

Fromeside Parish Partnership

Partnership Inauguration Service

¶ *The Gathering*

Hymn: CP 449

‘God of mercy, God of grace’

The Greeting

The president greets the people

The Lord be with you

All **and also with you.**

Words of welcome or introduction may be said.

Hopes and Fears

The congregation are invited to write down on slips of paper their hopes and fears for the mission of the church in this new partnership. The slips of paper are then collected and put in a bowl or basket. A prayer is said.

What here we celebrate, O God, in the life of this church is yours not ours. Yours its strength and hope, yours its faith and high endeavour.

All **All is yours and you are all in all.**

Take the strength and weakness of this church,

All **and let both speak of your glory.**

Take the hopes and fears of this church,

All **and let both bring its people nearer to you.**

Take the excitement and the routine of this church,

All **and let both be means by which your work is done.**

Now in worship we offer you your own.

All **Christ be praised!**

*PCC**

New Testament Reading

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

⁴If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, ⁹not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 3.4b-14 NRSV

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn: Song Book 160

'The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want'

Gospel Reading

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *John*.

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

Jesus said to the Pharisees: ¹¹'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf

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Anthem

*'Here is bread', sung by the choir
(the words are in the Song Book, 53)*

Hymns

*CP 277 – 'All for Jesus'
CP 311 – 'Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour'
SB 198 – 'Eat this bread'
CP 324 – 'Sweet sacrament divine'
CP 309 – 'Let all mortal flesh keep silence'
CP 313 – 'My God, and is thy table spread'*

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.

God our Father,
whose Son at table offered himself as the innocent Lamb,
and gave us this memorial of his passion
until the end of time;
for ever nourish your people
with his living bread and saving cup,
and strengthen them in holiness,
that the family of mankind may live
in the light of one faith
in one communion of love;
through the same Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

CW TS EpU N2

All may say

All **You have opened to us the Scriptures, O Christ,
and you have made yourself known
in the breaking of the bread.**

**Abide with us, we pray,
that, blessed by your royal presence,
we may walk with you
all the days of our life,
and at its end behold you
in the glory of the eternal Trinity,
one God for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The bishop addresses the congregation

Brothers and sisters in Christ, God's people in this place, do you
also renew your allegiance to Christ and his Church?

All **We do.**

Leadership and Service

Ministers are called to be servants and shepherds among the
people to whom they are sent. Will you follow the example of
Christ the Good Shepherd in leading and caring for his people?

The ministers reply

With the help of God I will.

The bishop addresses the congregation

Will you, as baptised believers, offer yourselves in Christian
help and service among those with whom you live and work?

All **With the help of God we will.**

Study and Prayer

In Acts we read that the disciples 'remained faithful to the
teaching of the apostles, to the fellowship, to the breaking of
bread and to the prayers'. Will you be diligent in study and
reflection on God's word, in private prayer and public worship,
and in the administration of the sacraments?

The ministers reply

With the help of God I will.

The bishop addresses the congregation

Will you, as disciples of Christ, join with your licensed ministers
in reading the scriptures, in study and prayer, and in the
celebration of the sacraments?

All **With the help of God we will.**

Mission and Unity

Jesus said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given
to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations'. Will you
welcome all who seek the Lord, and help the church to work
together to glorify God in the world?

The ministers reply

With the help of God I will.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so 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.**

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.**

The Agnus Dei is used as the bread is broken

All **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.**

Intercession

*The prayers of intercession are led by members of the different
congregations, including the work of the partnership in:
pastoral work
worship
faith formation
mission and witness*

¶ The Liturgy of the Sacrament

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 of the Lord be always with you.

All **and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Hymn 278

'Alleluia, sing to Jesus'

*A collection is made for the Parish Partnership Administration
Fund. As part of the offertory procession, an object symbolic of
each church is brought up and presented at the altar:*

*for All Saints' –
for St Michael's –
for St Peter's –
for St Saviour's – a cross*

Prayer at the Preparation of the Table

Lord,
hear the prayers of your people
as we celebrate this memorial of our salvation.
May this sacrament of your love
unite us more closely to you and to each other.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

Prayer E

The president says

The Lord be with you (or) The Lord is here.
All **and also with you.** **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.**

Father, all-powerful and ever-living God,
we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

By him, your only Son,
who restored to us peace through the blood of his cross,
you willed to reconcile all creatures.
In him you have led us to the knowledge of your truth,
that bound together by one faith and one baptism
we might become his body.
Through him you have given your Holy Spirit to all peoples
to work marvels by innumerable gifts
and an abundant variety of graces.
Gathering us together in unity,
your Spirit dwells in the hearts of all your children,
filling the whole Church with his presence
and guiding it with wisdom from above.

And so, with steadfast love,
we proclaim your glory
and join with hosts of angels
in their triumphant hymn of praise:

CW TS EpU M1

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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

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

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 [*N and*] 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 bishop addresses the congregation

Will you, as members of the one holy, catholic and apostolic church, share in the proclamation of the good news, and play your part in fostering the unity to which we are called in Christ?

All **With the help of God we will.**

The congregation stands and the bishop says

Almighty God,
whose church is built on the foundation
of the apostles and prophets,
with Jesus Christ himself as the chief cornerstone:
grant to your holy people that they may be wise in leadership,
compassionate in service,
persevering in study and prayer,
and faithful in sharing the good news
of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Licensing

The people stand.

The bishop reads the Licence and the ministers kneel before him.

Taking his pastoral staff, the bishop blesses the ministers, saying

The God of peace,
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ,
that great shepherd of the sheep,
through the blood of the eternal covenant,
make you perfect in every good work to do his will,
working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit
be upon you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

Welcome

Words of welcome are given by the bishop

Giving of Communion

The president says one of these invitations 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.

(or)

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

All **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

(or)

God's holy gifts
for God's holy people

All **Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

The president and people receive communion.

Authorized words of distribution are used and the communicant replies

Amen.

*Baptized persons who are communicant members of other
Christian Churches are invited to receive communion.*

*Those who are not used to receiving communion are invited to
come forward for a blessing, in which case either bring a book or
booklet in your hand, or place your arms across your chest,
when you go to the communion rail.*

During the distribution hymns and anthems are sung.

coming and leaves the sheep and runs away – and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.’

John 10-11-18 NRSV

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

by the Archdeacon of Malmesbury

¶ **The Liturgy of Licensing**

Presentation of the Candidates

After the Sermon when the bishop has resumed his seat at the chancel entrance, the archdeacon stands with the candidates (priests and licensed lay ministers) before the bishop and says

Bishop Lee, I present to you NN, to be licensed to serve in the Fromeside Partnership of Parishes.

The archdeacon then returns to his seat.

Declarations of Commitment

The bishop stands before the candidates, and says

NN, before you receive this share in our pastoral charge, do you, before God and this congregation, renew your dedication to Christ as a minister in the Church of God?

The ministers reply

I do.

¶ **The Conclusion**

Blessing

The president may use this or another suitable blessing

May God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
three persons in one God,
inspire you to live as one,
that you may witness to the perfect unity of his love;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

CW TS EpU Q1

Dismissal

A minister says

One in heart and mind,
and empowered by the Spirit,
go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Hymn 429

‘Forth in the peace of Christ we go’

As the hymn is sung, the ministers leave in procession.

All are invited to stay for the refreshments, which will be served after the service.

Praise

Hymn: CP 556

'Praise the Lord, ye heavens adore him'

The Collect

*The president introduces a period of silent prayer with the words
'Let us pray' or a more specific bidding.*

Eternal God and Father,
whose Son at supper prayed that his disciples might be one,
as he is one with you:
draw us closer to him,
that in common love and obedience to you
we may be united to one another
in the fellowship of the one Spirit,
that the world may believe that he is Lord,
to your eternal glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

CW · PCP, Unity

¶ The Liturgy of the Word

Readings

Old Testament Reading

¹The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: ²'Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words.' ³So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. ⁴The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him.

⁵Then the word of the Lord came to me: ⁶'Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the Lord. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel.'

Jeremiah 18.1-6 NRSV