

Parish Eucharist

The Sunday after Ascension
16th May 2021
10am



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 strange time for the Church. As lockdown restrictions are lifted some of us are gathering in church and some are watching the service at home. 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.

Whether you are reading this on your own or following along on the live-stream we are delighted to welcome you.

We welcome the Rev David Jones to preside for us this morning.
Our preacher is Denis Tully Church Army Evangelist

HYMN

Come down, O love divine,
seek thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;
O comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear,
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn,
till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes, in its heat consuming;
and let thy glorious light
shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

Let holy charity
mine outward vesture be,
and lowliness become mine inner clothing;
true lowliness of heart,
which takes the humbler part,
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human telling;
for none can guess its grace,
till he become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

GREETING and INTRODUCTION

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

All **and also with you.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

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.**

ABSOLUTION

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

All **Amen.**

Please stand for the Gloria

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

**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 sins 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.

O God the King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

Please sit for the reading

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING: Acts 1: 15-17, 21-26

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people) and said, 'Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus— for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.' So one of the men who have accompanied us throughout the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.' So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, 'Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.' And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand for the Gospel reading

THE GOSPEL: John 17:6-19

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

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

I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

This is the Gospel of the Lord,

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

SERMON

Please stand to affirm our faith

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

All Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world?

We believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

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

Amen.

Please sit or kneel for our intercessions

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 prayers for the dead:

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

THE PEACE

The peace of the risen Christ be always with you,

All **and also with you. Alleluia**

PRAYER AT THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Lord of life,

with unbounded joy we offer you our sacrifice of praise.
As we are fed with the bread of heaven
may we know your resurrection power;
through Christ our risen Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

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.

Almighty God, good Father to us all,
your face is turned towards your world.

In love you gave us Jesus your Son
to rescue us from sin and death.

Your Word goes out to call us home
to the city where angels sing your praise.

We join with them in heaven's song:

**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.**

Please sit

Father of all, we give you thanks for every gift that comes from heaven.

To the darkness Jesus came as your light.

With signs of faith and words of hope

he touched untouchables with love and washed the guilty clean.

This is his story.

This is our song:

Hosanna in the highest.

The crowds came out to see your Son,

yet at the end they turned on him.

On the night he was betrayed

he came to table with his friends

to celebrate the freedom of your people.

This is his story.

This is our song:

Hosanna in the highest.

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food;

he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said:

This is my body, given for you all.
Jesus then gave thanks for the wine;
he took the cup, gave it and said:
This is my blood, shed for you all
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this in remembrance of me.
This is our story.

This is our song:

Hosanna in the highest.

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup
we celebrate the cross
on which he died to set us free.
Defying death he rose again
and is alive with you to plead for us and all the world.
This is our story.

This is our song:

Hosanna in the highest.

Send your Spirit on us now
that by these gifts we may feed on Christ
with opened eyes and hearts on fire.
May we and all who share this food
offer ourselves to live for you
and be welcomed at your feast in heaven
where all creation worships you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

Blessing and honour and glory and power

be yours for ever and ever.

Amen.

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Jesus says, I am the bread of life, whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

All **Lord, our hearts hunger for you; give us this bread always.**

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.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

All **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

If you are making a spiritual communion (i.e. not receiving in person) you may wish to say the prayer 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.]

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God, giver of love and power,
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:
confirm us in this mission,
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Almighty God,

All **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.**

NOTICES

THE BLESSING

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 you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

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

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

NOTICES

Zoom Coffee

We will continue to have Zoom coffee on Wednesdays at 11am and Sundays at 11.30. The links are below. All welcome.

Church questionnaire

Everyone is encouraged to take part in the questionnaire for members of St John's and the wider community which has a closing date of Sunday 23rd May. We will use your feedback to reflect upon our church's mission, think about the work we're doing in the community, and plan for the future. It will also shape a revised Church plan and profile. The questionnaire can be filled in online here:
bit.ly/stjohnsquestionnaire

or you can get a paper copy of it by contacting Susi. We will be happy to post one to your home.

Services and events this week

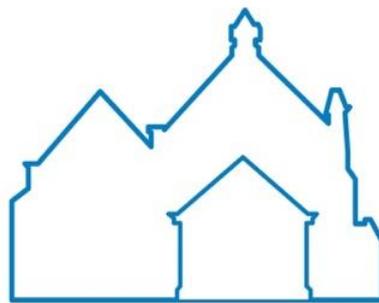
Monday 17th May 6pm	Evening Prayer via Zoom HTTPS://us02web.zoom.us/j/5842552248
Tuesday 18th May 10am	Morning Prayer Live-streamed on our YouTube channel
Wednesday 19th May 11-12am 11am 6pm	Food bank Zoom coffee HTTPS://us02web.zoom.us/j/83660786270 Password 2020 Pre-school Praise with Lindy on our Facebook page Evening Prayer via Zoom HTTPS://us02web.zoom.us/j/5842552248
Thursday 20th May 10am	Morning Prayer Live streamed on our You Tube channel
Sunday 23rd May 10am 11.30am	Parish Eucharist In person and live streamed on You Tube Zoom coffee https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83660786270 password 2020

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