
ST JOHN'S N4

The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, 12th July 2020



Please pray

- For places of famine.
- For those who work the land to provide us with food.
- For the sick, especially those who continue to be affected by Coronavirus, or whose health has suffered during this pandemic.

Welcome to St John's! This sheet has everything you need to follow what is going on. The writing in the grey italics gives instructions. The text in normal type will be spoken by a priest, reader or other member of the congregation. We all join in with the bold type.

There will be a number of changes during this Mass to keep everybody safe: There will be no congregational singing; we won't be sharing the peace; there will be no collection plate and communion will be in one kind only. Please remain in your place once Mass as started.

Please stand when the bell rings and the altar party enters.

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.

The Confession

We are invited to call to mind our sins.

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought, word and deed,
through negligence, through
weakness,
through our own deliberate
fault.**

**We are truly sorry and repent
of all our sins.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus
Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve
you in newness of life
to the glory of your name.
Amen.**

Absolution

*The celebrant prays for the forgiveness
of our sins, to which we respond:*

Amen.

We remain standing as we say together.

The Gloria

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on
earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you
thanks,**

**we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of
the Father,**

**Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the
world:**

**have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right
hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy
One,**

**you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,**

**Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

You care for the earth, give it water;
you fill it with riches.
Your river in heaven brims over
to provide its grain. **R**

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Isaiah 55:10-13

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

We say the Response:

**Some seed fell into rich soil
and produced its crop.**

And thus you provide for the earth;
you drench its furrows;
you level it, soften it with showers;
you bless its growth. **R**

You crown the year with your goodness.
Abundance flows in your steps;
in the pastures of the wilderness it flows.

R

The hills are girded with joy,
the meadows covered with flocks,
the valleys are decked with wheat.
They shout for joy, yes, they sing. **R**

Second Reading

Romans 8:1-11

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set

their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

We stand for the Gospel reading.

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of the God,
Christ the sower;
whoever finds this seed will remain
for ever.

Alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

And the end of the Gospel:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

We sit for the sermon.

The Creed

Please stand for the Creed.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus
Christ,**

**the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the
Father,**

**God from God, Light from
Light,**

**true God from true God,
begotten, not made,**

**of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were
made.**

**For us and for our salvation, he
came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy
Spirit**

**and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate;**

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Intercessions

Please remain standing as we pray for the church and for the world. This, or another response is used:

Lord, in your mercy:
hear our prayer.

The Peace

Please remain standing as the celebrant introduces the Peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Please remember not to share the peace with one another!

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The priest says the offertory prayers:

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation; for through your goodness we have this bread to offer you. Fruit of the earth, and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation; for through your goodness we have this wine to set before you. Fruit of the vine, and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink.

Blessed be God for ever.

The Invitation to Prayer is said:

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church. Amen.

The priest then prays the Prayer over the Gifts to which we respond:

Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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.

The priest praises God for his mighty acts, and we say the Sanctus and Benedictus:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of
your glory.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in
the Highest.
Blessed is he comes,
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in
the Highest.**

The priest prays the prayer of consecration, and this acclamation is said:

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

The Prayer continues, leading into the doxology, which ends

... for ever and ever.

Amen.

The priest introduces the Lord's Prayer:

**Our Father, who art in heaven
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be
done; on earth as it is in
heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily
bread. And forgive us our
trespasses, as we forgive those
who
trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us
from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, the
power and the glory, for ever
and ever. Amen.**

Breaking of Bread

The priest breaks the consecrated host:

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

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

We say the Agnus Dei:

**Lamb of God, you take away
the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away
the sins of the world;**

have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the
sins of the world:
grant us peace.

Giving of Communion

Behold Lamb of God, who takes
away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to
his supper.
Lord, I am not worthy to
receive you,
but only say the word, and I
shall be healed.

*During communion, please get up for
your seats one household at a time.*

Post Communion

*We stand as the celebrant prays, to
which we respond.*
Amen.

The Blessing

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

...and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy
Spirit,
be among you and remain with you
always.
Amen

The Angelus

The angel of the Lord brought
tidings to Mary:
and she conceived by the Holy
Spirit.

Hail Mary full of grace, the Lord is
with thee, blessed art thou among
women, and blessed is the fruit of
thy womb Jesus:
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners, now and at
the hour of our death. Amen.

Behold the handmaid of the Lord.
Be it unto me according to thy
word.
Hail Mary...

And the Word was made flesh.
And dwelt among us.
Hail Mary...

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God,
that we may be made worthy
of the promises of Christ.

Notices

Welcome back! It is wonderful to be able to worship together once more. We are still awaiting more guidance about what activities are able to happen in church.

There will be mass on Thursday at 10am.

Since the beginning of April, we have expanded our **Soup Kitchen** to include a food bank, and last Sunday, we hit 1000 meals and parcels. There is no sign of demand slowing (if anything, its increasing), and we are always grateful for any donations. There are several ways to donate:

1. Online, via our page on Bankuet: www.bankuet.co.uk/stjohns
2. In cash, to Mthr Alice
3. By donating food items. We're always grateful for:
 - Long life milk
 - Tinned fish
 - Tinned meat
 - Tinned soup
 - Breakfast cereal

We have also developed a **Clothing Bank**, to meet another need we identified. If you have any good quality clothes to donate, please check with Ken about what is most needed.

Please remember to leave the building as soon as mass has finished, either through the main doors, or, if you want to stay and chat, out into the garden.

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