St Andrew’s CE Primary School

**Ascension Day Eucharist**

**Preparing to Worship God**

Priest: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

**All: Amen**

Priest: The Lord be with you

**All: And also with you**

**Saying Sorry to God**

Priest: To prepare ourselves to praise and thank God, let us say we are sorry for the ways in which we hurt Him.

*After a short periods of silence, we think of the things we are sorry for:*

**All: Father, I am sorry for the things I have done wrong:**

**for being unkind and greedy**

**for wanting the best for myself and not for others,**

**for making people unhappy.**

**For these things**

**and the things I can no longer remember,**

**Father, please forgive,**

**through your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen**

Priest: Almighty God, who forgives all who are truly sorry, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**The Gloria**

Glory to God, Glory to God,

glory to the Father.

**Glory to God, Glory to God,**

**glory to the Father.**

To him be glory for ever.

**To him be glory for ever.**

Alleluia, amen.

**Alleluia, amen. Alleluia, amen. Alleluia, amen.**

Glory to God, Glory to God,

Son of the Father.

**Glory to God, Glory to God,**

**Son of the Father.**

To him be glory for ever.

**To him be glory for ever.**

Alleluia, amen.

**Alleluia, amen. Alleluia, amen. Alleluia, amen.**

Glory to God, Glory to God,

glory to the Spirit.

**Glory to God, Glory to God,**

**glory to the Spirit.**

To him be glory for ever.

**To him be glory for ever.**

Alleluia, amen.

**Alleluia, amen. Alleluia, amen. Alleluia, amen.**

**The Collect** –

Risen Jesus,

you have made us in your image

to share your throne of heaven:

help us to see and serve you,

that we may join you at the Father’s side,

where you reign with the Spirit in glory,

now and for ever. **Amen**

**Hearing the Word of God**

All stand for the GOSPEL READING:

Priest: Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

**All: Glory to you, O Lord**

*At the end of the Gospel:*

Priest: This is the Gospel of the Lord

**All: Praise to you O Christ**

*Sit for a* ***short talk****, or presentation of work, about the readings and the theme.*

*EXPLAIN the RESPONSE: [Remain seated for]* The Prayers.

After each prayer: Lord, in your mercy

**All: Hear our prayer**

*After the prayers, there is a short period of silence, and the priest may say a final prayer. He ends with the words:* Merciful Father,

**All: accept these prayers,**

**for the sake of your Son, Our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**

**The Peace**

Priest: We are the Body of Christ

**All: In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body. Let us then pursue all that makes for peace and builds up our common life.**

Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you

**All: And also with you.**

Priest: Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*Everyone is invited to share the peace with one another.*

**Our Offering to God**

If we want to offer ourselves to God then we must live in peace with one another. The priest says a sentence and invites everyone to share the peace and love of Christ by shaking hands with those next to them.

Bread and wine are brought to the altar and the altar is prepared. The bread and wine represent our offering to God.

*We sing our second hymn:* ***Peace, perfect peace***

Peace, perfect peace, is the gift of Christ our Lord.   
Peace, perfect peace, is the gift of Christ our Lord.   
Thus says the Lord, will the world know my friends.   
Peace, perfect peace, is the gift of Christ our Lord.   
  
Love, perfect love, is the gift of Christ our Lord.  
Love, perfect love, is the gift of Christ our Lord.  
Thus, says the Lord, will the world know my friends.  
Love, perfect love, is the gift of Christ our Lord.  
  
Faith, perfect faith, is the gift of Christ our Lord.  
Faith, perfect faith, is the gift of Christ our Lord.  
Thus, says the Lord, will the world know my friends.  
Faith, perfect faith, is the gift of Christ our Lord.  
Hope, perfect hope, is the gift of Christ our Lord.   
Hope, perfect hope, is the gift of Christ our Lord.   
Thus says the Lord will the world know my friends.   
Hope, perfect hope, is the gift of Christ our Lord.   
  
Joy, perfect joy, is the gift of Christ our Lord.   
Joy, perfect joy, is the gift of Christ our Lord.   
Thus, says the Lord, will the world know my friends.

Joy, perfect joy, is the gift of Christ our Lord.   
  
  
**The Eucharistic Prayer**

Priest: The Lord is here

**All: His Spirit is with us**

Priest: Lift up your hearts

**All: We lift them to the Lord**

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

**All: It is right to give thanks and praise**

*The priest then recounts some of the wonderful acts of God in our world. The Sanctus and Benedictus may be said:*

**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.**

Priest: Great is the mystery of faith:

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

*After the Eucharistic Prayer, we say the Lord’s Prayer:*

Priest: Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour taught us

**All: Our Father...**

*In silence, the priest breaks the consecrated host for Communion. He then says:*

Priest: The gifts of God for the people of God

**All: Jesus Christ is holy,**

**Jesus Christ is Lord,**

**to the glory of God the Father. Amen**

*If you are confirmed, or have been admitted to Communion, you may now receive the bread and wine; otherwise, the priest will give you God’s blessing.*

**Going out**

*All say together the final prayer*

**All: Almighty God,**

**we offer you our souls and bodies**

**in serving you and serving one another**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Send us out in the power of your Spirit**

**to live and work to your praise and glory.**

**Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

*The priest gives God’s blessing before sending us out into the world:*

May Christ our heavenly King fill you with joy, faith, peace, hope and love; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**

Priest: Let us live in peace, loving and serving the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia

**All: in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia**

Prayer One

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

Lift up your hearts.  
***All* We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
***All* It is right to give thanks and praise.**

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:

***All* 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.**

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:  
***All* 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.**

**The Gospel for Ascension Day:**

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke:

Jesus said to his disciples:

“Now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised.

Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with power from on high.”

Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany and lifting up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy, and they were continually in the Temple praising God.

This is the gospel of the Lord.

The Prayers

Loving Father, you are so powerful and strong. You showed us how much you love us by sending Jesus into our world. Help us to love one another, and to care for all the people in the world.

Lord, in your mercy

Lord Jesus, you showed us the Father’s glory when you returned to him in heaven. Shine in our hearts and give us joy and peace.

Lord, in your mercy

Holy Spirit, who gave the disciples power to spread the good news of Jesus: be with each one of us today and help us to tell others about your love for everyone.

Lord, in your mercy

Talk:

Over sixty years ago,Princess Eliz was crowned. It was just after the war; people were poor; lots of shortages in the shops. Then came the coronation when the princess became the queen. There was great joy in the land.

Gospel tells us that Jesus was carried up into heaven. You’d think that the disciples must have been sad – but not at all. They went back to Jerusalem **full of joy.** I wonder why?

One reason might be that Jesus was now **officially king of all the earth.**

I think there was another reason too. All was well as long as they were all gathered together around Jesus, but what if they wanted to go to different places. Jesus could only be in one place at a time. Before he went to heaven, he promised to send the Holy Spirit to be with them. Unlike Jesus, the Spirit was in each one of them, no matter where they went. In ten days time, Jesus fulfilled his promise and sent the Holy Spirit to them. Before Jesus went to heaven, he told the disciples to tell everyone about him. And they all went different ways; some travelled across the land, others crossed the sea – and the Holy Spirit that Jesus had promised was with each one of them. Perhaps that was why they were so full of joy.

God promised that the Spirit would be with each one of us, too, to help us share God’s love with one another. We’ll talk about that a bit more next week.