

St. John's Carrington Parish Eucharist for Mothering Sunday



The Season of Lent

March 22nd 2020

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.

This is a very unusual time for the Church where we cannot be with one another in a physical sense. However, as the Body of Christ and by the power of the Holy Spirit we are united in fellowship with one another and with the whole company of heaven.

As such, whether you are reading this on your own or following along on the live stream we are delighted to welcome you.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GATHERING AND WELCOME

✠ In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

The Lord be with you,
All **and also with you.**

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

Let us call to mind our sin,
our failure to value the love of others
and our failure to love as Christ has loved us.

Your love gives us life from the moment of conception.
We fail to live as your children.

Lord, have mercy,
All **Lord, have mercy.**

You call us to do good, but we have sought our own good.
Christ, have mercy,

All **Christ, have mercy.**

You hear us when we cry for help.
We ignore the cries of others.

Lord, have mercy,
All **Lord, have mercy.**

ABSOLUTION

May the Father of all mercies
cleanse you from your sins,
and restore you in his image
to the praise and glory of his name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

THE COLLECT (The prayer for the Day)

God of compassion,
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,
and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself:
strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow
we may know the power of your presence
to bind together and to heal;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

At the end of each reading:

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

THE SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 1.3-7

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, ⁴who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. ⁵For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. ⁶If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering. ⁷Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation.

The Lord be with you,

All **And also with you.**

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

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

THE GOSPEL: John 19.25-27

²⁵And that is what the soldiers did.

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' ²⁷Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

This is the Gospel of the Lord,

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

THE SERMON

THE CREED

All **We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

INTERCESSIONS

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.**

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

We stand for the Peace.

THE PEACE

Through the prophet Isaiah, God says,
'As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you.'
The peace of the Lord be always with you,
All **and also with you.**

THE OFFERTORY HYMN

**1. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
Tender to me the promise of his word;
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.**

2. **Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
His mercy sure, from age to age to same;
is holy Name--the Lord, the Mighty One.**

3. **Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.**

4. **Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore!**

PRAYER AT THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

God of our journey,
as we walk with you on your path of obedience,
sustain us on our way and lead us to your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER (G)

The Lord be with you,

All **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, Lord God,
our light and our salvation;
to you be glory and praise for ever.

From the beginning you have created all things
and all your works echo the silent music of your praise.

In the fullness of time you made us in your image,
the crown of all creation.

You give us breath and speech, that with angels and archangels
and all the powers of heaven
we may find a voice to sing your praise:

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord.
As a mother tenderly gathers her children,
you embraced a people as your own.
When they turned away and rebelled
your love remained steadfast.
From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary,
to be the living bread,
in whom all our hungers are satisfied.
He offered his life for sinners,
and with a love stronger than death
he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died,
he came to supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he gave you thanks.
He broke it and gave it to them, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.
At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, and said:
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:
All **Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Father, we plead with confidence
his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross;
we remember his dying and rising in glory,
and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.

Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you
these gifts of your creation;
may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.
As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence,
form us in the likeness of Christ,

and build us into a living temple to your glory.
Remember, Lord, your Church in every land.
Reveal her unity, guard her faith,
and preserve her in peace.
Bring us at the last with St. John the Evangelist and all the saints
to the vision of that eternal splendour
for which you have created us;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
by whom, with whom, and in whom,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

All **Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever.
Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup.

All **We proclaim the Lord's death, until he comes.**

AGNUS DEI

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

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

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
grant us peace.**

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Draw near with faith.

Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you,
and his blood which he shed for you.
Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts
by faith with thanksgiving.

Or, if you are making a spiritual communion (i.e. not receiving in person) you may wish to say the below:

In union, O Lord with the faithful at every altar of your Church,
where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated,
I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving.
I present to you my soul and body with the wish that they may always be
united to you.
And since I can not now receive you in this sacrament,
I ask you to come spiritually into my heart.
I unite myself to you, and embrace you with all the affections of my soul.
Let nothing ever separate you from me.
May I live and die in your love.
Amen.

After communion, we hold a time of silent prayer.

Loving God,
as a mother feeds her children at the breast
you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life:
help us who have tasted your goodness
to grow in grace within the household of faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

All **Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

NOTICES

All **Almighty God,
We give you thanks and praise for our life together.
Fill us all Good Lord, with your Spirit of Love
and as you have fed us with the bread of heaven,**

**so make us one in hearts and mind, in Jesus Christ our lord.
Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

THE BLESSING

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,
to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him;
and the blessing of God almighty,
✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

NOTICES

The current situation

Brothers and sisters, these are such unusual times we find ourselves living in. On Thursday the church celebrated the Feast of St. Joseph. The Gospel reading for the Eucharist of the day was of Gabriel's reassurance to him, his command to trust in the one who called 'Emmanuel' – which means 'God with us'. Joseph's example of trust – of taking a leap of faith in marrying and standing by Mary - is of such encouragement to us. It might be difficult to trust at this time when the news seems a little bit bleaker each day and when we can't physically be with one another. And yet, trust we do and must – trust in the Lord who **is** with us, standing alongside us, comforting us and bringing peace. In the midst of the turmoil there have been such wonderful signs of hope, of neighbours supporting one another, of community coming together. The light of Easter is breaking through, a light that no darkness and no virus can overcome. It is my prayer that we will all be strengthened and grow in trust of the God who loves us so much; the God who is indeed with us.

On a practical level, we don't know how long the situation will be going on for. We will continue to say the Eucharist every Wednesday at 10am and Sunday at 10am. Although this is not a public act of worship, it is nevertheless being said on behalf of the whole community.

We have lots of digital resources available (more info below) but recognise that lots of people are not online. We will continue to pop pewsheets through doors of people who don't have access to the internet – please let us know if we are missing anyone.

Hopefully everyone has also had a physical copy of the prayer resources – do say if not. We would strongly encourage you to make use of these and to keep up your own personal discipline of prayer and devotion as well as being spiritually united with the St. John's congregation Above all be assured of all our prayers: prayer unites us and binds us and it is in prayer that we can be certain that God is with us.

Virtual Church

In this time of change, we are looking to do as much as we can in a virtual way. The church website (www.stjohnscarrington.org.uk) has a list of practical ways of praying and continuing in worship.

Morning Prayer and compline will be 'Live Streamed' through the church's Facebook Page. We will endeavour to do this whenever possible (MP is at 9am, Compline is at 9pm).

<https://www.facebook.com/stjohnschurchcarrington/>

NB you don't have to be a member of Facebook to see this. On the left hand side of the Facebook page you will see several headings. One of these says 'posts'. If you click that you will be able to see the videos. If you miss the live stream, click the heading titled 'videos' on the left and you will be able to watch all previous ones.

We are also looking at ways of meeting virtually through Skype, Facetime and Zoom (an online video conference facility). If you have any more suggestions then do please get in touch! And on that:

Virtual Bible Study

Those of us who are able shall meet virtually on Wednesday at 7pm to continue our Bible Study. NB: **please email James** (revjamespacey@gmail.com) if you'd like to take part so he can add you to the conference call. If you'd like to join in but feel a bit alarmed at the technical requirements we will gladly talk you through it.

Virtual Morning or Evening Prayer

James is keen to have some opportunities for people to meet virtually to say morning or evening prayer together. If you might be interested, do please let him know.

The Church APCM

The APCM was scheduled to be taking place on 26th April, followed by a lunch. However, things are now somewhat up in the air and we are awaiting further guidance from the Diocese.

Ove the course of the week however, we will be putting more information on the church website, as well as forms nominating folks to join PCC. Please do join the church electoral roll as well – we can email you or provide physical forms through your door.

Virtual Services & events this week

Monday 23rd March 9am 9pm	Morning Prayer 'livestreamed' Compline 'livestreamed'
Tuesday 24th March 9am	Morning Prayer 'livestreamed'

9pm	Compline 'livestreamed'
Wednesday 25th March	
9am	Morning Prayer 'livestreamed'
10am	Holy Communion 'livestreamed'
7pm	Bible Study via Zoom
9pm	Compline 'livestreamed'
Thursday 26th March	
9pm	Compline 'livestreamed'
Sunday 29th March	
10am	Eucharist 'livestreamed'
9pm	Compline 'livestreamed'

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