ALL AGE EUCHARIST 12TH MARCH 2023

Today our theme is: NEVER THIRSTY AGAIN

THE GATHERING

We are welcomed to worship by Deborah

WE SING OUR FIRST HYMN – We are Marching

LIZ - WE GREET EACH OTHER IN THE LORD'S NAME In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit **Amen**

The Lord be with you And also with you.

WE ARE WELCOMED BY THE PRESIDENT

VIDEO – What is All Age worship?

KENYA AND KAYIN LEAD OUR RESPONSES God is good All the time All the time God is good

WE CONFESS OUR SINS – Revd Liz introduces the Confession Stations and invites us all to visit them to say sorry to God for the bad things we do and the good things we fail to do. Luke plays keyboard as we visit the stations

After returning to our seats we are quiet and still for a moment

WE RECEIVE GOD'S FORGIVENESS May the God of love bring us back to himself, forgive us our sins, and assure us of his eternal love in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

WE PRAY THE SPECIAL PRAYER FOR TODAY

WE START TO THINK ABOUT OUR THEME

HYMN – JESUS' LOVE IS VERY WONDERFUL

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WE WATCH AN ANIMATED TELLING OF THE STORY OF THE WOMAN AT THE WELL

WE WATCH A DRAMATIC TELLING OF THE SAME STORY.

REVD LIZ SHARES SOME MORE ABOUT THE GOSPEL PASSAGE

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD We've heard God's word. Now we respond to it.

We are quiet and still for a moment

THE CREED We believe in God the Father who made heaven (*point upwards*) and earth (*stamp on ground once with both feet*) We believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, who came from heaven as a baby (*cradling action*)

Grew up and died on the cross (hold arms out horizontally) but rose again (holding palms upwards, raise the up) We believe Jesus is now in heaven on his Father's right hand (hold out right arm) and that he will come again (beckoning action)

We believe in the Holy Spirit (make sign of a dove by interlocking thumbs) who fills us with life and with love (hold hands to heart) and helps us to find Jesus in the world (shield eyes as if looking) This is the faith of the church. This is our faith We believe and trust in one God (hold up one finger on one hand and leave it up) Father, Son and Holy Spirit (raise 3 fingers on other hand at same time) Amen

LIZ - WE PRAY FOR THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD

HYMN – KUM BA YAH

LIZ - WE SHARE THE PEACE God makes peace within us, let's claim it. God makes peace between us, let's share it. The peace of the Lord be always with you. And also with you

Let's offer one another a sign of peace

HYMN – IT'S ME O LORD

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

WE PREPARE THE TABLE

WE PRAY THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER LIZ - 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**.

Question Why is it right to give thanks and praise? (Zakai) Answer Listen, and we will hear. Lord of all life, you created the universe, where all living things reflect your glory. You give us this great and beautiful earth, to discover and to cherish.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

We thank you, loving Father, because, when we turned away, you sent Jesus, your Son. He gave his life for us on the cross and shows us the way to live. Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

Question Why do we share this bread and wine? (Zakai) Answer Listen, and we will hear.

On the night before he died, when darkness had fallen, Jesus took bread. He gave thanks, broke it, and shared it with his disciples, saying: 'This is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me.'

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying: 'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins.' So Father, with this bread and this cup we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life. As you feed us with these gifts, send your Holy Spirit, and change us more and more to be like Jesus our Saviour.

Question How do we follow Jesus Christ? (Zakai) Answer Listen, and we will hear.

Help us, Father, to love one another, as we look forward to that day when suffering is ended, and all creation is gathered in your loving arms. And now with Thomas, Luke, Richard and all your saints we give you glory, through Jesus Christ, in the strength of the Spirit, today and for ever. **Amen.**

WE SAY THE PRAYER JESUS TAUGHT US

Our Father in heaven hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day 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 forever Amen.

WE BREAK THE BREAD

Jesus says, I am the bread of life, whoever eats of this bread will live forever. Lord, our hearts hunger for you; give us this bread always

WE'RE INVITED TO RECEIVE COMMUNION God's holy gifts for God's holy people Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father

WE SING ANOTHER HYMN – 841 I've got Peace

LIZ - PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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NOTICES

THE SENDING OUT

WE RECEIVE GOD'S BLESSING

May the blessings....

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

In the name of Christ, Amen

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FINAL HYMN - He's got the whole world

WE GO OUT TO JOIN IN WITH WHAT GOD IS DOING