

# All Saints, Clifton

**FAMILY EUCHARIST**

***16th December 2018***

***A warm welcome to everyone, please stay for refreshments after the service***

**Theme: The Word Old Testament to New Testament**



**The Greeting:**

We meet in the name of God: **Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

The Lord be with you, **And also with you.**

**Introduction:**

## Hymn

*A collection will be taken during this hymn.*

The Saviour will come, resplendent in joy;  
The lame and the sick new strength will enjoy.  
The desert rejoicing, shall burst into flower,  
The deaf and the speechless will sing in that hour!

The Saviour will come like rain on the earth,  
To harvest at last his crop of great worth.  
In patience await him, with firmness of mind;  
Both mercy and judgement his people will find.

The Saviour will come, his truth we shall see:  
Where lepers are cleansed and captives set free.  
No finely clad princeling in palace of gold,  
But Christ with his people, O wonder untold!

## Invitation to confession:

The Spirit of truth will convict the world  
of guilt about sin, righteousness and judgement.

**We have grieved the Holy Spirit.**

In sorrow we confess our sins.

When the Lord comes, he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness,  
and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Therefore in the light of Christ let  
us confess our sins.

**Most merciful God,  
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
we confess that we have sinned  
in thought, word and deed.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart.  
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.  
In your mercy  
forgive what we have been,**

help us to amend what we are,  
and direct what we shall be;  
that we may do justly,  
love mercy,  
and walk humbly with you, our God,  
**Amen.**

### **Absolution**

May God our Father forgive us our sins and bring us to the fellowship of his table  
with his saints forever. **Amen.**

### **The Prayer for Today (Collect)**

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare  
your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries  
may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the  
disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the  
world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and  
reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

### **The Reading for Today: *Luke 3.7-18***

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, 'You brood of  
vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of  
repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our  
ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to  
Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore  
that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.' And the  
crowds asked him, 'What then should we do?' In reply he said to them, 'Whoever  
has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must  
do likewise.' Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him,  
'Teacher, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Collect no more than the  
amount prescribed for you.' Soldiers also asked him, 'And we, what should we  
do?' He said to them, 'Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false  
accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.' As the people were filled with  
expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he  
might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with  
water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie

the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.' So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Presentation:** Brendan Biggs

We Proclaim our Faith:

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of  
saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life  
everlasting.**

**Amen.**

**Notices**

## The Peace and the Offertory:

The peace of the Lord be always with you      **and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace

After we have exchanged the Peace please follow the Offertory procession into the Sanctuary and gather around the Altar in a large circle

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;

in your love you made us for yourself.

When we turned away you did not reject us,

but came to meet us in your Son.

**You embraced us as your children**

**and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life

that we might live in him and he in us.

**He opened his arms of love upon the cross**

**and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends he took bread, and gave you thanks;

he broke it and gave it to them, saying:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;

do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:**

**his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,  
he gave you thanks, and said:

Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for  
you for the forgiveness of sins; do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:  
his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory,  
send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine  
may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

**As we eat and drink these holy gifts  
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world  
we offer you this sacrifice of praise  
and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

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

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**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.**

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

Jesus, Lamb of God, **have mercy on us.**  
Jesus, bearer of our sins, **have mercy on us.**  
Jesus, redeemer of the world, **grant us peace.**

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 Giving of Communion

After the distribution of communion please stay in the Sanctuary.

### Hymn NEH 465

Thou didst leave Thy throne and Thy kingly crown,  
When Thou camest to earth for me;  
But in Bethlehem's home was there found no room  
For Thy holy nativity.

*Refrain. O come to my heart, Lord Jesus,  
There is room in my heart for Thee.*

Heaven's arches rang when the angels sang,  
Proclaiming Thy royal degree;  
But of lowly birth didst Thou come to earth,  
And in great humility.

*Refrain*

Thou camest, O Lord, with the living Word,  
That should set Thy people free;  
But with mocking scorn and with crown of thorn,  
They bore Thee to Calvary.

*Refrain*

When the heav'ns shall ring, and her choirs shall sing,  
At Thy coming to victory,  
Let Thy voice call me home, saying "Yet there is room,  
There is room at My side for thee."

### **Post Communion Collect**

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts; kindle in us the fire of your Spirit that when your Christ comes again we may shine as lights before his face; who is alive and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **Blessing and Dismissal**