

The Weekly Service

Sunday 24th January 2021

The Feast of St Paul



Holy Eucharist

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

Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The grace of God has dawned upon the world through our Saviour Jesus Christ, who sacrificed himself for us to purify a people as his own.

Let us confess our sins.

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.

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. **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, by the preaching of your apostle Paul you have caused the light of the Gospel to shine throughout the world: Grant, we pray, that we, having his wonderful conversion in remembrance, may show ourselves thankful to you by following his holy teaching; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

**The First Reading is taken from the Acts of the Apostles
chapter 9 verses 1-22**

9 Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest ² and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. ³ As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him.

⁴ He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?'

⁵ 'Who are you, Lord?' Saul asked. 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting,' he replied. ⁶ 'Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do.' ⁷ The men travelling with Saul stood there speechless; they heard the sound but did not see anyone. ⁸ Saul got up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes he could see nothing. So, they led him by the hand into Damascus. ⁹ For three days he was blind and did not eat or drink anything. ¹⁰ In Damascus there was a disciple named Ananias.

The Lord called to him in a vision, 'Ananias!' 'Yes, Lord,' he answered. ¹¹ The Lord told him, 'Go to the house of Judas on Straight Street and ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying. ¹² In a vision he has seen a man named Ananias come and place his hands on him to restore his sight.' ¹³ 'Lord,' Ananias answered, 'I have heard many reports about this man and all the harm he has done to your holy people in Jerusalem. ¹⁴ And he has come here with authority from the chief priests to arrest all who call on your name.' ¹⁵ But the Lord said to Ananias, 'Go! This man is my chosen instrument to proclaim my name to the Gentiles and their kings and to the people of Israel. ¹⁶ I will show him how much he must suffer for my name.'

¹⁷ Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, 'Brother Saul, the Lord – Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here – has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit.' ¹⁸ Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul's eyes, and he could see again. He got up and was baptised, ¹⁹ and after taking some food, he regained his strength. Saul spent several days with the disciples in Damascus. ²⁰ At once he began to preach in the synagogues that Jesus is the Son of God. ²¹ All those who heard him were astonished and asked, 'Isn't he the man who caused havoc in Jerusalem among those who call on this name? And hasn't he come here to take them as prisoners to the chief priests?'

²² Yet Saul grew more and more powerful and baffled the Jews living in Damascus by proving that Jesus is the Messiah.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

O worship the Lord

sung by St Martin's Voices

- 1 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!
bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
with gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness,
kneel and adore him, the Lord is his name!
- 2 Low at his feet lay thy burden of carefulness,
high on his heart he will bear it for thee,
comfort thy sorrows, and answer thy prayerfulness,
guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.

- 3 Fear not to enter his courts in the slenderness of the poor wealth thou wouldst reckon as thine: truth in its beauty, and love in its tenderness, these are the offerings to lay on his shrine.
- 4 These, though we bring them in trembling and fearfulness, he will accept for the name that is dear; mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness, trust for our trembling and hope for our fear.
- 5 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness! bow down before him, his glory proclaim; with gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness, kneel and adore him, the Lord is his name!

John Samuel Bewley Monsell (1811-1875)

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory.

Alleluia

Hear the ✠ Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Matthew chapter 19 verses 27-30

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁷ Peter answered him, 'We have left everything to follow you! What then will there be for us?' ²⁸ Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man sits on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. ²⁹ And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or fields for my sake will receive a hundred times as much and will inherit eternal life. ³⁰ But many who are first will be last, and many who are last will be first.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you O Christ

The Feast of St Paul



Dear friends,
When we watch the television, or, listen to the radio there will always be adverts that either attract us, or, having us reaching for the turn off button. I like the advert for Ronseal Wood Stain that promises to do, 'exactly what it says on the tin.' And it does!

Today we celebrate Saint Paul the Apostle who also had a vision and a mission statement.

Saint Paul is believed to have been born in about 8 or 9 AD so he was someone who had something really important to proclaim. Think about it! Because two thousand years later, we are all still talking about Saint Paul's dramatic conversion and his vision.

Saint Paul has enormously influenced the history of the universal Christian Church. Yet it wasn't until Paul had his lightbulb moment, his epiphany, that he came to know Jesus. In fact Paul quite simply, fell in love with Jesus whom he encountered through a powerful spiritual experience whilst on the road to Damascus, of which the end goal for Paul, had been to suppress the Jesus followers.

Paul was a Roman citizen but with a Greek nationality. He was an academic and a devout Pharisee who had studied the Jewish Scriptures in great depth. And before his conversion he was a persecutor of the followers of Jesus and the early church. But his close encounter with Jesus Christ changed him. Something happened and Paul allowed himself to be shaped and moulded by the vision God had shown him. A vision that would benefit all humanity and bring much hope in a broken and dark world.

Paul discovered that what others like St Peter, St Mark and the other Apostles had said about the humanity and divinity of Jesus was absolutely true. So it's no surprise that because Paul passionately believed in Jesus, he went on to become the greatest Christian missionary of all time. But not only did Paul believe it, he modelled it, he embodied it, and he was an example of it.

So as an inveterate traveller, Paul's vision was to cover the whole Mediterranean world. He wanted to tell people about the Gospel of Jesus Christ and spell out the implications of Jesus' Resurrection on Easter Sunday.

At this very moment our world is living in the midst of a global pandemic that is both frightening and yet hopeful what with the new vaccine available. When we eventually come through the other side of these challenging times our world will be changed. We will also be changed as we find once again what is truly important to us; in God, our families and our discipleship in serving our communities.

God our Father's vision for the world that He created from the very beginning is to be founded upon love. Love for the Lord our God and to put Him first and love for our fellow neighbour, even those we struggle with! And so our vision as the parish church must be something that speaks to all of us as a church family, a church school and as a rural community. It needs to be a vision that we can all own and allow ourselves like St Paul, to be continually shaped, moulded by it and to live it with grace.

We are all part of God's amazing story of love for His people. And it is a story that did not end with the Apostles but is still being written today. Every generation is helping to write a new chapter in God's story.

And we all have a role to play in living out our God given vision for a better world for all people. We are all called to be participants of Jesus' mission and to continue His mission, so that like St Paul,

we emulate the grace and love of God in the way we live our Christian lives.

And so today and everyday, our Lord Jesus Christ is inviting us all to come and know Him and to have our eyes opened by Him. But dare we as baptised Christians take up the challenge that St Paul has set us, to live in Christ by living out the Christian values within and well beyond our community, in outreach, Christian love and mission? Can we be like the advert for Ronseal in that our vision statement mirrors our actions? Then let it be said of us, that we did exactly what it says on the tin? Go forth and tell, the greatness of the Lord.

Blessings,
Rev'd 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.

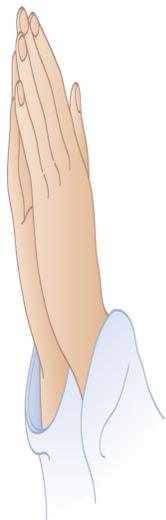
We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.

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

Amen



Let us pray In the company with the Holy Apostles and Saint Paul, let us pray to God the Father, who hears all our prayers:



For Justin and Stephen our Archbishops, and for Revd Lisa our priest, that they and all bishops, deacons and priests, prophets and teachers will strengthen and build us up as the Body of Christ.

Lord hear us

Lord graciously hear us.

For all Christians, that God may protect them from persecution. And for all who are struggling in their faith amidst this global pandemic.

Lord hear us

Lord graciously hear us.

We pray for those who are in distress, that they may place their trust in God who rescues the poor and shelters all who seek refuge in the sacred heart of Christ. For those who are suffering in body, mind or spirit; that they may find strength in the Lord Jesus Christ, who is constantly at their side. We pray for Ann Temperley, Joyce Lane, Jean Bowley, Michael Gray, Sarah Bundock, Sue & John Thorne, Vincent Nash, Stan Michalski, June Shilton, Andrea Farnsworth, Klaus Kaiser And for the housebound, the elderly, the isolated and the unloved.

Lord hear us

Lord graciously hear us

We pray for those who have died recently; that they will know Christ's saving love. And for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed

From St Mary's Book of Remembrance

Marjorie Jean Taylor, Margaret Lesley Brookman

From St Paul's Book of Remembrance

Mary Elizabeth Bott, Frank Harris, Gladys Mary Heighton, Philippa Richardson

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.



God of saints and sinners, by the power of Your Holy Spirit, Saint Paul bore courageous witness to the death and resurrection of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Gathering our prayers with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Paul and the Saints, Merciful Father, hear our prayers and equip us to be faithful witnesses to the truth of the Gospel, the Good News of Jesus Christ, both now and for ever.

Amen.

A Prayer for St Paul's Primary School

Heavenly Father, we pray for all the families of children who attend St Paul's Primary school. Strengthen & uphold parents juggling working at home with their children home learning. Bless & protect the children growing up in such strange times.

We give thanks for the hard work of all the teaching & support staff involved in face to face & online learning. We pray especially for Mrs Gilchrist as she leads the school through difficult times. Guide & encourage her. Help her to find rest & refreshment.

Amen

Introduction to the Peace

In the tender mercy of our God the dayspring from on high has broken upon us, to give light to those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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

Pour upon the poverty of our love
and the weakness of our praise
the transforming fire of your holy presence.

Amen

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.

All honour and praise be yours always and everywhere,
mighty Creator, ever living God,
through Jesus Christ your only Son our Lord:
for at this time we celebrate your glory
made present in our midst.

In the coming of the Magi
the King of all the world was revealed to the nations.

In the waters of baptism
Jesus was revealed as the Christ,
the Saviour sent to redeem us.
In the water made wine
the new creation was revealed at the wedding feast.
Poverty was turned to riches, sorrow into joy.
Therefore with all the whole host of heaven
we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name
and say our joyful hymn of praise together.

**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.**

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 most precious 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.

Great is the mystery of faith

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

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 Holy 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:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever.
Amen.**

**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.**

We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

**God here among us,
light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.**

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.
Lord I am not worthy to receive you but only say the word and I
shall be healed.

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.
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 Blessing

And now may Christ the Son of God perfect in you the image of his
glory and gladden your hearts with the good news of his kingdom.
And the blessing of God Almighty

✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, come down upon each one
of you now and forever.

Amen

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

In the name of Christ

Amen

Will you come and follow me *(sung by St Martin's Voices)*

- 1 Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown, in you and you in me?
- 2 Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?
- 3 Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?
- 4 Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?
- 5 Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

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 Tuesdays each week

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UK based online shop goodthingsgifts.co.uk



Public services for Worship at both St Paul's and Mary's churches continue to be suspended until further notice. This was been a heart breaking decision but I do believe that we have to protect and keep everyone safe. The Church is still here to offer comfort and spiritual support to the parish and to care for each other, particularly those who are vulnerable or who may be most at risk. Let us remember that we do have hope, hope in the vaccine and hope for a brighter future for all. There is God's light shining at the end, of what has become a long and dark tunnel. Let us hang in there and put our faith and trust in the Lord who loves us unconditionally and continue to pray for each other, our community and the NHS. Please do get in touch if you want to talk or need support of any kind. Blessings *Revd Lisa*

Keeping in Touch

As we continue to post a Holy Eucharist service online, we are aware that not everyone can access this worship material.

There are more conventional ways to join in worship at home.

BBC Radio 4 92.4-94.6 FM Sunday 8.10 am Sunday Worship

BBC Radio 3 90.2-92.4 FM Sunday 3.00pm Choral Evensong



Daily Hope offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England at the end of a telephone line.

The free phone line – which is available 24 hours a day on **0800 804 8044** has been set up particularly with those unable to join online church services during the period of restrictions in mind.

Please share this information with people you know who may be missing church but are not able to connect online.

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