

St Paul's Church, Ansdell and Fairhaven

19 September 2021, 10:30am

**The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity
Holy Communion**

Greeting

Grace and peace
from God our Father,
and from the Lord Jesus Christ,
be with you all.

And also with you. *1 Cor 1:2*

Welcome

Listen! Wisdom cries aloud

**making truth and justice heard,
calling to the careless crowd
with the strong insistent word:
'Turn from foolishness and lies:
come, and I will make you wise!'**

**Not the finest diadems
crowning earth's most powerful kings,
not the purest gold or gems
match the wealth that wisdom brings;
those who rule by wisdom's law
wisdom's riches shall explore.**

**When the heavens lay dark and cold,
while the universe was young,
wisdom saw God's plans unfold
where no angel yet had sung;
but one night in Bethlehem
angels told the world his name.**

**Christ, before all time began
working at his Father's side,
Word of truth, becoming man,
Christ, our wisdom crucified;
wisdom for our scene of shame,
powerful from the dead he came.**

**Wisdom, still the angels' theme:
all that lives, take up the sound!
Wisdom, King of kings supreme,
reigning, glorified and crowned:
Christ our prize and great reward,
Christ our wisdom, Christ our Lord!**
Christopher Idle (c) Author/ Jubilate Hymns

Collect

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the
prayers
of your people who call upon you;
and grant that they may both perceive and know
what things they ought to do,
and also may have grace and power faithfully to
fulfil them;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Reading

1 Corinthians 1:18-2:5 (p. 1144)

At the end

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from
heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the
Virgin Mary
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius
Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living
and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped
and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic
Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the
forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

Prayers

Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.

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

Confession

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us:
therefore let us keep the feast,
not with old leaven,
nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness,
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and
truth. *1 Cor 5:8-9*

Let us confess our sins.

You call us to be united;
but there are divisions among us.

Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

You call us to receive your wisdom;
but we have sought the wisdom of this world.

Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

You call us to boast in you alone;
but we have boasted in ourselves, and in men.

Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

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.

The Peace

God, the author of peace, has called us to peace.
cf 1 Cor 7:15; 14:33

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.
Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

**Beneath the cross of Jesus,
I find a place to stand;
and wonder at such mercy
that calls me as I am;
For hands that should discard me,
hold wounds which tell me, "Come."
Beneath the cross of Jesus
my unworthy soul is won.**

**Beneath the cross of Jesus
His family is my own.
Once strangers chasing selfish dreams,
now one through grace alone.
How could I now dishonor
the ones that You have loved?
Beneath the cross of Jesus
see the children called by God.**

**Beneath the cross of Jesus,
the path before the crown—
we follow in His footsteps
where promised hope is found.
How great the joy before us
to be His perfect bride.
Beneath the cross of Jesus
we will gladly live our lives.**

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The Communion

The Lord is here.
His Spirit is with us.

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.

It is indeed right,
it is our duty and our joy,
at all times and in all places
to give you thanks and praise,
holy Father, heavenly King,
almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For you are the one and only God:
through the one Lord Jesus Christ
you have made all things;
and by the one Holy Spirit
you have made us to be one body in Christ

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.**

In you, O Father, do we glory,
and in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord:
for through him you have given us all things.

You have revealed him to be wisdom for us;
our righteousness,
sanctification, and redemption.
In his name you have washed us,
sanctified us, and justified us by your Spirit.
Through him you have graciously enriched us,
so that we lack no spiritual gift
for the strengthening of his body, the church.

In the same night that he was betrayed,
he 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.

Therefore, Father,
in remembrance of the death of our Lord Jesus
Christ,
his burial, his resurrection on the third day,
and in expectation of his coming again,
we offer you through him this our sacrifice of praise
and thanksgiving.

Grant that, by your Holy Spirit,
this bread may be to us
the communion of the body of our Lord Jesus
Christ,
and this cup of wine the communion of his blood.

Cause us, who share this one bread,
to be one in mind, speech, and judgment.
Distribute among us, who drink of this one cup,
the several gifts of the one Spirit,
that we may serve and care for one another.
Strengthen us, who receive this food,
so that we may be blameless in the day of Christ's
coming;
and grant that, as in eating and drinking,
so in all things that we do,

we may glorify you:

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.

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who 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.**

Every time we eat this bread
and drink this cup,
**we proclaim the Lord's death
until he comes.**

Prayer after communion

**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.**

***In Christ alone my hope is found,*
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!**

**My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.**

**In Christ alone! – who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save:
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied –
For every sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.**

**There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine –
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.**

**No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand:
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.**

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Blessing

The peace of God,
which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
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 peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.