

HOLY EUCHARIST ONLINE

We've really enjoyed producing the online service each week.

Now the church is fully open again for worship together, this week is the last online service to be uploaded to Facebook & A Church Near You.

We will continue to provide a weekly service sheet for those not able to join the church service

Mission & Outreach

A huge thank you to all those who left water, food donations and baby provisions during last year for John's Storehouse. They have made an urgent request for their supplies to be replenished after Christmas. Your continued support for homeless, families living with poverty and unemployment and those in need is much appreciated.

Please leave your donations at the Rectory front door on WEDNESDAYS only.

Once again a massive thank you. *Revd Lisa*



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FYI : Revd Lisa & Michèle will be having their day off on Tuesday

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The Weekly Service

Sunday 16th May 2021

The Seventh Sunday of Easter



Holy Eucharist

You can follow this service, from 9:45am on Sunday, by following the link on A Church Near You & Facebook

[Holy Eucharist Service - St. Paul's Church, Woodhouse Eaves - A Church Near You](#)

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*A very warm welcome to you all as we worship
the Lord together*

✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit **Amen**

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord

Jesus Christ be with you

The Lord bless you

Prayers of Penitence

Christ calls us to share the heavenly banquet of his love with all the saints in earth and heaven.

Knowing our unworthiness and sin, let us ask from him both mercy and forgiveness.

Jesus Christ, risen Master and triumphant Lord, we come to you in sorrow for our sins, and confess to you our weakness and unbelief. We have lived by our own strength, and not by the power of your resurrection.

Lord in your mercy, forgive us.

Lord, hear us and help us.

We have lived by the light of our own eyes, as faithless and not believing.

Lord in your mercy, forgive us.

Lord, hear us and help us.

We have lived for this world alone, and doubted our home in heaven.

Lord in your mercy, forgive us.

Lord, hear us and help us.

Absolution.

May the God of love and power ✠ forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by his Holy Spirit and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Gloria

(David Thorne *sung by St Martin's Voices*)

Glory to God , glory to God,
Glory to God in the highest

The Collect

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. **Amen**

The Blessing

And now may the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, make you perfect in every good work to do his will;

And the blessing of God Almighty ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever **Amen**

Restore, O Lord

sung by St Martin's Voices

- 1 Restore, O Lord, the honour of Your name,
In works of sovereign power come shake the earth again;
That all may see and come with reverent fear
To the living God, whose kingdom shall outlast the years.
- 2 Restore, O Lord, in all the earth Your fame,
And in our time revive the church that bears Your name.
And in Your anger, Lord, remember mercy,
O living God, whose mercy shall outlast the years.
- 3 Bend us, O Lord, where we are hard and cold,
In Your refiner's fire come purify the gold.
Though suffering comes and evil crouches near,
Still our living God is reigning, He is reigning here.
- 4 Restore, O Lord, the honour of Your name,
In works of sovereign power come shake the earth again;
That all may see and come with reverent fear
To the living God, whose kingdom shall outlast the years.

Graham Kendrick (born 1950) & Chris Rolinson

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**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.**

Lord we died with you on the cross
Now we are raised to new life
We were buried in your tomb
Now we share in your resurrection.
Live in us, that we may live in you

**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.**

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy
Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive
You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You
sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace
You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You. In Jesus' name Amen

**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 first reading is taken from the Acts of the Apostles chapter 1 verses 15-17 & 21-26

¹⁵ In those days Peter stood up among the believers (a group numbering about a hundred and twenty) ¹⁶ and said, 'Brothers and sisters, the Scripture had to be fulfilled in which the Holy Spirit spoke long ago through David concerning Judas, who served as guide for those who arrested Jesus. ¹⁷ He was one of our number and shared in our ministry.'

²¹ Therefore it is necessary to choose one of the men who have been with us the whole time the Lord Jesus was living among us, ²² beginning from John's baptism to the time when Jesus was taken up from us. For one of these must become a witness with us of his resurrection.' ²³ So they nominated two men: Joseph called Barsabbas (also known as Justus) and Matthias. ²⁴ Then they prayed, 'Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which of these two you have chosen ²⁵ to take over this apostolic ministry, which Judas left to go where he belongs.' ²⁶ Then they cast lots, and the lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the eleven apostles.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Rejoice, the Lord is King

sung by St Martin's Voices

1 Rejoice, the Lord is King,
Your Lord and King adore;
Mortals, give thanks and sing,
And triumph evermore:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

2 Jesus the Saviour, reigns,
The God of truth and love;
When he had purged our stains,
He took his seat above:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

3 His kingdom cannot fail;
He rules o'er earth and heaven;
The keys of death and hell
Are to our Jesus given:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

4 He sits at God's right hand
Till all his foes submit,
And bow to his command,
And fall beneath his feet:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

5 Rejoice in glorious hope;
Jesus the judge shall come,
And take his servants up
To their eternal home.
We soon shall hear the archangel's voice
The trump of God shall sound: rejoice!

Charles Wesley (1707-1788) and John Taylor (1750-1826)

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia Alleluia

Speak, Lord for your servant is listening

You have the words to eternal life

Alleluia.

When supper was ended he took a cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them 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.

So, Father, as we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with
confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Jesus Christ is Lord
**Lord, by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free.
You are the Saviour of the world.**

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your
kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with Mary the mother of God, blessed Peter and blessed
Paul and all the saints to be with you for ever at your table in heaven.
Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy
Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,
for ever and ever **Amen**

Believing the promises of God, as our Saviour taught us,
so we pray

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name;
Thy kingdom come; thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.**

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

We give you thanks and praise for the gospel we have received

Christ died for our sins. Alleluia.

Death comes to all through Adam, and sin reigns for a time. New life without end comes through Christ, and he reigns for ever. Alleluia.

Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? Death is swallowed up in victory, the victory you give us in Christ.

We have been crucified with Christ, and live his risen life, to praise you for ever with angels and archangels.

**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.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends, and taking bread, he praised you.

He broke the bread, shared it with them and said:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

Hear the ✠ Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St John
Glory to you, O Lord

⁶ 'I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. ⁸ For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. ⁹ I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. ¹⁰ All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. ¹¹ I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one. ¹² While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that name you gave me. None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled.

¹³ 'I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them. ¹⁴ I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. ¹⁵ My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one.

¹⁶ They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. ¹⁷ Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸ As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹ For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.

John 17:6-19

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you O Christ

John 17:6-19



Dear friends,
Can you imagine if there were a million people who all looked the same, all thought the same and all acted exactly the same as you? Would it be a good thing I wonder, or, perhaps even boring, if the world and everyone in it were all the same!

The truth is that we need diversity in our life, it's what surely keeps us grounded.

The Gospel this morning tells us that Jesus was praying for us all on the night that He was betrayed by his friend Judas with a kiss. Before His prayers though, Jesus has just shared a traditional Passover meal with his friends and instructed them to love one another. And so in the Garden of Gethsemane we are privy to overhear some of Jesus' prayer as He prays to His heavenly Father and ours. The core of Jesus' prayer, is that we would become one as He and the Father are one. Not just once but three times. So it mattered a great deal to Jesus and it should matter to us as Christians today.

We weren't born perfect and God does not expect us to be perfect. I am definitely nowhere near perfect; I mess up and get things wrong at times. But we were born to love; to love God and to love one another. So given the world Jesus lived in during His thirty three years, He would have noticed the division between the rich and the poor. And the social separation between those who were considered 'in' and those such as the outcasts of society, who were considered as 'out.' As I think about this I wonder if I would have been in or out! And then I start to think with a heavy heart about the divisions in our world today within our nation, within the church over sexuality, whether we are male, or, female in society.

From St Mary's Book of Remembrance

Lucy Bryan, Margaret Sarah Smith

From St Paul's Book of Remembrance

Ellen Marshall, Doris McFetrich , Muriel Turner,
Eric John Dryden, Martin Christopher Turner,
Margaret 'Peggy' Sarah Smith



Rest eternal grant to them , O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them. ✠ May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God Rest in peace **And rise in glory.**

The Peace

Alleluia. Christ has been raised from the dead.

The fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace.

If we live in the Spirit, let us walk in the Spirit

The peace of the risen Lord be always with you
and also with you.

The Eucharistic Prayer

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation.

In your loving care you spread before us the altar of life and give us the cup of salvation to drink.

Keep us always in the fold of our Saviour and our good Shepherd, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Blessed be God for ever

The Lord be with you

And also with you

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.

**Let us pray**

We pray to Jesus who is present with us to eternity.

Jesus, light of the world, bring the light and peace of your gospel to the nations

Jesus, Lord of life

In your mercy, hear us

Jesus, bread of life, give food to the hungry and nourish us all with your word.

Jesus, Lord of life

In your mercy, hear us

Jesus, our way, our truth, our life, be with us and all who follow you in the way. Deepen our appreciation of your truth and fill us with your life.

Jesus, Lord of life,

In your mercy, hear us

Jesus, Good Shepherd who gave your life for the sheep, recover the straggler, bind up the injured, strengthen the sick and lead the healthy and strong to new pastures.

We pray for Jean Sury, Klaus Kaiser, Ann Temperley, Joyce Lane, Jean Bowley, Vincent Nash, June Shilton, Sue & John Thorne, Stan Michalski

Jesus, Lord of life

In your mercy, hear us

Jesus, the resurrection and the life, we give you thanks for all who have lived and believed in you. Raise us with them to eternal life.

We remember before God those who have died and we pray that God's love will surround all who mourn them, now and always.

We give you thanks for all those whom we have loved but who have gone ahead of us.

We pray for the repose of the soul of Victoria Bennett

Then there are the other divisions in those who are a different nationality, a believer of this faith, or, another, and of course, the big one, of what party we vote for in politics but let's not even go there today!

So many, many divisions that tear families, relationships and nations apart. But the truth is those divisions that are put out there in this world start in the heart. Did I hear myself say that correctly?

Yes, division does start in the very sacred heart that God created us to love by. And then the divisions take a deep root within us which then become an opposition that turns into boundaries.

Boundaries that people can become all too comfortable with!

When Jesus died on the Cross, He outstretched his arms and out of love died for us all with no restrictions, prejudice, or even boundaries in place. He did not say that He would only give His life for us if we were this or weren't that! But Jesus did have the foresight as He prayed that there would be world divisions amongst us. And yet, Jesus' prayer is about calling us to reject these divisions. Even if others can't, we can as Christians because there is no place in the world for racism, bigotry, sectarianism and misogyny. And there is no place in the Church of our Lord Jesus Christ for any of these either. Jesus himself warns us in St Matthew's account of the Gospel that, 'Who ever makes himself high will be made low, and whoever makes himself low will be made high.'

Think about boundaries for a moment; because for every boundary that we help to establish is actually very costly to another human being. Someone who is a real person, and who has feelings, needs, sorrows and a name just like me or you. This person matters to God and they should matter to us because we are all made in the image of God and are the children of God.

Currently the Church of England is looking at Living in Faith and Love and how do questions about identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage fit within the bigger picture of the good news of Jesus Christ? And what does it mean to live in love and faith together as a Church?

All of which are very important so that everyone can flourish in a confused world and know that there is a loving welcome and place for all in the Kingdom of God. So towards Autumn, we will be looking at these questions through our Bible studies; so do please keep a lookout on the notice Sheets and do come and join us.

So then dear friends let us take to heart Jesus' prayer that we may all be one. This doesn't mean that we then lose our individuality, said uniqueness, or, our identity but we take Jesus' words seriously so that we live in the oneness of love. So that we hold before us the Oneness of the Father and the Son in Jesus Christ, which is a quality of life – God's life. Then in essence we will become like and live like God. In other words we are to love as Jesus loves; to love God, to love our neighbour and to love ourselves too with all our faults and blemishes. Let us today be the disciples of Jesus who answer His prayer to the Father in the route we choose how, where, and who to love Then in this way, all of us will become a sacramental presence of God's love, helping to break down any boundaries of division in the midst of a world that struggles to embrace and cherish the beauty of diversity and difference. 'O Lord Jesus, come we pray and make your home within us and let our hearts become more and more like yours.'

✠ Amen

Revd Lisa

Let us declare our faith together.

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

