

God's garrison of peace

Heart & Anchor Church



9.45am Zoom starts admitting people As we gather we will play

Song: Rejoice in the Lord Alway - Accra Diocesan Choir

10.00am Welcome and introduction

The Lord is Here

His Spirit is with us

- As usual, we will mute everyone unless they are speaking. If you speak, you will need to respond to the invitation to unmute yourself to do so.
- A reminder if you haven't got it already that you are invited to bring a glass of water as well as bread and/or wine if you wish to consume at the time of communion.
- If you need or want to communicate with the host or everyone please feel free to use the chat facility. E.g. if you want to respond to the singing or testimony or preaching or if you have a technical issue and want help.

Opening prayer

Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom 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.

Confession

When we cry out to the Lord in our trouble,

All he will deliver us from our distress.

God will bring us out of darkness



All and out of the shadow of death.

Short penitential sentences may be inserted between the petitions of the Kyrie.

Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

May the Father forgive us

by the death of his Son

and strengthen us

to live in the power of the Spirit

all our days.

All Amen.

Let us give thanks to the Lord for his goodness,

All and the wonders he does for his children.

Let us offer him sacrifices of thanksgiving

All and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.

cf Psalm 107

All Amen.

The Collect

Silence is kept.

Almighty God,

You have made us for yourself,

And our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you:

Pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself,

And so bring us at last to your heavenly city

Where we shall see you face to face;

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.

All Amen.

New Testament Reading

Philippians 4:1-9

Read by

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about



anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Song: Let us build a house

silence



When the Gospel is announced the reader says

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 22:1-14

The Parable of the Wedding Banquet

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other



slaves, saying, "Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet." But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet." Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

'But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?" And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord. *All* Praise to you, O Christ.

Talk by Paul Bartle



Declaration of Faith

Christ has died

Christ has died

Christ has risen

Christ has risen

Christ will come again

Christ will come again

I believe, Alleluia!

I believe, Alleluia!

Prayers

Peace

We are all one in Christ Jesus.

We belong to him through faith,

Heirs of the promise of the spirit of peace.

The Peace of the risen Lord be always with you

And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of God's peace – in person or by text or message! Zoom peace is saved for coffee time!

Song: It is well with my soul

The Liturgy of the Eucharist follows

The Lord is here.

All His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All 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 your Son our Lord.
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:

All Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Accept our praises, heavenly Father, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, and as we follow his example and obey his command, grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, 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.

All To you be glory and praise for ever

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.

All To you be glory and praise for ever

Therefore, heavenly Father,

we remember his offering of himself

made once for all upon the cross;

we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;

we look for the coming of your kingdom,

and with this bread and this cup

we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Jesus Christ is Lord:

All Lord, by your cross and resurrection

you have set us free.

You are the Saviour of the world.

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise, and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty, renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love and unite us in the body of your Son,



Jesus Christ our Lord.

All To you be glory and praise for ever.

Through him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

All Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

All 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.

Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.



The invitation

Be present, be present,

Lord Jesus Christ,

our risen high priest;

make yourself known in the breaking of bread. Amen.

Song: My peace I give unto you

Post Communion Prayers

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast:

For here we receive you,

Here the memory of your passion is renewed,

Here our minds are filled with grace,

And here a pledge of future glory is given,

When we shall feast at that table where you reign

With all your saints for ever.

Amen

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

The Blessing

May the peace of God, which passes all understanding,

Keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God,

And of his Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.

And the blessing of God Almighty,

The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit

Be among you and remain with you always. Amen.



Notices

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. In the name of Christ. Amen.

Song: <u>Nada Te Turbe – Taize Let nothing disturb you, let nothing frighten you He</u> who has God lacks nothing God alone suffices