who have recently lost loved ones. We especially think of Emma's family, Nikki's Husband and the boys, Yvette family, Maat and her brother and all those we name quietly in our hearts.

Lord in your mercy
Hear our prayer

God of love and hope renew in us a deeper sense of who we are in you. Help us to be aware of your presence each day and every day, Make us instruments of love and praise. May our words, actions and lives, be living example of your forgiving, healing and life-giving love.

Lord in your mercy
Hear our prayer

The Collect

Almighty God, whose son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and life, raise us who trust in him from the death of sin to the life of righteousness that we may seek those things which are above where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever and as our saviour Jesus Christ has taught us so we pray.

**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 forever.**

And all people said,
Amen.

Peace

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.'
Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.
The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Communion

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

It is always right to give you thanks,
 God our Creator,
 loving and faithful,
 holy and strong.
 You made us
 and the whole universe,
 and filled your world with life.

You sent your Son to live among us,
 Jesus our Saviour, Mary's child.
 He suffered on the cross;
 he died to save us from our sins;
 he rose in glory from the dead.

You send your Spirit
 to bring new life to the world,
 and clothe us with power from on high.
 And so we join the angels
 to celebrate and sing:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
 God of power and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.
 Hosanna in the highest.**

Father, on the night before he died,
 Jesus shared a meal with his friends.
 He took the bread, and thanked you.
 He broke it, and gave it to them, saying:
 Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
 Do this to remember me.
 After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine.
 He thanked you, and gave it to them, saying:
 Drink this, all of you.
 This is my blood,
 the new promise of God's unfailing love.
 Do this to remember me.

Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Father, as we bring this bread and wine,
 and remember his death and resurrection,
 send your Holy Spirit,
 that we who share these gifts
 may be fed by Christ's body and his blood.

Pour your Spirit on us
 that we may love one another,
 work for the healing of the earth,
 and share the good news of Jesus,
 as we wait for his coming in glory.

For honour and praise belong to you, Father,
 with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit:
 one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

After Communion

Holy, gracious, God,

Here at this table your promise of life is made tangible.

We have rested in the depth of your love;

We have tasted your nourishing and nurturing presence;

We accept you into our bodies and into our lives.

Together, at this table, you have offered us life.

Together, by your grace, we accept the life you offer.

And we give you thanks. Amen

Blessing

Final song: Cornerstone