

## HOLY COMMUNION

*After the Intercessions, the service continues with the Peace on p5 of the Christmas Communion 2020 service booklet.*

### Prayer after Communion

*All*      **All praise to you,  
almighty God and heavenly king,  
who sent your Son into the world  
to take our nature upon him  
and to be born of a pure virgin:  
grant that, as we are born again in him,  
so he may continually dwell in us  
and reign on earth as he reigns in heaven,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

Parish of Tettenhall Wood  
Sunday 3rd January 2021.

## A Service for the New Year

### Welcome

### Call to Worship

Sovereign God, accept this time of worship,  
and help us, through it, to draw nearer to you.

*All*      **We come to focus our minds upon you,  
not that we might turn aside from the world  
or forget its need,  
but so that we might return to our daily lives  
with a greater vision of your purpose,  
a deeper sense of your presence,  
and a firmer resolve to serve you  
in the place where you have put us.**

HYMN 249 *Great is thy faithfulness*

### Prayer

Loving God, we have come to worship you.

*All*      **Help us to pray to you in faith,  
to sing your praise with gratitude,  
and to listen to your word with eagerness;  
through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

### The Collect for the Day

*All*      **God our Father,  
in love you sent your Son  
that the world may have life:  
lead us to seek him among the outcast  
and to find him in those in need,  
for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen**

1st Reading: Ephesians 1: 3-14

Gospel Reading - John 1: 10-18

*Reader*      Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus  
Christ according to John  
*All*              **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the end:* This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

SONG 298: *I am a new creation*

### Covenant Service

God made a covenant with the people of Israel, calling them to be a holy nation, chosen to bear witness to his steadfast love by finding delight in the law. The covenant was renewed in Jesus Christ our Lord, in his life, work, death and resurrection. In him all people may be set free from sin and its power, and united in love and obedience. In this covenant God promises us new life in Christ. For our part we promise to live no longer for ourselves but for God.

We meet, therefore, as generations have met before us, to renew the covenant which bound them and binds us to God.

### Confession

Let us then seek forgiveness for the sin by which we have denied God's claim upon us.

As we come to the Lord at the start of this New Year, let us seek his grace to number our days, that we may apply our hearts to wisdom as we confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Father, when our worship has been more about us than about you,

*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

When our songs have ignored the pain of your broken body on earth.

*All* **Christ have mercy.**

When our services have been more of an escape for us, than good news for the poor,

*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

When we praise you with our lips, but deny you with our finances,

*All* **Christ, have mercy.**

When our instruments are louder than our cries for justice,

*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

When we fail to learn from the sacrificial worship of brothers and sisters across the world,

*All* **Christ, have mercy.**

May God, who suffered the death of his only Son for our sake, forgive us our sins, cleanse us by the blood of Christ, and fill us with his Holy Spirit, to lead lives of worship that bring his resurrection power to our broken world. **Amen.**

### Renewal of the Covenant

Eternal God  
in your faithful and enduring love  
you call us to share in your gracious covenant in Jesus Christ.

In obedience we hear and accept your commands;  
in love we seek to do your perfect will;  
with joy we offer ourselves anew to you.  
We are no longer our own but yours.

*All* **I am no longer my own but yours.  
Your will, not mine, be done in all things,  
wherever you may place me,  
in all that I do and in all that I may endure;  
when there is work for me  
and when there is none;  
when I am troubled and when I am at peace.**

**Your will be done  
when I am valued and when I am disregarded;  
when I find fulfilment and when it is lacking;  
when I have all things and when I have nothing.  
I willingly offer all that I have and am  
to serve you, as and where you choose.  
Glorious and blessed God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
you are mine and I am yours.  
May it be so for ever.  
Let this covenant now made on earth  
be fulfilled in heaven.  
Amen.**

### Intercessions

#### Concluding Prayer

*All* **Helper in our Past and Hope for our Future:  
hold our good intentions,  
free us from that which keeps us  
from the good, and enable us to move  
into the coming year with your love  
behind, beside, and before us. Amen**

#### In the Morning Prayer Service

#### The Lord's Prayer

#### Blessing

Jesus, Lord of time,  
*All* **hold us in your eternity.**  
Jesus, image of God,  
*All* **travel with us the life of faith.**  
Jesus, friend of sinners,  
*All* **heal the brokenness of our world.**  
Jesus, Lord of tomorrow,  
*All* **draw us into your future.**

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with you all, now and always. **Amen.**

Hymn: MP 743 *We'll walk the land*

#### Dismissal:

Go in peace. Proclaim the Word made flesh.  
**Glory, thanks and praise to God.**