

**Weobley and Staunton
Holy Communion**

**15th November 2020
2nd Sunday before Advent**

The Gathering

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

The Greeting

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Prayer of Preparation

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Invitation to confession

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 commandment greater than these.
On these two commandments hang all the law and
the prophets.

God so loved the world
that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ
to save us from our sins,
to be our advocate in heaven,
and to bring us to eternal life.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,
firmly resolved to keep God's commandments
and to live in love and peace with all.

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,**

**through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in
newness of life
to the glory of your name.
Amen.**

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.
Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
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.
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. Amen.**

The Collect

Heavenly Lord,
you long for the world's salvation:
stir us from apathy,
restrain us from excess
and revive in us new hope
that all creation will one day be healed
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Zephaniah 1.7,12-18

⁷ Be silent before the Lord GOD!

For the day of the LORD is at hand;
the LORD has prepared a sacrifice,

he has consecrated his guests.

¹² At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the people
who rest complacently on their dregs,
those who say in their hearts,
'The LORD will not do good,
nor will he do harm.'

¹³ Their wealth shall be plundered,
and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them.

¹⁴ The great day of the LORD is near,
near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter,
the warrior cries aloud there.

¹⁵ That day will be a day of wrath,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,

¹⁶ a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.

¹⁷ I will bring such distress upon people
that they shall walk like the blind;
because they have sinned against the LORD,
their blood shall be poured out like dust,
and their flesh like dung.

¹⁸ Neither their silver nor their gold
will be able to save them
on the day of the LORD's wrath;
in the fire of his passion
the whole earth shall be consumed;
for a full, a terrible end
he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 5.1–11

⁵ Now concerning the times and the seasons,
brothers and sisters, you do not need to have
anything written to you. ² For you yourselves know
very well that the day of the Lord will come like a
thief in the night. ³ When they say, 'There is peace
and security', then sudden destruction will come
upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant
woman, and there will be no escape! ⁴ But you,
beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise
you like a thief; ⁵ for you are all children of light and
children of the day; we are not of the night or of
darkness. ⁶ So then, let us not fall asleep as others

do, but let us keep awake and be sober; ⁷ for those
who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk
get drunk at night. ⁸ But since we belong to the day,
let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith
and love, and for a helmet the hope of
salvation. ⁹ For God has destined us not for wrath but
for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus
Christ, ¹⁰ who died for us, so that whether we are
awake or asleep we may live with him. ¹¹ Therefore
encourage one another and build up each other, as
indeed you are doing.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading Matthew 25.14–30

Alleluia, alleluia.

I have called you friends, says the Lord,
for all that I have heard from my Father
I have made known to you.

Alleluia.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁴ 'For it is as if a man, going on a journey,
summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to
them; ¹⁵ to one he gave five talents, to another two,
to another one, to each according to his ability. Then
he went away. ¹⁶ The one who had received the five
talents went off at once and traded with them, and
made five more talents. ¹⁷ In the same way, the one
who had the two talents made two more
talents. ¹⁸ But the one who had received the one
talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid
his master's money. ¹⁹ After a long time the master of
those slaves came and settled accounts with
them. ²⁰ Then the one who had received the five
talents came forward, bringing five more talents,
saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents;
see, I have made five more talents." ²¹ His master
said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave;
you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put
you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of
your master." ²² And the one with the two talents also
came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to
me two talents; see, I have made two more
talents." ²³ His master said to him, "Well done, good
and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in
a few things, I will put you in charge of many things;
enter into the joy of your master." ²⁴ Then the one
who had received the one talent also came forward,
saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man,

reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." ²⁶But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ³⁰As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Homily

The Creed

Let us declare our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist?
We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again?
We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world?
We believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.
This is our faith.
We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

And at the end

Merciful Father,
accept these prayers

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

The Liturgy of the Sacrament The Peace

Christ is our peace.
He has reconciled us to God
in one body by the cross.
We meet in his name and share his peace.

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

Preparation of the Table

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this bread to set
before you,
which earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life.
Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this wine to set
before you,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become for us the cup of salvation.
Blessed be God for ever.

The 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.

Blessed are you, Lord God,
our light and our salvation;
to you be glory and praise for ever.
From the beginning you have created all things
and all your works echo the silent music of your
praise.
In the fullness of time you made us in your image,
the crown of all creation.
You give us breath and speech, that with angels and
archangels
and all the powers of heaven
we may find a voice to sing your praise:

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.

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord.
As a mother tenderly gathers her children,
you embraced a people as your own.
When they turned away and rebelled
your love remained steadfast.
From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour,
born of Mary,
to be the living bread,
in whom all our hungers are satisfied.
He offered his life for sinners,
and with a love stronger than death
he opened wide his arms on the cross.
On the night before he died,
he came to supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he 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.
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 and for many for the
forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

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

Father, we plead with confidence
his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross;
we remember his dying and rising in glory,
and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right
hand.
Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you
these gifts of your creation;
may they be for us the body and blood of your dear
Son.
As we come into your presence,
form us in the likeness of Christ,
and build us into a living temple to your glory.
Remember, Lord, your Church in every land.
Reveal her unity, guard her faith,
and preserve her in peace ...
Bring us at the last with all the saints
to the vision of that eternal splendour
for which you have created us;

through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
by whom, with whom, and in whom,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of
everlasting praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever.**
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:
**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.**

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.

*We open our hears and minds to receive Christ in the
power of the Holy Spirit*

Prayer after Communion

Gracious Lord,
in this holy sacrament
you give substance to our hope:
bring us at the last
to that fullness of life for which we long;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

**Father of all,
we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.**
**Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.**
**Keep us firm in the hope you have set before
us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;**

through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Blessing

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in
believing;

and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Amen

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.