

**The Parish Church of St Paul  
Grange over Sands**



**A Service of Holy Communion  
Sunday, 7th May 2023**



**Organ Voluntary—*Intrada*** by Grayson Ives

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**PREPARATION**

**The Welcome**

**Hymn—How shall I sing that majesty**

*All* How shall I sing that majesty  
which angels do admire?  
Let dust in dust and silence lie;  
sing, sing, ye heavenly choir.  
Thousands of thousands stand around  
thy throne, O God most high;  
ten thousand times ten thousand sound  
thy praise; but who am I?

Thy brightness unto them appears,  
whilst I thy footsteps trace;  
a sound of God comes to my ears,  
but they behold thy face.  
They sing, because thou art their Sun;  
Lord, send a beam on me;  
for where heaven is but once begun  
there alleluias be.

Enlighten with faith's light my heart,  
inflame it with love's fire;  
then shall I sing and bear a part  
with that celestial choir.  
I shall, I fear, be dark and cold,  
with all my fire and light;  
yet when thou dost accept their gold,  
Lord, treasure up my mite.

How great a being, Lord, is thine,  
which doth all beings keep!  
Thy knowledge is the only line  
to sound so vast a deep.  
Thou art a sea without a shore,  
a sun without a sphere;  
thy time is now and evermore,  
thy place is everywhere.

*The president may say:*

In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

*All*    **Amen.**

*The president greets the people.*

The Lord be with you

*All*    **and also with you.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*All*    **He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

*The president may introduce the service in these or other words:*

We gather this day to worship almighty God,  
and to pray for our King,  
that, both now and always,  
God may grant him wisdom and grace  
for his ministry among us.

## **Prayers of Penitence**

The Spirit of the Lord fills the world  
and knows our every word and deed.  
Let us then open ourselves to the Lord  
and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Lord, you are gracious and compassionate:

Lord, have mercy.

*All*    **Lord, have mercy.**

You are loving to all  
and your mercy is over all your creation:  
Christ, have mercy.

*All*    **Christ, have mercy.**

Your faithful servants bless your name  
and speak of the glory of your kingdom:  
Lord, have mercy.

*All*    **Lord, have mercy.**

*The president says:*

Almighty God,  
who forgives all who truly repent,  
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.

*All*     **Amen.**

## **The Gloria in Excelsis**

*All*     **Glory to God, Glory to God,  
Glory to God in the highest.  
Glory to God in the Highest  
And peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, Heav'nly King,  
Almighty God and Father,  
We worship you, we give you thanks,  
We praise you for your glory.  
Glory to God, Glory to God,  
Glory to God in the highest.  
Lord Jesus Christ,  
Only son of the Father.  
Lord God, Lamb of God  
You take away the sin of the world;  
Have mercy on us;  
You are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
Receive our prayer.  
Glory to God, Glory to God  
Glory to God in the highest.  
For you alone are the Holy one.  
You alone are the Lord,  
You alone are the most high, Jesus Christ,  
With the Holy Spirit  
In the Glory of God the Father.  
Glory to God, Glory to God,  
Glory to God in the highest.**

## The Collect

Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness,  
bless our Sovereign Lord, King Charles,  
and all who are in authority under him;  
that they may order all things  
in wisdom and equity, righteousness and peace,  
to the honour of your name,  
and the good of your Church and people;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All*    **Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### Proverbs 8, 1-16 The Gifts of Wisdom

Does not wisdom call  
and understanding raise her voice?  
On the heights, beside the way,  
at the crossroads she takes her stand;  
beside the gates in front of the town,  
at the entrance of the portals she cries out:  
“To you, O people, I call,  
and my cry is to all who live.  
O simple ones, learn prudence;  
acquire intelligence, you who lack it.  
Hear, for I will speak noble things,  
and from my lips will come what is right,  
for my mouth will utter truth;  
wickedness is an abomination to my lips.  
All the words of my mouth are righteous;  
there is nothing twisted or crooked in them.  
They are all straight to one who understands  
and right to those who find knowledge.  
Take my instruction instead of silver  
and knowledge rather than choice gold,  
for wisdom is better than jewels,  
and all that you may desire cannot compare with her.  
I, wisdom, live with prudence,  
and I attain knowledge and discretion.

The fear of the LORD is hatred of evil.  
Pride and arrogance and the way of evil  
and perverted speech I hate.  
I have good advice and sound wisdom;  
I have insight; I have strength.  
By me kings reign,  
and rulers decree what is just;  
by me rulers rule,  
and nobles, all who govern rightly.

This is the word of the Lord.

*All*      **Thanks be to God.**

### **Hymn—Lord, for the years**

*All*      **Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,  
urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,  
sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided:  
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.**

**Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,  
speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,  
teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us:  
Lord of the word, receive your people's praise.**

**Lord, for our land in this our generation,  
spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care:  
for young and old, for commonwealth and nation,  
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.**

**Lord, for our world when we disown and doubt you,  
loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain,  
hungry and helpless, lost indeed without you:  
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.**

**Lord for ourselves; in living power remake us -  
self on the cross and Christ upon the throne,  
past put behind us, for the future take us:  
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.**

*The Gospel is announced.*

Alleluia, alleluia.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people  
and kindle in them the fire of your love.

*All* **Alleluia.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

## **Luke 22, 24-30 The Dispute about Greatness**

A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But he said to them, “The kings of the gentiles lord it over them and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather, the greatest among you must become like the youngest and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.

“You are those who have stood by me in my trials, and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*All* **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Sermon**

### **The Creed**

*All* **I believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible:  
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of very God, Begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made: Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy**



Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one Catholic and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the Resurrection of the dead, And the life of the world to come. Amen.

## PRAYERS

Almighty God, you reign over all things in wisdom, power, and love.

Hear our prayers which we offer in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

*An intercessor prays:*

For Charles our King, that you may pour upon him abundant gifts

to help him fulfil the promises made at his coronation:

Lord, in your mercy

*All* **hear our prayer.**

That he will have the grace, wisdom, and strength to live a life of service to you and to his people:

Lord, in your mercy

*All* **hear our prayer.**

For Camilla the Queen Consort, William Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, and all the Royal Family; that they may love and support the King as he bears the burden of his office:

Lord, in your mercy

*All* **hear our prayer.**

For the building up of the Church under its Supreme Governor,  
for the building up of all Christian people, and for mutual  
understanding and fellowship between all people of faith:  
Lord, in your mercy

*All* **hear our prayer.**

For this United Kingdom, for His Majesty's other Realms and  
Territories, for the whole Commonwealth of Nations, for their  
governments and ministers, and for all who are called to public  
service, that they will seek justice, mercy, and peace:

Lord, in your mercy

*All* **hear our prayer.**

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of all people, for those  
who care for others and for the environment, and for all in need:

Lord, in your mercy

*All* **hear our prayer.**

Merciful Father,

*All* **accept these prayers,  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

### The Peace

God has made us one in Christ.

He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come,  
has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

*All* **and also with you.**

*These words may be added:*

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*All may exchange a sign of peace.*

## Hymn—Judge eternal

*All* Judge Eternal, throned in splendour,  
Lord of lords and King of kings,  
with your living fire of judgment  
purge this realm of bitter things;  
solace all its wide dominion  
with the healing of thy wings.

Still the weary folk are pining  
for the hour that brings release,  
and the city's crowded clangour  
cries aloud for sin to cease,  
and the homesteads and the woodlands  
plead in silence for their peace.

Crown, O God, thine own endeavour;  
cleave our darkness with thy sword;  
feed thy people's hungry spirits  
with the richness of thy word;  
cleanse the body of this nation  
through the glory of the Lord.

## Preparation of the Table Taking of the Bread and Wine

*The president prays:*

Heavenly Father,  
as we set before you these gifts of bread and wine,  
bless also the gift of our hearts and minds  
as we offer our lives in your service; for Jesus Christ's sake.

## The Eucharistic Prayer

*All* The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

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 indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.  
For with the oil of gladness  
you have anointed Christ the Lord, your only Son,  
to be our great high priest and king of all creation.  
As priest, he offered himself once for all upon the altar of the  
cross and redeemed the human race by this perfect sacrifice of  
peace.

As king he claims dominion over all your creatures,  
that he may bring before your infinite majesty  
a kingdom of truth and life,  
a kingdom of holiness and grace,  
a kingdom of justice, love and peace.  
And so with angels and archangels  
and all the heavenly host,  
we proclaim your glory  
and join their unending hymn of praise:

*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.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
and as we obey his command,  
send your Holy Spirit,  
that broken bread and wine outpoured  
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends  
and, taking bread, he praised you.  
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.  
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:  
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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,  
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice  
made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,  
we proclaim his death and resurrection  
until he comes in glory.

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

Lord of all life,  
help us to work together for that day  
when your kingdom comes  
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,  
gather us in your loving arms  
and bring us with all the saints  
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,  
for ever and ever.

*All* **Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

*All*     **Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, in earth as it is in  
heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us  
our trespasses, as we forgive them that 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.**

## Breaking of the Bread

*The president breaks the consecrated 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.**

## Giving of Communion

*The president says this or another invitation to communion:*

Draw near with faith.  
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ  
which he gave for you,  
and his blood which he shed for you.  
Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you,  
and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

*The president and people receive communion.*

*Authorized words of distribution are used and the communicant replies Amen.*

## Prayer after Communion

*Silence is kept.*

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you,  
that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered  
by your governance, that your Church may joyfully serve you in all  
godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All*     **Amen.**

*All* 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.

## CONCLUSION

### The Dismissal

#### Hymn—I vow to thee my country

*All* I vow to thee, my country, all earthly things above,  
Entire and whole and perfect, the service of my love;  
The love that asks no question, the love that stands the test,  
That lays upon the altar the dearest and the best;  
The love that never falters, the love that pays the price,  
The love that makes undaunted the final sacrifice.

And there's another country, I've heard of long ago,  
Most dear to them that love her, most great to them that know;  
We may not count her armies, we may not see her King;  
Her fortress is a faithful heart, her pride is suffering;  
And soul by soul and silently her shining bounds increase,  
And her ways are ways of gentleness, and all her paths are peace.

*The president may use a suitable blessing, or the following blessing:*

God grant to the living grace,  
to the departed rest,  
to the Church, the King, the Commonwealth and all people,  
unity, peace and concord,  
and to us and all God's servants,  
life everlasting;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

*All* Amen.

*A minister says:*

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

*All*     **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

*The National Anthem is sung.*

*All*     **God save our gracious King,  
Long live our noble King,  
God save the King.  
Send him victorious,  
Happy and glorious,  
Long to reign over us:  
God save the King.**

**Thy choicest gifts in store  
On him be pleased to pour,  
Long may he reign.  
May he defend our laws,  
And ever give us cause,  
To sing with heart and voice,  
God save the King.**

**Organ Voluntary—*March, Crown Imperial*** by William Walton  
*(Written for the Coronation of HM King George VI in Westminster Abbey,  
12th May 1937)*

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