

# St Mary's Church, Walkley



**The Church on the Road:**  
*Inclusive, Eucharistic, a safe place to be with God*

**The Third Sunday before Advent  
Eucharist**

**6<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

## The Gathering

*We stand.*

*President* In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

*All* **Amen.**

## The Greeting

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

*All* **and also with you.**

## The Opening Hymn

*We remain standing and we sing.*

## The Confession and Absolution

*Minister* Since we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses,  
let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely,  
looking to Jesus in penitence and faith.

Hebrews 12.1

*We keep a time of silence.*

*Minister* Lord, you are gracious and compassionate:  
Lord, have mercy.

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

*Minister* You are loving to all  
and your mercy is over all your creation:  
Christ, have mercy.

*All* **Christ, have mercy.**

*Minister* Your faithful servants bless your name  
and speak of the glory of your kingdom:  
Lord, have mercy.

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

*President* May God our Father forgive us our sins,  
and bring us to the fellowship of his table  
with his saints for ever.

*All* **Amen.**

*We remain standing and we sing:*

## **The Gloria in Excelsis**

*All*

**Glory to God in the highest, peace to his people on earth,  
Glory to God in the highest, 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.  
Glory to God in the highest, peace to his people on earth,  
Glory to God in the highest, peace to his people on earth,  
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,  
have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the  
Father: receive, receive our prayer.  
Glory to God in the highest, peace to his people on earth,  
Glory to God in the highest, peace to his people on earth,  
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you  
alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with Holy Spirit, in the  
glory of God the Father. Amen. In the glory of God the Father,  
Amen.**

## **The Collect**

*President* Let us pray that we may be strengthened by our communion with  
all the saints:

Heavenly Lord,  
you long for the world's salvation:  
stir us from apathy,  
restrain us from excess  
and revive in us new hope  
that all creation will one day be healed  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All*

**Amen.**

*We sit.*

## **The Reading: Job 19. 23 - 27a**

*Reader* A reading from the Book of Job.

'O that my words were written down!  
O that they were inscribed in a book!  
O that with an iron pen and with lead  
they were engraved on a rock for ever!  
For I know that my Redeemer lives,  
and that at the last he will stand upon the earth;  
and after my skin has been thus destroyed,  
then in my flesh I shall see God,  
whom I shall see on my side,  
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.  
My heart faints within me!

*Reader* This is the word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

## **The Gradual Hymn**

*We stand and we sing.*

## **The Gospel Reading: Luke 20. 27 - 38**

*Minister* Alleluia, alleluia.  
You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood,  
a holy nation, God's own people,  
called out of darkness into his marvellous light.

*All* **Alleluia.**

1 Peter 2.9

*Minister* Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to him and asked him a question, 'Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.'

Jesus said to them, 'Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed they cannot die any more, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive.'

*Minister* This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
*All* **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*We sit.*

## **The Sermon**

*We stand.*

## **The Creed**

*President* Let us declare our faith in God:

*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.**

*We sit or kneel.*

## **The Prayers of Intercession**

*Intercessor* Lord, in your mercy,  
*All* **Hear our prayer.**

*Or another response is used.*

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

## **The Thanksgiving**

*Priest* Do you receive these children as a gift from God?

*Family* We do.

*Priest* Do you wish to give thanks to God and seek his blessing?

*Family* We do.

*Priest* God our creator,  
we thank you for the wonder of new life  
and for the mystery of human love.  
We thank you for all whose support and skill  
surround and sustain the beginning of life.  
We thank you that we are known to you by name  
and loved by you from all eternity.  
We thank you for Jesus Christ,  
who has opened to us the way of love.  
We praise you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*All* **Blessed be God for ever.**

*The minister asks the parents:*

*Priest* What name have you given this child?

*Family* Her name is Arabella

*Priest* As Jesus took children in his arms and blessed them, so now we  
ask God's blessing on Arabella.

Heavenly Father, we praise you for her birth;  
surround her with your blessing  
that she may know your love,  
be protected from evil,  
and know your goodness all her days.

*All* **May she learn to love all that is true,  
grow in wisdom and strength  
and, in due time, come through faith and baptism  
to the fullness of your grace;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

*Priest* May God the Father of all bless Pamela and Ike  
and give them grace to love and care for their children.  
May God give them wisdom, patience and faith,  
help them to provide for their children's needs  
and, by their example,  
reveal the love and truth that are in Jesus Christ.

*All* **Amen.**

*The priest addresses the congregation:*

*Priest* Will you do all that you can to help and support this family?  
*All* **With the help of God, we will.**

**God our creator,  
we thank you for the gift of this child,  
entrusted to our care.  
May we be patient and understanding,  
ready to guide and to forgive,  
so that through our love  
she may come to know your love;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

*We stand.*

## **The Liturgy of the Sacrament**

### **The Peace**

*President* We are fellow-citizens with the saints and of the household of God,  
through Christ our Lord, who came and preached peace  
to those who were far off and those who were near.

*Ephesians 2.19,17*

*All* The peace of the Lord be always with you,  
**and also with you.**

*Minister* Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*We remain in our seats, sharing the peace through waves to those  
around us.*

### **The Offertory Hymn**

*We stand and we sing as the altar is prepared.*



## The Eucharistic Prayer

*President* The Lord is here.

*All* **His Spirit is with us.**

*President* Lift up your hearts.

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

*President* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*President* It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should always sing of your glory,  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

For you are the hope of the nations,  
the builder of the city that is to come.

Your love made visible in Jesus Christ  
brings home the lost,  
restores the sinner  
and gives dignity to the despised.

In his face your light shines out,  
flooding lives with goodness and truth,  
gathering into one in your kingdom  
a divided and broken humanity.

Therefore with all who can give voice in your creation  
we glorify your name,  
for ever praising you and singing:

*Cantor* Holy Holy Holy Lord

*All* **Holy Holy Holy Lord**

*Cantor* God of power and God of might

*All* **God of power and God of might**

*Cantor* Heaven and earth are full of your glory

*All* **Heaven and earth are full of your glory**

*Cantor* Hosanna in the highest

*All* **Hosanna in the highest**

*Cantor* Blessed is he who comes

*All* **Blessed is he who comes**

*Cantor* In the name of the Lord most High

*All* **In the name of the Lord most High**

*Cantor* Hosanna

*All* **Hosanna**

*Cantor* Hosanna

*All* **Hosanna**

*Cantor* Hosanna in the highest

*All* **Hosanna in the highest**

*President* Accept our praises, heavenly Father,  
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
and as we follow his example and obey his command,  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us his body and his blood;  
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:  
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.

Therefore, heavenly Father,  
we remember his offering of himself  
made once for all upon the cross;  
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;  
we look for the coming of your kingdom,  
and with this bread and this cup  
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

*Minister* Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

*Cantor* Dying you destroyed our death  
*All* **Dying you destroyed our death**  
*Cantor* Rising you restored our life  
*All* **Rising you restored our life**  
*Cantor* Lord Jesus come  
*All* **Lord Jesus come**  
*Cantor* Lord Jesus come  
*All* **Lord Jesus come**  
*Cantor* Come again in glory  
*All* **Come again in glory**

*President* Accept through him, our great high priest,  
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,  
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts  
in the presence of your divine majesty,  
renew us by your Spirit,  
inspire us with your love  
and unite us in the body of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
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.**

*We sit or kneel.*

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*President* With saints and martyrs through the ages,  
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

*All* **Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.  
Amen.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

*President* We break this bread  
to share in the body of Christ.

*All* **Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

## The Giving of Communion

*President* I heard the voice of a great multitude crying, Alleluia.  
The Lord our God has entered into his kingdom.

*All* **Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.**

*The president will give instructions on how to come forward for communion and on returning to our seats. All are welcome to come to front for the bread and wine or a blessing. If you would like a blessing please keep your arms folded across your chest at you approach the front. We are now able to receive the wine as well as the bread. The president will dip the wafer in the wine before giving it to you. Sanitising stations are available at the front of church to use before receiving.*

*During the distribution we sing and music is played.*

## The Prayer after Communion

*President* Let us pray.

Heavenly Lord,  
you long for the world's salvation:  
stir us from apathy,  
restrain us from excess  
and revive in us new hope  
that all creation will one day be healed  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

*All* **Father of all, you gathered us here  
around the table of your Son;  
we have shared this meal with the saints  
and the whole fellowship of the household of God.  
In that new world  
where the fullness of your peace will be revealed,  
gather people of every race, language and way of life  
to share in the one eternal banquet of  
Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

## The Notices

*We stand.*

## The Blessing

*President* May God,  
who kindled the fire of his love in the hearts of the saints,  
pour upon you the riches of his grace.

*All* **Amen.**

*President* May he give you joy in their fellowship  
and a share in their praises.

*All* **Amen.**

*President* May he strengthen you to follow them in the way of holiness  
and to come to the full radiance of glory.

*All* **Amen.**

*President* 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 Closing Hymn

*We remain standing and we sing.*

## The Dismissal

*Minister* Following God's saints in the ways of holiness and truth,  
go in the peace of Christ.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

***Coffee and tea are served after the service please move  
to the hall through the door at the back of the church.***

*Please be mindful of those who prefer to keep their distance  
from others at the moment.*

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