St John the Evangelist Farsley

10.30_{am} online Holy Communion Sunday 26th July 2020 (7th Sunday after Trinity) *Welcome*

Leader: Janet Whitaker; preacher: Ven Paul Ayers, Archdeacon of Leeds

Introduction to the service by Revd Sue McWhinney

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

Hymn 1) Praise my soul the king of heaven (Eileen)

Prayer of Preparation

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayers of Penitence

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.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

The leader declares God's forgiveness: Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

As God's forgiven people, with joy we sing: (Eileen playing)

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.

The Collect, the 'special prayer' for today Generous God, you give us gifts and make them grow: though our faith is small as mustard seed, make it grow to your glory and the flourishing of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

1st Reading

Romans 8.26-39 At the end the reader may say This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Hymn 2) Jesus lead us to the Father (Resound Worship) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pUSbgFc_WXw

The Gospel

Matthew 13.31-33, and v44-52 Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Sermon: Ven. Paul Ayers, Archdeacon of Leeds

Hymn 3) Jesus you have called us (Resound Worship) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HzP6Mx3CiMM

Affirmation of Faith

And now we declare our faith in God.

We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high. We believe in one God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

This response may be used: Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

And at the end

Merciful Father,

accept these prayers for the sake of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Christ is our peace. We meet in his name and share his peace. The peace of Christ be always with you, **and also with you**.

Eucharistic Prayer (Prayer B)

The Lord is here. **His Spirit is with us.**

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.

Father, we give you thanks and praise through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word, through whom you have created all things; who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.

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.

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: Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.

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 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, 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. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour 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 for ever. Amen.

Breaking of the 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.

Giving of Communion

The minister receives communion on behalf of the people, and says The body of Christ, keep us in eternal life, & The blood of Christ, shed for all of us.

Prayer after Communion

The Post Communion prayer is said Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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.

The Dismissal

Hymn 4) Great is thy faithfulness (Eileen playing)

We pray for our children's groups, our families, and for ABC Church.

We give thanks for the offerings we have made this week, in our practical care for others, and in our financial giving for the work of the church, and we ask God to bless it all.

Our income has gone down during the Coronavirus Crisis because we have had to close the church buildings, but our work to help people continues.

We rely on donations to enable us to continue offering spiritual support and practical help to those in need in our community. We're pleased to have been able to do that with online services, weekly deliveries of newsletters, and support for the Pudsey Community Project, which reaches out to those in need in Farsley. But we still have bills to pay! If you would like to give us a donation online to support our work, you can do so using a secure link at: <u>https://www.stjohnsfarsley.org.uk/donate.php</u>

Thank you.

Notices: church will be opening for regular public worship on Sundays, starting 23rd August. This will be a new type of service, a 9.30am Parish Communion, as we are unable to hold more than one Sunday morning service at the moment. Please arrive 10-15 minutes early to allow time for checking in. We will also continue to provide online Sunday services, and dial-in midweek Communions for the time being, for who feel safer staying at home.

Church is open for individual prayer on Sundays 9.30am -11am, and on Wednesdays 2-3pm. Do come.

Blessing

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, through the power of the Holy Spirit, 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. For now, we will be continuing to offer pre-recorded services online from 8.30am every Sunday (Communion or Morning Worship) and live dial-in Wednesday morning Communion services, until we are all able to meet in church safely. Do come and join us again!

http://stjohnsfarsley.org.uk/

Live dial-in Wednesday Communion services 9.30am every Wednesday:

- Call 0330 088 5830 (local rate number).
- You will be asked to key in the "meeting ID" 96872099226
- You can also join this service by video call using the following Zoom link: <u>https://zoom.us/j/96872099226</u>

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