

# St Mary's Church, Walkley



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

## First Sunday after Trinity

## Eucharist 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2025

**Welcome to St Mary's Church, Walkley**

**President: The Revd Canon Dr Alan Billings**  
**Preacher: The Revd Canon James Wilson**  
**Team Warden on duty: David**

## **The Gathering and Opening Hymn**

*We stand and we sing the opening hymn.*

*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 Confession and Absolution**

*Minister* St Paul says, 'Be imitators of God;  
love as Christ loved; do not grieve the Holy Spirit;  
put away all anger and bitterness, all slander and malice.'  
So let us confess our sins to God, who forgives us in Christ.

Ephesians 4.30-5.1

*We keep a time of silence.*

*All* **Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you  
and against our neighbour  
in thought and 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.**

*President* May the God of love  
bring us back to himself,  
forgive us our sins,  
and assure us of his eternal love  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

*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.

God of truth,  
help us to keep your law of love  
and to walk in ways of wisdom,  
that we may find true life  
in Jesus Christ your Son.

*All* **Amen.**

*We sit.*

## **The Reading: Isaiah 65. 1 - 9**

*Reader* A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask,  
to be found by those who did not seek me.  
I said, "Here I am, here I am,"  
to a nation that did not call on my name.  
I held out my hands all day long  
to a rebellious people,  
who walk in a way that is not good,  
following their own devices;  
a people who provoke me  
to my face continually,  
sacrificing in gardens  
and offering incense on bricks;  
who sit inside tombs,  
and spend the night in secret places;  
who eat swine's flesh,  
with broth of abominable things in their vessels;  
who say, "Keep to yourself,  
do not come near me, for I am too holy for you."  
These are a smoke in my nostrils,  
a fire that burns all day long.  
See, it is written before me:  
I will not keep silent, but I will repay;  
I will indeed repay into their laps  
their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together,  
says the Lord;  
because they offered incense on the mountains  
and reviled me on the hills,  
I will measure into their laps  
full payment for their actions.  
Thus says the Lord:  
As the wine is found in the cluster,  
and they say, "Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it,"  
so I will do for my servants' sake,  
and not destroy them all.  
I will bring forth descendants from Jacob,  
and from Judah inheritors of my mountains;  
my chosen shall inherit it,  
and my servants shall settle there.

*Reader* This is the word of the Lord.  
*All* **Thanks be to God.**

## The Gradual Hymn

*We stand and we sing. During the hymn we turn to face the processional cross as the book of the Gospels moves to the middle of the people.*

## The Gospel Reading: Luke 8. 26 - 39

*Minister* Alleluia, alleluia.  
The words that I have spoken to you are spirit  
and they are life, says the Lord.

*All* **Alleluia.**

John 6.63

*Minister* Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
*All* **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Then they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As Jesus stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me"—for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss. Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying,

"Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

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

## **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* Jesus, Lord of your Church,  
*All* **in your mercy hear us.**

*Or another response is used.*

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

*We stand.*

## The Liturgy of the Sacrament

### The Peace

*President* We are all one in Christ Jesus.  
We belong to him through faith,  
heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.

*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. If you would like to support St Mary's, donations can be made after the service at the back of church using the collection plate or contactless card giving station. If you would like to give regularly to St Mary's please speak to the Treasurer, or one of the Team Wardens.*



## 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 and good, our duty and our salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks  
through your servant Jesus Christ our Lord.

At his baptism he was revealed as your beloved Son  
and coming among us as one who serves,  
he taught that they are greatest in your kingdom  
who make themselves least and the servants of all.  
Although he was their teacher and their Lord,  
he washed the feet of his disciples,  
and commanded us to do the same.

Through your Holy Spirit you bestow upon your people  
a rich diversity of gifts and ministries,  
and from this royal priesthood  
you raise up men and women to proclaim your word,  
to care for your people  
and to be the stewards of the mysteries of Christ.  
You call them to serve the world your Son redeemed  
and build up his body, the Church,  
to the greater glory of your name.

And so with angels and archangels  
and all the heavenly host,  
we proclaim your glory  
and join their unending hymn of praise:

*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.

*All* **To you be glory and praise for ever.**

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.

*All* **To you be glory and praise for ever.**

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.

*All* **To you be glory and praise for ever.**

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* 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* God's holy gifts  
for God's holy people.

*All* **Jesus Christ is holy,  
Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.**

*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. Gluten free wafers are available, please ask at the altar.*

*During the distribution we sing.*

## **The Prayer after Communion**

*President* Let us pray.

Eternal Father,  
we thank you for nourishing us  
with these heavenly gifts:  
may our communion strengthen us in faith,  
build us up in hope,  
and make us grow in love;  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

*All*           **Merciful God,  
you have called us to your table  
and fed us with the bread of life.  
Draw us and all people to serve your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## **The Notices**

*We stand.*

## **The Blessing**

*President* God who has called us is faithful.

*All*           **Amen.**

*President* May the Father, whose glory fills the heavens,  
cleanse us by his holiness  
and send us to proclaim his word.

*All*           **Amen.**

*President* May Christ, who has ascended to the heights,  
pour upon us the riches of his grace.

*All*           **Amen.**

*President* May the Holy Spirit, the comforter,  
equip us and strengthen us in our ministry.

*All*           **Amen.**

*President* And the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon us and remain with us always.

*All*           **Amen.**

## **The Closing Hymn**

*We remain standing and we sing during which we turn to face the  
back of church as the robed ministers process.*

## **The Dismissal**

*Minister* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

***Coffee and tea are served after the service, all are welcome.***

**If you would like to provide feedback on this service please speak a member of the Worship Group, Kath, Catherine, Janet or David. You can also email us [worship@stmaryswalkley.co.uk](mailto:worship@stmaryswalkley.co.uk)**

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