

**St Mary’s Church, Walkley**

**The Church on the Road:**

*Inclusive, Eucharistic, a safe place to be with God*

**Climate Sunday**

**The Second Sunday after Trinity**

**Eucharist**

**13th June 2021**

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

There are some changes to our usual way of worship. It may feel a bit like it does at St Mary’s during Lent.

* There won’t be any hymns during the service. Later on we might be able to have a cantor singing some of the liturgy, for example the Gloria.
* There won’t be a Gospel procession. Instead, the president (the priest leading the service) will read the Gospel from the front of the altar.
* We won’t be able to share the Peace in the usual way. Instead, we will remain seated and wave, nod or bow to each other.

**The Gathering**

*We stand.*

*President* We gather in praise of the God who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

*All*  **Amen.**

*President* This is the day that the Lord has made.

*All*  **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

**The Greeting**

*President* The Lord be with you.

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

**The Confession and Absolution**

*President* Let us confess our greed

and repent of the ways in which we have damaged God’s

good creation:

*We keep a time of silence.*

*President* We confess to you

our lack of care for the world you have given us.

Lord, have mercy.

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

*President* We confess to you

our selfishness in not sharing the earth’s bounty fairly.

Christ, have mercy.

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

*President* We confess to you

our failure to protect the environment.

Lord, have mercy.

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

*President* May the Father of all mercies

cleanse us from our sins,

and restore us in his image

to the praise and glory of his name,

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

**The Gloria in Excelsis**

*All* **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**

*President* Let us pray:

Lord, you have taught us

that all our doings without love are nothing worth:

send your Holy Spirit

and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love,

the true bond of peace and of all virtues,

without which whoever lives is counted dead before you.

Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ’s sake,

who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

*All* **Amen.**

*We sit.*

**The Reading:** Ezekiel 17. 22 - end

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel.

Thus says the Lord God:

I myself will take a sprig

from the lofty top of a cedar;

I will set it out.

I will break off a tender one

from the topmost of its young twigs;

I myself will plant it

on a high and lofty mountain.

On the mountain height of Israel

I will plant it,

in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit,

and become a noble cedar.

Under it every kind of bird will live;

in the shade of its branches will nest

winged creatures of every kind.

All the trees of the field shall know

that I am the Lord.

I bring low the high tree,

I make high the low tree;

I dry up the green tree

and make the dry tree flourish.

I the Lord have spoken;

I will accomplish it.

*Reader* This is the word of the Lord.

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

*We stand.*

**The Gospel Reading:** Mark 4. 26 - 34

*President* Alleluia, alleluia.

The kingdom of God is like a mustard seed:

which becomes the greatest of all shrubs,

and the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.

*All* **Alleluia.**

Mark 3.35

*President* Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

Jesus also said, ‘The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.’

He also said, ‘With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.’

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

*President* 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:

*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.**

*We stand.*

**The Liturgy of the Sacrament**

**The Peace**

*President* You shall go out in joy and be led back in peace;

the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song,

and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

*President* The peace of the Lord be always with you

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

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

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

**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* 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.**

*President* 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.

*President* Great is the mystery of faith:

*All***Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

*President* 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 Mary, Mark John 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.**

*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* Jesus is the Lamb of God

who takes away the sin of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

*All* **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,**

**but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*President* The body of our Lord Jesus Christ,

which was given for you,

preserve your body and soul unto everlasting life.

Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for you,

and feed on him in your heart by faith with thanksgiving.

*All* **Amen.**

*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 or a blessing. If you would like a blessing please keep your arms folded across your chest at you approach the front. Sanitising stations are available at the front of church to use before receiving.*

*During the distribution music is played.*

**The Prayer after Communion**

*President* Let us pray.

Loving Father,

we thank you for feeding us at the supper of your Son:

sustain us with your Spirit,

that we may serve you here on earth

until our joy is complete in heaven,

and we share in the eternal banquet

with 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.**

**The Act of Commitment**

*President* As the whole of creation looks with eager longing for the redemption of humankind, let us pledge ourselves anew to serve our Creator God, the Father who is the maker of all things, the Son through whom all things are made, and the Holy Spirit, the giver of life, who renews the face of the earth.

Let us stand to affirm our commitment to care actively for God’s creation.

*All* **Lord of life and giver of hope,**

**we pledge ourselves to care for creation,**

**to reduce our waste,**

**to live sustainably,**

**and to value the rich diversity of life.**

**May your wisdom guide us,**

**that life in all its forms may flourish,**

**and may be faithful in voicing creation’s praise.**

**The Blessing**

*President* May God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

the source of all goodness,

pour his blessing upon all things created,

and upon us his children,

that we may use his gifts to his glory

and the welfare of all peoples;

and the blessing of God almighty,

the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,

be upon you and remain with you always.

*All* **Amen.**

**The Dismissal**

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

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

***Please take this order of service away with you!***

*Beginning with the back rows of pews and chairs, please leave using the church porch and move away as quickly as possible to help others to leave too. If you use the ramp, please use the hall door as usual, and move away as quickly as you can.*

*We are sorry that there won’t be any refreshments after the service and that you won’t be able to stay to chat to each other in person. We hold online coffee sessions from 12:00-1:00pm each Sunday. We’d love to see you online, if you’d like to join us.*

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