



Family Communion 27th June 2021

"Sing to the Lord, you servants of his; give thanks to his holy name..." Ps.30.4

The Gathering

Welcome & Notices

Prayer of approach

**God of all, as a crowd, as a church, as a family,
we come together and reach out today
for your grace and your healing.
We pray for your help where we face challenges,
and for your guidance where we have barriers to overcome.
In Jesus' name.
Amen.**

Song A little bit of love

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Summary of the law

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: the first commandment is this: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.'

The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no other commandments greater than these. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.
Amen. Lord, have mercy.

Confession

Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts. See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

Psalm 139:23-24

After a period of reflection

**God of the streets and crowds of the world,
we come to you in sorrow and shame
for the times we have allowed prejudice to distance us
from those you would draw close to.
Lord, raise us up to love and serve you.**

**We bring to you the times when we have been too proud
to ask for help and too distracted to help others.
Lord, raise us up to love and serve you.**

**We acknowledge the times we have been quick to judge
those we don't easily identify with, and ignored
those whose plight we have not taken to heart.
Lord, raise us up to love and serve you.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

Assurance of forgiveness

Lord Jesus, you restored the woman with haemorrhages to her community
and the stricken child to her parents.

We thank you for restoring our relationship with you
and one another through your forgiveness and grace.

As we step out in thankfulness,
may we also reach out across barriers
to give and receive, to restore and to heal, in your name.
Amen.

Collect

**Gracious Father, by the obedience of Jesus you brought salvation to our wayward
world; draw us into harmony with your will, that we might find all things restored in
him, our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

Reading Mark 5.21-end read by Richard Beckingsale

21 When Jesus had again crossed over by boat to the other side of the lake, a large crowd gathered round him while he was by the lake. **22** Then one of the synagogue leaders, named Jairus, came, and when he saw Jesus, he fell at his feet. **23** He pleaded earnestly with him, 'My little daughter is dying. Please come and put your hands on her so that she will be healed and live.' **24** So Jesus went with him.

A large crowd followed and pressed round him. **25** And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years. **26** She had suffered a great deal under the care of many doctors and had spent all she had, yet instead of getting better she grew worse. **27** When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, **28** because she thought, 'If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed.' **29** Immediately her bleeding stopped and she felt in her body that she was freed from her suffering.

30 At once Jesus realised that power had gone out from him. He turned round in the crowd and asked, 'Who touched my clothes?'

31 'You see the people crowding against you,' his disciples answered, 'and yet you can ask, "Who touched me?"'

32 But Jesus kept looking around to see who had done it. **33** Then the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell at his feet and, trembling with fear, told him the whole truth. **34** He said to her, 'Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering.'

35 While Jesus was still speaking, some people came from the house of Jairus, the synagogue leader. 'Your daughter is dead,' they said. 'Why bother the teacher anymore?'

36 Overhearing what they said, Jesus told him, 'Don't be afraid; just believe.'

37 He did not let anyone follow him except Peter, James and John the brother of James. **38** When they came to the home of the synagogue leader, Jesus saw a commotion, with people crying and wailing loudly. **39** He went in and said to them, 'Why all this commotion and wailing? The child is not dead but asleep.' **40** But they laughed at him. After he put them all out, he took the child's father and mother and the disciples who were with him, and went in where the child was. **41** He took her by the hand and said to her, 'Talitha koum!' (which means 'Little girl, I say to you, get up!'). **42** Immediately the girl stood up and began to walk around (she was twelve years old). At this they were completely astonished. **43** He gave strict orders not to let anyone know about this, and told them to give her something to eat.

Sermon Pat Hegarty is opening God's Word for us today

Song Oceans (where feet may fail)

Led by Brittany Hurlbert, Tim Packer, Sam P, Brandon Hurlbert and Sam Chapman. Mix and video by Tim Packer Words and music by Joel Houston, Matt Crocker, Salomon Ligthelm © 2012 Hillsong Music Publishing Australia

Apostles Creed

I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried.

He descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

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

Intercessions

by Jamie Brady

In you O Lord

Do we put our trust

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Jesus says: 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. If you love me, rejoice because I am going to the Father.' Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

We know that Christians have shared a sign of peace since the very earliest days of the Church. In these times, it may seem strange to 'share the Peace.' But peace is from the heart and from God. God's peace in the Spirit moves among us and unites us, physically distanced yet one in the Body of Christ.

Eucharistic Prayer

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.

Father, we give you thanks and praise through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word, through whom you have created all things; who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh; as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin, he lived on earth and went about among us; he opened wide his arms for us on the cross; he put an end to death by dying for us; and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life; so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying:

**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, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness; grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying:

*Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.*

Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life: Lord Jesus, come in glory.

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we may praise and glorify you for ever,

through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever 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 for ever. Amen.**

Breaking of the bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in the one bread.

Giving of Communion

The body of Christ bread for the world. The blood of Christ, the cup of abundance.
Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

We are invited to make spiritual Communion with God, who comes to meet us wherever we are. And as we do so please listen to Come to the Altar (instrumental version)

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Prayer after communion

And we say together ...
**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body
and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you
our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory.
Amen.**

The Dismissal

Song Shout to the Lord

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Final Prayer & Blessing

**Lord, as we head into a new week,
help us to be people who choose to stand out from the crowd,
rather than simply to follow it.
By the power of your Spirit,
help us to also step out of our comfort zones,
and give us the courage to challenge barriers
that confine or constrain or control us.
In Jesus' name.
Amen.**

Thank you for joining us today.



Across barriers

Mark 5.21-43

We meet an important man from the synagogue, Jairus. He comes to Jesus and asks him to heal his daughter who is seriously ill. On the way to Jairus' house, a woman, suffering from bleeding, touches Jesus in the crowd. Jesus knows he was touched and knows the woman is healed. When they arrive at Jairus' house, his daughter has died. However, Jesus makes her live again.

Now read **Mark 5.21-43** see p.2 for text.

A note on the passage

Jesus not only heals a sick woman but brings a young girl back from the dead. Despite being jostled by a busy crowd, Jesus is aware of the woman seeking healing and responds accordingly. He shows no concern for the Jewish purity laws and touches the dead child. He reaches beyond the boundaries of society to offer healing. The woman, in true faith, also reaches out of the crowd to ask for his healing.

Write

Write a version of this Bible passage from the point of view of Jairus. What did he do? What did he feel? What did he see? What did he hear? Have you felt, done, seen or heard any of the things that Jairus experienced?

Ask for Help

Sometimes, asking for help can be a really difficult thing to do. It means that we know we are vulnerable and in need of someone else. We also need to trust the person we are asking. Think of something you struggle with and would like to improve, e.g. learning a language, riding a bike, using your computer. Find someone you can ask to assist you with this – a family member or close friend – and ask them for help. Reflect on how that makes you feel and what happens afterwards. How does being helped make a difference to you?

Act of Kindness

Think of someone you know with a long-term health condition. Think about them. Pray for them. Decide on an act of kindness you can do for them which would help them, e.g. clean their car, mow their lawn, do some shopping for them.



Ask yourself: Where do we see people needing help and healing in our world today? What are the barriers in place which may be preventing them from receiving what they need?

CARTOON

Every day this week, make a cartoon picture of one part of the story:

- Day 1 Jairus comes to Jesus
- Day 2 Jesus in the crowd
- Day 3 Jesus talks to the woman
- Day 4 Jesus and Jairus are told of his daughter's death
- Day 5 Jesus and Jairus arrive at Jairus' house
- Day 6 The girl's room
- Day 7 The healing of Jairus' daughter.

Think about the characters, what they are feeling and what barriers are being crossed in different ways by different people.

Pray

Identify the prayer concerns in the passage, i.e. Jairus was worried about his daughter, the woman had health issues. Make a list of the things people were thinking and feeling, and add the names of any individuals you know who fit into that category. Pray through your list, asking God to bring comfort and healing.

