
ST JOHN'S N4

The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, 26th July 2020



Please pray

- For Dilly, Roxane and the people of St Mary's, Stoke Newington
- For the people of Yemen, and for an end to fighting there.
- 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.

The Liturgy of the Word
First Reading

1 Kings 3:5-12

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, 'Ask what I should give you.' And Solomon said, 'You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, 'Because you have asked this, and

have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

We say the Response:

Lord, how I love your law!

My part, I have resolved, O Lord, is to obey your word.

The law from your mouth means more to me than silver and gold. **R**

Let your love be ready to console me by your promise to your servant. Let your love come and I shall live for your law is my delight. **R**

That is why I love your commands more than finest gold, why I rule my life by your precepts, and hate false ways. **R**

Your will is wonderful indeed; therefore I obey t.

The unfolding of your word gives light and teaches the simple. **R**

Second Reading

Romans 8:26-end

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution,

or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long;

we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.'

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

We stand for the Gospel reading.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children.

Alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

And the end of the Gospel:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

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 in the Highest.

**Blessed is he comes,
in the name of the Lord.**

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.

The government and Church of England have brought out new guidance on **face coverings**. It is now strongly advised that face coverings are worn during Mass, and they are only taken off to receive communion. There are disposable masks available for the next couple of weeks, but once these have run out, please remember to bring your own. Hand sanitizer is available for you to use before and after taking off your mask to receive communion, and again to use in replacing it afterwards. There are exemptions to wearing one. Mthr Alice will not be wearing one as it makes communication very difficult, but will do so to distribute communion, and when talking to people before or after mass.

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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