

Morning Worship

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

15th May 2022



Welcome on behalf of the community of St. John's Church

St. John's seeks to be an inclusive church community where all are welcomed and valued, regardless of age, race, ethnicity, gender or sexuality.

Whether this is your first time in a church or whether you have been coming for years, we are delighted to welcome you.

We prepare for worship by being still, recalling God's presence with us. We have a foyer where greetings may be exchanged before entering the liturgical space, and we encourage you to use the time in church before the service begins in prayerful preparation.

Gluten-free altar bread is available for those who need it and alcohol free wine. Please ask the priest at the distribution.

The service is led by Susi Artis Licensed Lay Minister

HYMN

**Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven;
To His feet thy tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Who like me his praise should sing?
Praise Him, praise Him,
Praise him, praise him
Praise the everlasting King.**

**Praise Him for His grace and favour
To our fathers in distress;
Praise Him still the same as ever,
Slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Praise Him, praise Him,
Praise him, praise him
Glorious in His faithfulness.**

**Father like He tends and spares us,
Well our feeble frame He knows;
In His hands He gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes.
Praise Him, praise Him,
Praise him, praise him
Widely yet His mercy flows.**

**Angels, help us to adore Him,
Ye behold Him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before Him;
Dwellers all in time and space,
Praise Him, praise Him,
Praise him, praise him
Praise with us the God of grace.**

THE GREETING and INTRODUCTION

In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit

Amen

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
and also with you.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Words of welcome

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

Christ our Passover lamb has been sacrificed for us.
Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil
and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

Like Mary at the empty tomb,
we fail to grasp the wonder of your presence.

Lord, have mercy,

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Like the disciples behind locked doors,
we are afraid to be seen as your followers.

Christ, have mercy,

All **Christ, have mercy.**

Like Thomas in the upper room,
we are slow to believe.

Lord, have mercy,

All **Lord, have mercy.**

THE ABSOLUTION

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon us,
pardon and deliver us from all our sins,
confirm and strengthen us in all goodness,
and keep us in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

We remain standing to sing the Gloria – a hymn of God's glory.

**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 COLLECT

Let us pray that we may reign with the risen Christ in glory.
Almighty God,
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ
have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life:
grant that, as by your grace going before us
you put into our minds good desires,
so by your continual help
we may bring them to good effect;
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

We are seated.

THE FIRST READING: Genesis 22: 1-18

After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, 'Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' He said, 'Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt-offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you.' So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt-offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, 'Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you.' Abraham took the wood of the burnt-offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, 'Father!' And he said, 'Here I am, my son.' He said, 'The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt-offering?' Abraham said, 'God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt-offering, my son.' So the two of them walked on together.

When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, and said, 'Abraham, Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' He said, 'Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.' And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt-offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place 'The LORD will provide'; as it is said to this day, 'On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided.'

The angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven, and said, 'By myself I have sworn, says the LORD: Because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will indeed bless you, and I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of their enemies, and by your offspring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves, because you have obeyed my voice.'

THE SECOND READING: Acts 11.1-18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ² So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³ saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" ⁴ Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ⁵ "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. ⁶ As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷ I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' ⁸ But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' ⁹ But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' ¹⁰ This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven.

¹¹ At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. ¹² The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. ¹³ He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; ¹⁴ he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' ¹⁵ And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. ¹⁶ And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be

baptized with the Holy Spirit.' ¹⁷ If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" ¹⁸ When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

We remain seated for the Psalm

PSALM 145

I will bless your name for ever, my God and King.

Great is the Lord, and worthy of all praise,
His glory is past searching out:
Men shall recount the might of your deeds,
And proclaim your majesty.

I will bless your name for ever, my God and King.

The Lord loves all that he has made,
His mercy is over all his works,
All your works speak your praise,
And your people give you thanks.

I will bless your name for ever, my God and King.

Your right hand raises those that fall,
And those bowed down are lifted up:
All creatures wait on you for food,
And from your hand their wants are fed.

I will bless your name for ever, my God and King.

The Lord is near to those who call,
He hears their cry and beings them help:
My mouth shall tell the praise of God,
And let all flesh his name adore.

I will bless your name for ever, my God and King.

We stand for the Gospel

THE GOSPEL: John 13: 31-35

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

"I give you a new commandment," says the Lord"
Love one another, just as I have loved you."

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

³¹ When he had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord,

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

After a prayer we sit for the Sermon.

SERMON

We remain seated for a time of quiet reflection

After which we stand for the Creed: a declaration of praise, stating what we believe.

THE CREED

All **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.**

INTERCESSIONS

Let us pray for the world and the Church, and thank God for his goodness.

The following response may be used:

Lord, in your mercy *or* Lord, hear us.
All **Hear our prayer** **Lord, graciously hear us.**

After the names of the departed have been read out:

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord
All **and let light perpetual shine upon them.**

The prayers may conclude with:

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

Merciful Father,
All **accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

We stand to receive the Peace.

THE PEACE

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said,
'Peace be with you.'

Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

The peace of the risen Christ be always with you,

All **and also with you. Alleluia**

We greet one another with a socially distanced sign of peace

A collection is taken and the gifts are brought to the altar as we sing.

HYMN

**1. O Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end;
be thou forever near me,
my master and my Friend;
I shall not fear the battle
if thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway
if thou wilt be my Guide.**

**2. O let me hear thee speaking,
in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion,
the murmurs of self-will;
O, speak to reassure me,
to hasten, or control;
O speak, and make me listen,
thou Guardian of my soul.**

**3. O Jesus, thou hast promised
to all who follow thee,
that where thou art in glory
there shall thy servant be;
And Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow,
my Master and my Friend.**

**4. O let me see thy footmarks,
and in them plant mine own;
my hope to follow duly
is in thy strength alone.
O guide me, call me, draw me,
uphold me to the end;
and then in heaven receive me,
my Saviour and my Friend**

The gifts are received at the altar.

We sit or kneel

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rejoicing in God's new creation,

let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

All **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.

We remain sitting to sing:

***A new commandment I give unto you:
that you love one another
as I have loved you,
that you love one another
as I have loved you.***

**By this shall all know
that you are my disciples
if you have love one for another.**

**By this shall all know
that you are my disciples
if you have love one for another.**

A new commandment...

**You are my friends
if you do what I command you.
Without my help you can do nothing.**

**You are my friends
if you do what I command you.
Without my help you can do nothing.**

A new commandment...

**I am the true vine,
my Father is the gard'ner.
Abide in me: I will be with you.**

**I am the true vine,
my Father is the gard'ner.
Abide in me: I will be with you.**

A new commandment...

**True love is patient,
not arrogant nor boastful;
love bears all things, love is eternal.**

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not arrogant nor boastful;
love bears all things, love is eternal**

A new commandment...

NOTICES

We stand for the dismissal and the blessing.

THE DISMISSAL

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All **He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

The God of peace,
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
that great shepherd of the sheep,
through the blood of the eternal covenant,
make you perfect in every good work to do his will,
working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among us and remain with us always.

All **Amen.**

With the risen life of Christ within you,
go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

All **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

HYMN

**At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow,
every tongue confess him King of glory now;
'tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord,
who from the beginning was the mighty Word.**

**At his voice creation sprang at once to sight:
all the angel faces, all the hosts of light,
thrones and dominations, stars upon their way,
all the heavenly orders in their great array.**

**Humbled for a season, to receive a name
from the lips of sinners, unto whom he came;
faithfully he bore it spotless to the last,
brought it back victorious when from death he passed.**

**Truly, this Lord Jesus shall return again,
with his Father's glory o'er the earth to reign;
for all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow,
and our hearts confess him King of glory now.**

Do stay for tea, coffee and a chat

NOTICES

Walsingham Pilgrimage

This year's annual pilgrimage will take place between the 23rd and 25th September and 25 places have been reserved. Unfortunately, we have been unable to attend for the past 2 years due to the pandemic but are pleased to be able to return this year.

Accommodation will be on a full board basis commencing on the Friday PM and concluding mid-afternoon on the Sunday. Cost: Adults £152.00, Children (Age 5 - 16) £91.20, Under 5's free. Transport costs are extra.

Reserve your place now with Ray Hotson the organiser. A deposit of £30 should accompany your booking.

This annual pilgrimage is a great blessing to all who make the journey to pray in that holy place. Have a word with folk who have been before if you are unsure about whether you might value the experience. (Almost everyone does...)

Friday Bus Trips

The Friday outings are ready to go, with the first date set at June 10th. The destination will be determined a lot nearer to the date, and probably by those on the bus.

We need at least six people to make this a viable enterprise so please join in.

The cost per person is around £7.00 per half day, £14.00 per full day. If you are interested then please let Robin know.

Forthcoming Community Events at church

Sherwood and Carrington Sharing Stories

The first opportunity to listen to and share memories of Sherwood and Carrington will be held in the nave on Wednesday 1st June from 1.30 – 2.30 pm. An initiative by SCAMP this is being partnered by local historians and St. John's. This monthly event offers a speaker and the chance to swop interesting and perhaps amusing facts about the area from bygone days.

All welcome. £3 entrance includes a tea, coffee or soft drink.

Sunday 5th June will be very busy with Street Parties to Celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Carrington was one of the places the Queen was driven through in the 1977 celebrations. People gathered along Mansfield Road outside the church, to

wave flags and greet her. It is possible your road has something organised for the 5th June which you will wish to take part in. Otherwise, you may like to join us.

St. John's is taking part in the Big Jubilee Lunch. From 1 – 4 pm

Loscoe Road and Church Drive residents have been invited to join the congregation and regular churchyard users for a picnic. This will take place in the churchyard and the closed parts of the two roads. People are asked to bring their own picnic lunch to eat as a family, individually, or share with others; also, any tables, chairs, picnic blankets as they are able. We will be putting out some tables and chairs, decorating the grounds and providing a few activities. The Gladstone will be open to serve drinks.

Please see Cynthia if you can help with bunting on the Saturday; tables and chairs after the Sunday service; organise activities at the lunch.

Also please sign the list at the back of church if you plan to attend the event and do not live in the closed roads, so we know potential numbers attending from the congregation.

Carrington Festival weekend is the 9th/10th July.

The Carrington Festival takes place on Saturday 9th. (12 – 5). And the Carrington Farmers' Market celebrates a year of being part of our community on Sunday 10th (10 – 2)

On the Saturday we need people to prepare the grounds, look after various St. John's stalls, act as marshalls etc. Please let Cynthia know asap what time/s you can give and your preference of tasks.

Let's make this a great collaborative event.

St. John's will also have a few stalls on the Sunday for church funds

The Farmers' Market will take place every 2nd Sunday until December

Services and events this week

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| <p>Wednesday 18th May 11am 12pm – 1pm</p> | <p>Zoom coffee Carrington Community Café</p> |
| <p>Sunday May 22nd 10am</p> | <p>Parish Eucharist followed by refreshments</p> |

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Following the lifting of Covid-19 restrictions, the wearing of face coverings in church is no longer mandatory. However, please do continue to wear a face covering if you wish, or if you feel that it would make those around you more comfortable. We can supply face coverings. Hand sanitiser continues to be available for the use of all.

Check out our YouTube channel:

<https://youtube.com/channel/UCyVHuPe633QW2YRY-fX-BPQ>



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