ST CATHERINE'S OPEN-AIR SUMMER SERVICES

July and August 2021, 10.00 am

EVERYBODY WELCOME!

Thank you for joining us this morning! It is great to have you with us, as we worship God in the open air. Don't forget to maintain social distancing – and if you would like to stay on afterwards for communion, you are very welcome to do so, but no obligation. If you would like to know more about any aspect of our church life or ministry, please speak to the person on the gate, or the service leader or preacher, who will try to help.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Our opening prayer:

Lord, speak to us

That we may hear your word

Move among us

That we may see your glory

Receive our prayers

That we may learn to trust you,

Amen

Our summer theme: the fruit of the Spirit.

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law."

Galatians 5: 22,23

Introduction to today's theme.

A hymn and a song led by the musicians

The Bible reading(s)

The Talk

Songs led by the musicians

Prayers

Sharing Time

The Lord's Prayer:

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.

The Creed (what we believe):

Let us declare our faith in God We believe in God the Father, From whom every family In heaven and on earth is named

We believe in God the Son Who lives in our hearts through faith And fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit Who strengthens us With power from on high

We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen

Hymn

Going out to serve God:

Let us bless the Lord:
Thanks be to God.
Blessing, honour and glory be yours,
Here and everywhere,
Now and forever.
Amen.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all, now and evermore.

Everyone is welcome to stay for communion, but this is not expected, and so if you would like to leave now - please do so fairly promptly!

OPEN AIR COMMUNION

Please stay where you are if you would like to receive communion, which will be in one kind (bread only); the service leader will bring this to you. If you feel more comfortable receiving a simple prayer of blessing, just let the leader know when they come round.

We begin with a confession:

God be gracious to us and bless us, And make your face shine upon us. Lord have mercy Lord, have mercy

May your ways be known on the earth, Your saving power among the nations Christ, have mercy Christ, have mercy

You, Lord, have made known your salvation And reveal your justice in the sight of the nations. Lord, have mercy Lord, have mercy

May the God of love and power Forgive *us* and free *us* from our sins Heal and strengthen *us* by his Spirit And raise *us* to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Thank You (Eucharistic) Prayer

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 right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation; In your love you made us for yourself. When we turned away You did not reject us, But came to meet us in your Son. You embraced us as your children And welcomed us to sit and eat with you.

In Christ you shared our life
That we might live in him and he in us.
He opened his arms of love upon the cross
And made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.

On the night he was betrayed, At supper with his friends He took bread, and 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.

Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
His body is the bread of life.

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 for the forgiveness Of sins; do this in remembrance of me. Father, we do this in remembrance of him: His blood is shed for all.

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory, Send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine May be to us the body and blood of your dear Son As we eat and drink these holy gifts Make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.

With your whole Church throughout the world We offer you this sacrifice of praise And lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Breaking of the Bread

Every time we eat this bread And drink this cup We proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

The Invitation

Come to this table, not because you must, but because you may,
Not because you are strong, but because you are weak.
Come, not because any goodness of your own gives you a right to come,
But because you need mercy and help.
Come, because you love the Lord a little and would like to serve him more.
Come, because he loved you and gave himself for you.
Come and meet the risen Christ, for we are his Body.

You are invited to receive communion or a prayer of blessing.

At the end:

May Christ's holy, healing, enabling Spirit be with you And guide you on your way at every change and turn; And the blessing of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you, Now and always.

Amen.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all, now and evermore.