

Holy Trinity, Cuckfield

Thursday Eucharist



Opening prayer:

**Come Lord Jesus, be our guest, stay with us through this day.
With friend, with stranger, with young and with old, be among us.
Come close to us that we may come close to you.
Forgive us, that we may forgive one another.
Renew us, so that, where we have failed, we may begin again. Amen.**

A period of silence is kept

Come let us return to the Lord and say:

**Lord our God,
in our sin we have avoided your call.
Our love for you is like a morning cloud,
like the dew that goes away early.
Have mercy on us;
deliver us from judgement;
bind up our wounds and revive us;
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

May the God of love bring us back to himself, forgive us our sins
and assure us of his love made known through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Collect for the day

The word of God is read and the Gospel proclaimed.

Contemplation and/or Discussion may follow

The altar is laid and the invitation given:

At the Last Supper, Jesus, sharing bread and wine, invited his guests to share his journey. Just as many grains of wheat become one loaf of bread, Jesus invited his disciples to become one body with him.

Here this morning, through bread and wine, we renew our journey with Jesus and his disciples and our unity with one another and the whole company of heaven.

So come, savour this bread and wine, gifts of the earth, work of human hands, food of both earth and heaven.

**Blessed is our brother Jesus, who walks with us through the road of this world's suffering and joy,
who is known to us in the Scriptures and in the breaking of the bread.**

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.**

We offer you praise dear God, and our hearts lifted high, for in the communion of your love, Christ comes close to us and we come close to Christ. Therefore with the whole realm of nature around us, with earth, sea and sky, we praise you. With the angels of light who envelop us, and the whole host of heaven, with all the saints before and beside us, with brothers and sisters, north, south, east and west, we praise you.

And with our loved ones, separate from us now, who yet in this mystery are close to us, we join in the song of your unending greatness.

**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.**

Lord Jesus Christ, present with us now, as we do in this place what you did in an upstairs room, breathe your Holy Spirit upon this bread and wine, that they may be heaven's food and drink for us, renewing, sustaining and making us whole, and that we may be your body on earth, loving and caring in the world.

On the night of his arrest Jesus took bread and having blessed it, he broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me."

In the same way he took wine and having given thanks for it, he poured it out and gave the cup to his disciples, saying, "Drink this all of you. This cup is the new relationship with God, sealed with my blood. Take and share it to remember me. I shall drink wine with you next in the coming Kingdom of God.

Loving God, it is through your goodness that we have this bread and wine to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. In sharing this bread may we know your resurrection presence, and may we know that it is you that we touch.

Almighty God as we celebrate the life that Jesus has shared among his people through the centuries and shares among us now, help us, made one with Christ to be one with each other, that we may offer these gifts and with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice.

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, by whom and with whom and in whom, 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.

Intercession is made

You are above us O God, you are beneath. You are in air, you are in earth, you are beside us, you are within. O God, you are in the betrayed and suffering people of our world just as you were in the broken body of Jesus.

We pray now for all that concerns us as we sit at table together.

Let us offer our own prayers both spoken and unspoken.

You are invited to pray silently or to name petitions you bring.

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 for ever. Amen.**

My friends, see the bread of heaven broken for the life of the world.
The gifts of God for the people of God.

People receive communion

The Peace:

As this broken bread was scattered through the fields and hills before being gathered to become one, so may we and all people be gathered from the ends of the earth into Christ's Kingdom.

May the peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

After The Peace is shared with one another:

On our hearts and on our homes.

The blessing of God.

In our coming and our going.

The peace of God.

In our life and our believing.

The Love of God.

At our end and new beginning.

The arms of God to welcome us and bring us home. Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord **In the name of Christ. Amen**