

The Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, 20th September 2020



Please pray

- For those who work for the Diocese and support parish work.
- For those entrapped in slavery.
- 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**

Jonah 3:10-end 4

But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the Lord and said, 'O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.' And the Lord said, 'Is it right for you to be angry?' Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the

head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, 'It is better for me to die than to live.'

But God said to Jonah, 'Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?' And he said, 'Yes, angry enough to die.' Then the Lord said, 'You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labour and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?'

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

Psalm

We say the Response:

**The Lord is close
to all who call him.**

I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever.
You are great, Lord, highly to be
praised,
your greatness cannot be measured.
R

You are kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good you are, Lord, to all,
compassionate to all your creatures.
R

You are just in all your ways
and loving in all your deeds.
You are close to all who call you,
who call on you from their hearts.

R

Second Reading

Philippians 1:21-end

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of

believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well— since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

We stand for the Gospel reading.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our heart, O Lord,
to accept the words of your Son.

Alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the Holy Gospel according to
Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 20:1-16

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

In the intercessions, we make this, or another response:

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

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

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

Thank you to Roxane from St Mary's for covering today's Mass while Mthr Alice is away.

A reminder that it is now mandatory that **face coverings** are worn during Mass. They should only be removed to receive communion. 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 of course exemptions to wearing one.

Thank you for your donations last week for our Harvest Festival. They will go towards our soup kitchen and food bank. If you would prefer to make a financial donation, you can either give the money to Mthr Alice when she returns, or do so online at www.justgiving.com/campaign/sjebp-soupkitchen

We were hoping that some of our normal activities might be able to resume in October, but the recent changes in the law mean that we are still awaiting guidance to see what might be possible. Mini Oasis, our toddler group, will certainly resuming during the first week of October.

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