

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN229 O Christ, the healer, we have come
THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY.....p. 185

Celebrant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Almighty God,

People: to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you 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.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

GATHERING SONG.....God is big
CHILDREN'S TALK.....Rev Gail

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him. Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "no idol in the world really exists," and that "there is no God but one." Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth - as in fact there are many gods and many lords - yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist. It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. "Food will not bring us close to God." We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

1 CORINTHIANS 8:1-13

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM

REFRAIN The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation. Great are the deeds of the Lord! they are studied by all who delight in them. **R**

His work is full of majesty and splendour, and his righteousness endures for ever. He makes his marvellous works to be remembered; the Lord is gracious and full of compassion. **R**

He gives food to those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant. He has shown his people the power of his works in giving them the lands of the nations. **R**

The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; all his commandments are sure. They stand fast for ever and ever, because they are done in truth and equity. **R**

He sent redemption to his people; he commanded his covenant for ever; holy and awesome is his name. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; those who act accordingly have a good understanding; his praise endures forever. **R**

PSALM 111

GOSPEL SONG.....Our darkness is never darkness

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
ACCORDING TO MARK

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, Jesus entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching - with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.
MARK 1:21-28

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

SERMON.....Rev. Gail

ANTHEMOne church, one faith

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OFFERTORY HYMN.....O for a thousand tongues to sing

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

God of steadfast love, may our offering this day, by the power of your Holy Spirit, renew us for your service.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

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SANCTUS.....Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*sung*).....p. 213

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Celebrant: "I am the bread of life," says the Lord. "Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst."

All: Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who trust in him!

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Jesus, lamb of God (*Sung*).....

COMMUNION HYMNSIn Christ alone; I worship You; There is
.....a Redeemer; The battle belongs to the Lord

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION AND DOXOLOGY.....p.214

Celebrant: Glory to God,

Whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from

generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, forever and ever.

Amen

BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN.....146 The church's one foundation

DISMISSAL

In the Name of Christ. Alleluia!