

ST MARK AND ALL SAINTS, READING  
PARISH MASS

*Whoever you are,  
wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.*

SUNDAY 5TH OCTOBER 2025

**Sixteenth after Trinity**

**THE GATHERING**

*All the words are in this service sheet. Please join in with the words printed in **bold type**.  
At the start of the service a bell is rung and the procession enters as we stand to sing the opening hymn.*

**ENTRANCE HYMN**

We have a gospel to proclaim,  
Good news for all throughout the earth;  
The gospel of a Saviour's name:  
We sing his glory, tell his worth.

Tell of his birth at Bethlehem,  
Not in a royal house or hall,  
But in a stable dark and dim,  
The Word made flesh, a light for all.

Tell of his death at Calvary,  
Hated by those he came to save;  
In lonely suff'ring on the cross:  
For all he loved, his life he gave.

Tell of that glorious Easter morn,  
Empty the tomb, for he was free;  
He broke the power of death and hell  
That we might share his victory.

Tell of his reign at God's right hand,  
By all creation glorified.  
He sends his Spirit on his Church  
To live for him, the Lamb who died.

Now we rejoice to name him King:  
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.

**This gospel-message we proclaim:  
We sing his glory, tell his worth.**

## **THE GREETING**

✠ 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.**

*The priest welcomes us and introduces the theme of the service.*

## **PRAYER OF PENITENCE**

God so loved the world that he gave his only  
Son Jesus Christ to save us from our sins, to be our advocate in heaven, and to bring us to eternal  
life.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to  
live  
in love and peace with 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.**

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.**

*Knowing that we are forgiven for our sins we sing this song of praise to God.*

**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 . . .**

**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. . .**

*The priest invites us to pray silently and then prays the collect:*

Lord of creation,  
whose glory is around and within us:  
open our eyes to your wonders,  
that we may serve you with reverence  
and know your peace at our lives' end,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

*Please sit*

## **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

### **FIRST READING**

2 Timothy 1.1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

I am grateful to God – whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did – when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in

Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Saviour Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

## **GRADUAL HYMN - Psalm 37**

*Anima Christi*

*Our gradual Hymn is a congregational setting of today's psalm. As we sing the Gospel Book is carried into the midst of the congregation, reflecting God's coming among us in Christ. Please turn to face it.*

**Always abstain from anger at your foes;  
Do not be jealous when injustice shows.  
For, as a flower, evils fade away,  
And, as the grasses, wither and decay.  
Better is goodness, trusting in the Lord;  
Constantly dwell, and feed upon his word.  
Take your delight in him and in his right;  
Then he will give you all your heart's delight.**

**Channel your way toward the Lord your God;  
Trust him, and he will labour for your good,  
Bringing your constant righteousness to light,  
Keeping, as noon, your faithfulness in sight.**

## **THE GOSPEL**

Luke 17.5-10

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia*

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, one God, who was, and who is, and who is to come, the Almighty.

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia**

The Lord be with you

**And also with you**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith!' The Lord replied, 'If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea," and it would obey you.

Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from ploughing or tending sheep in

the field, "Come here at once and take your place at the table"? Would you not rather say to him, "Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink"? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, "We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!"

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

*Sit*

## **THE SERMON**

*A brief period of silence may follow for us to reflect on the address and the readings today, then the priest invites us to stand to declare our faith.*

## **THE CREED**

**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.**

*Sit or kneel to pray*

## **THE INTERCESSIONS**

*During the prayers these or other responses may be used*

**Lord, in your mercy  
hear our prayer.**

*And at the end of the prayers we say*

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

## **THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT**

*Stand*

### **THE PEACE**

**We are the Body of Christ.  
In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.  
Let us then pursue all that makes for peace and builds up our common life.**

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

*We greet those around us in the peace of Christ, waving or shaking hands and saying "Peace be with you"*

## **OFFERTORY HYMN**

**O Lord of every shining constellation  
that wheels in splendour  
through the midnight sky:  
grant us your Spirit's true illumination  
to read the secrets of your work on high.**

**You, Lord, have made the atom's hidden forces;  
your laws its mighty energies fulfil:  
teach us, to whom you give such rich resources,  
in all we use, to serve your holy will.**

**You, Lord, have stamped your image on your creatures  
and, though they mar that image, love them still:  
lift up our eyes to Christ, that in his features  
we may discern the beauty of your will.**

**Great Lord of nature, shaping and renewing,  
you made us more than nature's child to be;  
you help us tread, with grace our souls enduing,  
the road to life and immortality.**

*When the altar is prepared and the offerings received the president leads the offertory prayers.*

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:  
through your goodness we have this bread  
to set before you,  
which earth has given and human hands have made.  
It will become for us the bread of life.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:  
through your goodness we have this wine to set before you,  
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.  
It will become for us the cup of salvation.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

Generous God, as we gather around your table called and welcomed by Christ we present this  
money, symbol of all the gifts you give to us.

**use it, use us, in the service of your world  
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

## **THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

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.**

Father, we give you thanks and praise  
through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word,  
through whom you have created all things;  
who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.  
By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh;  
as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin,  
he lived on earth and went about among us;  
he opened wide his arms for us on the cross;

he put an end to death by dying for us;  
and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life;  
so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

Therefore with all the angels of heaven  
we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name  
and sing our joyful hymn of praise:

**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 [N 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**

*We kneel or sit as silence is kept before the Lord's Prayer.*

**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.**

*The priest breaks the consecrated bread, saying*

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.**

*The priest invites the people to receive Communion, and says*

Jesus is the Lamb of God  
who takes away the sin 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.**

*We 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 your peace

## COMMUNION HYMN

Here is bread, here is wine,  
Christ is with us, he is with us.  
Break the bread, taste the wine,  
Christ is with us here.

*In this bread there is healing,*

*In this cup is life for ever.*

*In this moment, by the Spirit,*

*Christ is with us here.*

Here is grace, here is peace,  
Christ is with us, he is with us;  
Know his grace, find his peace,  
Feast on Jesus here.

Here we are, joined in one,  
Christ is with us, he is with us;  
We'll proclaim, till he comes,  
Jesus crucified.

*In this bread there is healing,*

*In this cup is life for ever.*

*In this moment, by the Spirit,*

*Christ is with us here.*

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*Once communion has been shared we stand when the priest invites us to pray.*

Almighty God,  
you have taught us through your Son  
that love is the fulfilling of the law:  
grant that we may love you with our whole heart  
and our neighbours as ourselves;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord **Amen.**

**God of gentleness and love**  
**draw near to us as we draw near to you.**  
**Dwell in every heart and conversation.**  
**Fashion in us the likeness of your Son, Jesus Christ.**  
**Help us to discern together**

all that you are calling us to be  
and all that you are calling us to do.  
Assist us by your Spirit  
to become a more contemplative,  
more compassionate  
and more courageous Church,  
for the building of your kingdom  
and the glory of your Son.  
Amen.

## NOTICES

*We sit to listen to any notices about parish events.  
Banns of Marriage may be announced.*

*If your Birthday falls this week please tell us we would love to celebrate with you.*

## THE DISMISSAL

*Stand*

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you**

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, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ..**

## THE BLESSING

## CLOSING HYMN

God is working his purpose out  
As year succeeds to year.  
God is working his purpose out,  
And the time is drawing near.  
Nearer and nearer draws the time,  
The time that shall surely be,  
When the earth shall be filled  
With the glory of God  
As the waters cover the sea.

How can we do the work of God,  
How prosper and increase  
Harmony in the human race,  
And the reign of perfect peace?  
What can we do to urge the time,

The time that shall surely be,  
When the earth shall be filled  
With the glory of God  
As the waters cover the sea?

All our efforts are nothing worth  
Unless God bless the deed;  
Vain our hopes for the harvest tide  
Till he brings to life the seed.  
Yet ev er nearer draws the time,  
The time that shall surely be,  
When the earth shall be filled  
With the glory of God  
As the waters cover the sea.