

Service Sheet for Live Stream Service with Spiritual Communion

The Sunday after Ascension Day – 29 May 2022

Acts 16.16-34; Ps 97; Revelation 22.12-14,16-17,20-21; John 17.20-26

Today's service: 'Coming soon'

- What aspects of longing can you find in the painting?
- How does it feel to belong?
- How can we share God's invitation so that all can feel part of things/belong?
- What – or who is it from God that you are waiting for?



PREPARING THE SPACE...

Please feel free to message and commune during the service as you are so inspired to do. There will be people you recognise who are gathered with you and feel free to say hello to them and to say hello to those whom you don't yet know ☺ Perhaps you might like to light a candle, still yourself as you listen to the music, and allow yourself to take time out and rest in the peace of the time to come as we gather together to worship, reflect and pray....

Let's give thanks that as St Beale's online community, we join as one with St Peter's as a Church family together in fellowship.

Welcome and Introduction

Prayer for Ukraine

Holy and Gracious God we pray for the people of the Ukraine and the people of Russia; for their countries and their leaders.

We pray for all those who are afraid; that your everlasting arms hold them in this time of great fear.

We pray for all those who have the power over life and death; that they will choose for all people life, and life in all its fullness.

We pray for those who choose war; that they will remember that you direct your people to turn our swords into ploughshares and seek for peace.

We pray for leaders on the world stage; that they are inspired by the wisdom and courage of Christ.

Above all, Lord, today we pray for peace for Ukraine. And we ask this in the name of your blessed Son. Lord have mercy. **Amen.**

THE GATHERING

A gathering prayer – we say together:

We come to God with our longings: our heavenly Father knows them all.

We come to God with our belongings: our loving Saviour holds them all.

We come to God alone and together: the Holy Spirit is here us all. Amen

Opening Hymn (108)

Come, let us join our cheerful songs with angels round the throne;
ten thousand thousand are their tongues, but all their joys are one.

"Worthy the Lamb that died," they cry, "To be exalted thus!"

"Worthy the Lamb," our lips reply, "For he was slain for us!"

Jesus is worthy to receive honour and pow'r divine;
And blessings more than we can give be, Lord, forever thine.

Let all creation join in one to bless the sacred name
of him who sits upon the throne, and to adore the Lamb.

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

The Lord be with you: **and also with you.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen: **He is risen indeed. Alleluia**

Prayer of Preparation

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.

Prayers of Penitence – saying sorry....

*We have some quiet time where we can reflect on how things we do, both good
and not so good, affect friends, the people we love and those further afield....*

Christ our Passover lamb has been sacrificed for us.

Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and
evil and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

**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.**

We receive the blessings of the loving forgiveness of God....

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.**

Gloria in Excelsis – sung

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

The Collect – the gathering prayer of the Church

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 LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading – Acts 16.16-34

¹⁶One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. ¹⁷While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, 'These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.' ¹⁸She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, 'I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.' And it came out that very hour.

¹⁹But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market-place before the authorities. ²⁰When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, 'These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs ²¹that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.' ²²The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. ²³After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. ²⁴Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

²⁵About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the

doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. ²⁷When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸But Paul shouted in a loud voice, 'Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.' ²⁹The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰Then he brought them outside and said, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?' ³¹They answered, 'Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.' ³²They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. ³³At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. ³⁴He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

This is the word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God**

Second Reading: Revelation 22.12-14,16-17,20-21

I, John, heard a voice saying to me: ¹²'See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. ¹³I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.

¹⁴Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

¹⁶It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.' ¹⁷The Spirit and the bride say, 'Come.' And let everyone who hears say, 'Come.' And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift. ²⁰The one who testifies to these things says, 'Surely I am coming soon.' Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! ²¹The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

This is the word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God**

Gradual Hymn: (630) leading us into the Gospel

The head that once was crowned with thorns is crowned with glory now; a royal diadem adorns the mighty victor's brow.

The highest place that Heaven affords is his, is his by right, the King of kings, and Lord of lords, and Heaven's eternal Light.

The joy of all who dwell above, the joy of all below; to whom he manifests his love and grants his name to know.

To them the cross, with all its shame, with all its grace is given; their name, an everlasting name, their joy, the joy of Heaven.

They suffer with their Lord below, they reign with him above; their profit and their joy to know the mystery of his love.

The cross he bore is life and health, though shame and death to him; his people's hope, his people's wealth, their everlasting theme.

Gospel reading: John 17.20-26

Alleluia, alleluia. I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one; I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore. **Alleluia**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St John

All: Glory to you, O Lord

Gospel: John 17.20-26

Jesus looked up to heaven and prayed: 'Holy Father, ²⁰I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²²The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, ²³I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. ²⁴Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

²⁵'Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord **All:** Praise to you O Christ

SERMON

Affirming our Faith

Let us affirm our common faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

ALL: Christ died for our sins In accordance with the Scriptures; he was buried; he was raised to life on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures; afterwards he appeared to his followers, and to all the apostles: this we have received, and this we believe. Amen

Prayers

The response to: 'Lord, in your mercy' is; 'hear our prayer.'

At the end of our prayers we say: 'Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.'

The Peace

God has made us one in Christ. He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come, has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you – **And also with you**

We offer a prayer of thanksgiving for our offerings to God

(Online offerings and donations can be made via our Just Giving page on the website or on the St Beale's Facebook Page. We are most grateful for all offerings, especially at this challenging time)

Offertory Hymn – (11) *leading us into our time of Communion – during which the gifts of the people are gathered and presented*

Alleluia, sing the Jesus! His the sceptre, his the throne;
alleluia, his the triumph, his the victory alone:
hark, the songs of peaceful Sion thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus out of every nation hath redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia, not as orphans are we left in sorrow now;
alleluia, he is near us, faith believes, nor questions how:
though the cloud from sight received him, when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promised, 'I am with you evermore'?

Alleluia, bread of angels, here on earth our food, our stay;
alleluia, here the sinful come to you from day to day:
Intercessor, Friend of sinners, earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia, King eternal, he the Lord of lords we own;
alleluia, born of Mary, earth his footstool, heaven his throne,
he within the veil hast entered, robed in flesh, our great High Priest:
he on earth both Priest and Victim in the Eucharistic feast.

Preparation of the table

Be present, be present, Lord Jesus Christ, our risen high priest; make yourself known in the breaking of the bread. **Amen**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you

All: And also with you.

Lift up your hearts

All: We lift them to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

All: It is right to give thanks and praise

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, almighty and eternal Father, and in these days of Easter to celebrate with joyful hearts the memory of your wonderful works.

For by the mystery of his passion Jesus Christ, your risen Son, has conquered the powers of death and hell and restored in men and women the image of your glory.

He has placed them once more in paradise and opened to them the gate of life eternal. And so, in the joy of this Passover, earth and heaven resound with gladness, while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation sing for ever the hymn of your glory:

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.

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness; grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

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.

Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of St Peter, Mary, and all the saints; may praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever. **Amen**

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.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

Angus Dei (Lamb of God) SING

**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.**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us celebrate the feast. Alleluia.

We say together:

!We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us. Amen

For those at home: you are invited to hold out your hands and open your heart to receive our Lord Jesus Christ spiritually, feeding on him in your heart by faith with thanksgiving.

Prayer of Spiritual Communion:

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits you have given us, for all the pains and insults you have borne for us. As we receive these sacraments spiritually or physically, we ask you to come into our hearts. O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly day by day. Amen

Those at St Peter's are invited to the chancel to receive Communion or a Blessing

Communion Anthem and/or Hymn

Communion Hymn – (73)

Bread of heav'n on thee we feed, for thy flesh is meat indeed;
Ever may our souls be fed with this true and living bread;
Day by day with strength supplied through the life of him who died.

Vine of heav'n, thy blood supplies this blest cup of sacrifice;

Lord, thy wounds our healing give, to thy cross we look and live:
Jesus, may we ever be grafted, rooted, built in thee.

Prayer after Communion:

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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.

NOTICES

HYMN (354)

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does his successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

People and realms of every tongue dwell on his love with sweetest song,
And infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns: the prisoners leap to lose their chains;
the weary find eternal rest, and all the humble poor are blest.

To him shall endless prayer be made, and praises throng to crown his head;
his name like incense shall arise with every morning sacrifice.

Let every creature rise and bring peculiar honours to our King;
angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud Amen.

The Blessing and sending out

A Blessing for Ukraine (*Not on the sheet*)

God of strength and peace send your blessing on the people of Ukraine.
Sustain them in their struggles, hold them in their fear. Protect them from all danger and be for them the hope that they desire and deserve. For Jesus Christ' sake. **Amen.**

The Spirit of truth lead you into all truth, give you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, and strengthen you to proclaim the word and works of God; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Response: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

God Bless, and prayers for safekeeping and wellbeing go with you
from Revs Sandy, Rachel and Jacqueline