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# **Holy Communion**

**16<sup>th</sup> August, 2020, Trinity 10**

**AVC On-Line and in  
St Mary's Church, Hale**

## **The Five Marks of Mission**



## *Welcome and Introduction*

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

**All: Amen.**

Holy Lord, you have called us to be your disciples and forward the mission of God in this place. Give us an openness and humility of heart, and a loving and compassionate spirit to discern your hand in all things through Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen**

*Hymn:* Longing for light, we wait in darkness

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.

Longing for truth, we turn to you.

Make us your own, your holy people,  
light for the world to see.

*Chorus*

Christ, be our light!

Shine in our hearts.

Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.

Longing for hope, many despair.

Your word alone has power to save us.

Make us your living voice.

*Chorus*

Longing for food, many are hungry.

Longing for water, many still thirst.

Make us your bread, broken for others,  
shared until all are fed.

*Chorus*

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.  
Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us your building, sheltering others,  
walls made of living stone.

*Chorus*

Many the gifts, many the people,  
many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another,  
making your kingdom come.

*Prayers of penitence*

**All: O God forgive us for:**  
**Our insensitivity to the needs of others.**  
**Our prejudice and fear that prevent us from loving.**  
**The narrowness of our vision and our shrinking from**  
**your demands.**  
**Our resentment against those who have hurt us.**  
**Our desire to do your work our way.**  
**Our impatience with those who are different from us.**  
**Our failure to listen properly to others points of view.**  
**Our fear of coming out of the fortress of own souls**  
**into fuller life and deeper love.**  
**O God forgive us.**

In your compassion and love,

**All: Forgive us, transform us and renew by your loving presence**

May the God of love and power  
forgive you and free you from sin,  
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,  
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

*The Collect*

Lord of heaven and earth,  
as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer,  
give us patience and courage never to lose hop,  
but always to bring our prayers before you:  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

A reading from Romans 11: 1-2a, 29-32

For the Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew  
(15: 21-28)

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

This is the gospel of the Lord

**All: Praise be to you O Christ**

Sermon

Let us pray for the Church and the world and thank God for all.

Lord hear us,

**All: Lord graciously hear us.**

*The Peace*

We are all one in Christ Jesus  
we belong to Him through faith,  
heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.

The peace and love of Christ be with you

**All: And also with you**

*The Offertory*

*Hymn: Lord Jesus Christ*

Lord Jesus Christ  
You have come to us  
You are one with us,  
Mary's Son.  
Cleansing our souls from all their sin.  
Pouring Your love and goodness in.  
Jesus our love for you we sing,  
Living Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ  
Now and every day  
Teach us how to pray,  
Son of God.  
You have commanded us to do  
This in remembrance Lord of you  
Into our lives your power breaks through,  
Living Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ  
You have come to us  
Born as one with us,  
Mary's Son.  
Led out to die on Calvary,  
Risen from death to set us free,  
Living Lord Jesus help us see  
You are Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ  
I would come to you  
Live my life for you,  
Son of God.  
All your commands I know are true,  
Your many gifts will make me new,  
Into my life your power breaks through,  
Living Lord.

Blessed be God'  
who feeds the hungry,  
who raises the poor'  
and fills our praise'.

**All: Blessed be God for ever**

*The Eucharistic Prayer*

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...**

Great is the mystery of faith

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

....Father, Son and Holy Spirit, ever one God.

**All: Amen.**

Joining with our brothers and sisters throughout the whole world  
we pray:

**All: 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.**

*The breaking of the bread*

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ

**All: Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

As we share this act of spiritual communion we do so in communion with the brokenness and outpoured-ness of humanity.

*Music:* Let us break bread together

*Post Communion Prayer*

God of our pilgrimage  
you have willed that the gate of mercy  
should stand open for those who trust in you:  
look upon us with favour  
that we who follow the path of your will  
may never wander from the path of life  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord  
**All: Amen.**

*Hymn:* All my hope on God is founded

All my hope on God is founded,  
all my trust he shall renew;  
he, my guide through changing order,  
only good and only true:  
God unknown, he alone  
calls my heart to be his own.

Pride of man and earthly glory,  
sword and crown betray his trust;

all that human toil can fashion,  
tower and temple, fall to dust.  
But God's power, hour by hour,  
is my temple and my tower.

Day by day our mighty giver  
grants to us his gifts of love;  
in his will our souls find pleasure,  
leading to our home above:  
love shall stand at his hand,  
joy shall wait for his command.

Still from Earth to God eternal  
sacrifice of praise be done;  
high above all praises praising  
for the gift of Christ his Son:  
hear Christ's call, one and all –  
we who follow shall not fall.

### *The Blessing and Dismissal*

The love of the faithful Creator,  
the peace of thee wounded healer  
the joy of the challenging Spirit,

the hope of the Three in One  
surround and encourage you  
today, tonight, and for ever.

**All: Amen.**

*Music: Tubular bells by Mike Oldfield*

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