

ORDER OF SERVICE  
16 August 2020  
Pentecost 11

GATHER			
Call to Worship			Rev Allan Smith
Hymn/Song	God of grace and God of glory	TIS 611 (Tune TIS 569 – CWM Rhondda)	
Prayer of Invocation			Rev Allan Smith
Praise Time (10min)	Blessed be your name Just let me say	SCE[3] 1152/CCLI 3798438 SCE[2] 850 /CCLI 1406413	
Welcome & Visitors candles, Celebrations, Green Cards			Rev Allan Smith
Prayer: Adoration, Confession, Declaration of Forgiveness			Rev Allan Smith
Passing the Peace			
Children's Story			Selena/Emily
Song	Our Father (Hear our prayer)	SCE 714/CCLI 3166187	
HEAR THE WORD			
Bible Readings	Genesis 45: 1-15; Romans 11: 1-2a, 29-32; Matthew 15: 1-20		
Message	Tradition and Purity		Rev Allan Smith
Song (Optional)	I am standing beneath your wings (Blessed be the name)	SCE 193/CCLI 1827078	
RESPOND			
Affirmation of Faith	Nicene Creed		
Offering Dedication	Rev Allan Smith		
Notices & Concerns of the Church			Rev Allan Smith
Prayers of the People			Rev Allan Smith
Communion Song	Remembrance (the communion song)	CCLI 5484616	
Communion	Rev Allan Smith & Elders		
Song (after Communion)	Men of faith rise up and sing (Shout to North)	SCE 354/CCLI 1562261	
BLESS			
Mission/Benediction			Rev Allan Smith
Benediction/Going Out Song	Men of faith rise up and sing (Shout to North) - Reprise	SCE 354/CCLI 1562261	

Preaching	Rev Allan Smith
Worship Introduction	Rev Allan Smith
Notices of the Church & Prayers of the People	Rev Allan Smith
Bible Reader	
Praise Song Selector	Allan Smith
Piano	Selena Anderson
Backup Singers	Jill Rohde
Additional Music	
Sound System	Nathan Rippingale
Data Operator	Liam Rippingale
Power Point Producer	Nathan Rippingale
Offering Collectors	NA
Communion Bread	NA

**Blessed is the kingdom of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.**

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Psalm 133*)

How good, indeed, how pleasant it is,  
**for a community to live as one.**  
It is like precious oil on the head,  
**running down upon the beard,**  
**the beard of Aaron,**  
flowing down over his robes;  
**like dew on Mount Hermon,**  
**which comes upon the mountains of Zion**  
for there the LORD has ordained the blessing  
**life for ever.**

Let us worship God.

SONG     [God of grace and God of glory](#)     TIS 611 (*Tune TIS 569 – CWM Rhondda*)

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Most Holy God, we thank you for you for your love and for your mercy and for your forgiveness and your grace. We thank you for your strength and for your tenderness, and for your compassion and your power. We worship you for your greatness and your glory, and for your beauty and your righteousness.

Be with us today that you may hear our praise and look with favour upon our hearts and our minds as we lift up our hands in prayer to you. We ask it in the most wonderful name of Jesus Christ your Son, he who is our Saviour and our Lord. Amen.

SONGS     [Blessed be your name](#)     SCE[3] 1152/CCLI 3798438

[Just let me say](#)     SCE[2] 850 /CCLI 1406413

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Welcoming God: you gather everyone, especially the outsiders, to worship you,  
For you are not an image or idol, but protector of the helpless, parent to the poor,  
friend of the lonely.

Accepting Christ: there is not any place you will not go to bring God's grace to others.  
In you, the enemy is made a friend, the broken are made whole,  
the orphan finds a home.

Embracing Spirit: your gentleness falls upon us, and our fears of rejection disappear;  
your truth is whispered in our ears, and our arms embrace strangers;  
your peace is poured into our souls, and we are reconciled to all we hurt;  
your love throws open our shuttered hearts,  
and we see our sisters and brothers all around us.

God in Community, Holy in One,  
in you we have life and hope forever.  
Hear us as we pray. Amen.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

In every opportunity, God of this day, we choose not to follow you. From our hearts to our mouths flow words that hurt others, come thoughts that lead us away from you. We are richly blessed, but think others should be grateful for the crumbs we offer to them. Our claims to have great faith are disputed by our inability to trust you in all things.

We come to you, Helper of the weak, for you are gracious and forgiving. You offer us the fullness of your love, not just a few drops. You refuse to let us go, but sweep us up with arms of joy. You send Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour, to lead us into your kingdom.

Forgive us. Call us away from our selfish actions and turn us back to your way, to love others as you have loved us.

In the name of Christ, who became last of all and servant of all so that we might learn to love one another, we pray. Amen.

## DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves,  
for though we have sinned,  
Christ has gone before us to create new life,  
showing God's mercy to all  
and bringing us out of the prison of disobedience.

Brothers and sisters in Christ,  
be at peace  
your sins are forgiven;

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

SONG      [Our Father \(Hear our prayer\)](#) [new]      SCE 714/CCLI 3166187

## BIBLE READINGS

[Genesis 45:1-15](#)

[Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32](#)

[Matthew 15:1-20](#)

SERMON   [Tradition and Purity](#)                      [Sermon.mp3](#)

SONG      [I am standing beneath your wings](#)      SCE 193/CCLI 1827078

## OFFERING PRAYER

Gracious and loving God, we offer these gifts and our lives as signs that our faith is expressed not in words alone, but in deeds - deeds performed in the name and for the sake of Jesus, our Lord and our Saviour. Amen.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Saving Lord, we come into your house of prayer asking that you will make us outcasts worthy, hoping you will listen to our requests. Lord, we love your name and hope to serve your will. Deliver us from our self-centeredness and direct our ministry according to your gracious purposes. (Isaiah 56:1, 6-8)

Merciful Lord, you created all peoples and called your creation good. Let your ways be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations. Guide all the nations and direct their leaders to be merciful and upright. God give us your blessing, that all the ends of the earth may know your loving grace. (Psalm 67)

Gracious Lord, you have blessed us from your own bounty. You have been merciful to us so that we, too, may show mercy to others. You have provided all we need for daily life and much more. Make us generous at all times so that all your people may be satisfied. (Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32)

Faithful Lord, help us when we do not know how to help ourselves. Bring your healing touch upon all who suffer in mind, body or spirit. Especially, we ask your tender care for ...

This morning we pray especially for...

Heal them as you healed the Canaanite woman's daughter, filling them with your own comforting peace. (Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28)

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SONG: COMMUNION [Remembrance \(the communion song\)](#) CCLI 5484616

SONG [Men of faith rise up and sing \(Shout to North\)](#) SCE 354/CCLI 1562261

## WORD OF MISSION AND BENEDICTION

Go now as creators and preservers of life,  
and live together as one.  
Do not follow blind guides,  
but always be prepared to hear the Word of God anew,  
even challenging you from unexpected sources.

And may God bless you with life forever;  
May Christ Jesus heal you of all that would harm you;  
And may the Holy Spirit cleanse your hearts of all that would defile you.

And may the grace...

## HOLY COMMUNION: Pentecost 11 Year A

It is indeed right to give you our thanks and praise, O God,  
for your gifts and calling are irrevocable  
and you bless us with life forever.

You created the earth and everything in it,  
and formed it's peoples to live as one.  
In ancient times you worked through your servant, Joseph,  
sending him ahead of your people to preserve life  
and open up a way of salvation.

And now, though never rejecting those you first chose,  
you have thrown open the gates of mercy to all.  
You sent your own child, Jesus, among us,  
and when his eyes were opened  
by the pleas of a gentile woman,  
you made it known that no one  
would have to scrape for crumbs of mercy  
beneath your table.

When he was killed, you raised him to life,  
and with him raised us all  
and seated us in honour at your banqueting table.

And so we praise you...

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

## WORD OF MISSION AND BENEDICTION

And may the grace...