

The Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, 27th September 2020



Please pray

- For those who have been recently ordained, or are preparing to be so.
- For those who work in theological education.
- 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**

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-end

The word of the Lord came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, 'The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge'? As I live, says the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is unfair.' Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, 'The way of the Lord is unfair.'

O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God.

Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

We say the Response:

Remember your mercy, Lord.

Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and
teach me,
for you are God my saviour. **R**

Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from
of old.

Do not remember the sins of my
youth. In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord.

R

The Lord is good and upright.
Showing the path to those who stray,

guiding the humble in the right path,
and teaching the way to the poor. **R**

Second Reading

Philippians 2:1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

We stand for the Gospel reading.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Those who love me will keep my word,
and my Father will love them, and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 21:23-32

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 Irena for covering today's Mass while Mthr Alice is away.

There will be no Thursday this week. It returns as normal on Thursday 8th October.

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.

Some of our normal activities commence in October. From Wednesday, 7th October, our **Mini Oasis Toddler Group** begins to meet again from 9.30am - 11.30am. Mthr Alice will look at latest guidance on her return to see what other activities may be able to resume.

The 29th September (also the feast of St Michael and All Angels) is the anniversary of death of our dear friend James Roach. Please pray for him, and for his family on that day.

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