



CHURCH OF CHRIST THE CORNERSTONE

Milton Keynes

HOLY COMMUNION

ZOOM GATHERING

SUNDAY 30 APRIL 2023 - 6.00 pm

Welcome

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Let us come together before God, our consoler in distress.
Let us come together before God, our hiding place from troubles.
Let us come together before God, whose love surrounds us.
Let us rejoice in the Lord, our comforter and refuge.

Silence

Gathering Prayer

God our stronghold and deliverer, you are the only Lord, our God, and we trust only in you. Jesus you were tempted in the wilderness, but you chose another way. You were obedient to your Father. You challenged the evil one and reign victoriously. We bow before you today and sit at your feet, worshipping only you.

Amen.

The Confession

Lord, we are sorry when we are tempted by all that the world has to offer us: the temptation to be relevant and popular; the temptation to be spectacular and successful; the temptation for power and wealth and so many things. We are sorry when we make the wrong decisions. We are sorry for the temptations that lead to addiction, corruption and ultimately hurt other people.

Forgive us, Lord.

We seek your wisdom and discernment to make better choices, to be rooted in you. We thank you that, in our weaknesses, we can be made strong; and that it is in weakness, in the desert times of our lives, that amazing things can happen.

We ask in Jesus' name.

Amen.

Bible Reading

— Acts 2:42-47

⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

⁴³ Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles.

⁴⁴ All the believers were together and had everything in common.

⁴⁵ They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need.

⁴⁶ Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts,

⁴⁷ praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

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The Thanksgiving

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, 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 offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become our spiritual drink.

Blessed be God for ever.

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.

Almighty God, good Father to us all, your face is turned towards your world. In love you gave us Jesus your Son to rescue us from sin and death.

Your Word goes out to call us home to the city where angels sing your praise. We join with them in heaven's song:

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 bless the name of Jesus, bone of our bone, flesh of our flesh whose brokenness and suffering makes love real, who on the night in which he was betrayed took bread, gave thanks, broke it and gave it to his disciples saying, Take, eat. This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

After supper he took the cup saying, drink from this, all of you, this is my blood given for you. Do this whenever you drink it in remembrance of me.

This is the mystery of our faith.

Christ has died,

Christ is risen,

Christ will come again.

Therefore, as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we acknowledge brokenness as a path to truth. We long for the bread of tomorrow: eternally broken and so able to nourish. We long for the new wine of the kingdom: continuously poured out that thirst may be quenched.

Send your Spirit on us now that by these gifts we may feed on Christ with opened eyes and hearts on fire. May we and all who share this food offer ourselves to live for you and be welcomed at your feast in heaven where all creation worships you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

Blessing and honour and glory and power Be yours forever and ever. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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. Amen.

THE COMMUNION

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. Amen.

After Communion

Return to God with all your heart: remove the burdens of the poor, let the oppressed go free, and speak evil no more. Offer your food to the hungry and care for the afflicted, and your light will break forth like the dawn.

Amen

Silence

The Blessing

God be in your head, and in your understanding; God be in your eyes, and in your looking; God be in your mouth, and in my speaking; God be in your heart, and in your thinking; God be at your end, and at your departing. And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you today and always

Amen.

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen