

# **Parish Eucharist**

## ***The Seventh Sunday of Easter***

### **2<sup>nd</sup> June 2019**



*St. Paul and his jailer*

### **Welcome on behalf of the community of St. John's Church**

St. John's seeks to be an inclusive church community where all are welcomed and valued, regardless of age, race, ethnicity, gender or sexuality.

Whether this is your first time in a church or whether you have been coming for years, we are delighted to welcome you.

We prepare for worship by being still, recalling God's presence with us. We have a foyer where greetings may be exchanged before entering the liturgical space, and we encourage you to use the time in church before the service begins in prayerful preparation.

Gluten-free altar bread is available for those who need it and alcohol free wine. Please ask the priest at the distribution.

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**Mass setting: 'The Mass of St. Thomas' – David Thorne**

***The service is led by the Vicar: the Revd. James Pacey,  
The preacher is the Revd. Carol Backhouse***

*We stand when the bell is rung to mark the beginning of the service.*

## HYMN

- 1. Hail the day that sees him rise, Alleluia!  
to his throne above the skies; Alleluia!  
Christ, the Lamb for sinners given, Alleluia!  
enters now the highest heaven! Alleluia!**
- 2. Lo! the heaven its Lord receives, Alleluia!  
yet he loves the earth he leaves; Alleluia!  
though returning to his throne, Alleluia!  
still he calls mankind his own. Alleluia!**
- 3. Still for us he intercedes, Alleluia!  
his prevailing death he pleads, Alleluia!  
near himself prepares our place, Alleluia!  
he the first fruits of our race. Alleluia!**
- 4. Lord, though parted from our sight, Alleluia!  
far above the starry height, Alleluia!  
grant our hearts may thither rise, Alleluia!  
seeking thee above the skies. Alleluia!**
- 5. There we shall with thee remain, Alleluia!  
partners of thy eternal reign, Alleluia!  
there thy face forever see, Alleluia!  
find our heaven of heavens in thee, Alleluia!**

## THE GREETING and INTRODUCTION

Grace, mercy and peace  
from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  
**and also with you.**

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

## PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

What God has prepared for those who love him,  
he has revealed to us through the Spirit;  
for the Spirit searches everything.  
Therefore, let us in penitence open our hearts to the Lord,  
who has prepared good things for those who love him.

*1 Corinthians 2.9,10*

Lord Jesus, you suffered a cruel death on the cross for our redemption,  
yet we have forgotten your pain  
and stayed in the realm of the evil you defeated.

Lord, have mercy,

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

Lord Jesus, you were raised from death to bring us new life,  
yet we have preferred the comfort of the familiar,  
and the empty promises of a sinful world.

Christ, have mercy,

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

Lord Jesus, you have ascended to your Father and our Father,  
your God and our God;  
plead there at the right hand of God  
for our forgiveness and entry into the fullness of his presence.

Lord, have mercy,

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

#### THE 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.

*All* **Amen.**

*We stand to sing the Gloria – a hymn of God's glory.*

#### GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

**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

Let us pray that we may reign with the ascended Christ in glory.

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.**

*We are seated.*

#### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING: Acts 16.16-134

16 One 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. <sup>17</sup>While 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.' <sup>18</sup>She 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.

19 But 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. <sup>20</sup>When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, 'These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews <sup>21</sup>and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.' <sup>22</sup>The crowd joined in attacking

them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. <sup>23</sup>After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. <sup>24</sup>Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

<sup>25</sup>About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. <sup>26</sup>Suddenly 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. <sup>27</sup>When 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. <sup>28</sup>But Paul shouted in a loud voice, 'Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.' <sup>29</sup>The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. <sup>30</sup>Then he brought them outside and said, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?' <sup>31</sup>They answered, 'Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.' <sup>32</sup>They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. <sup>33</sup>At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. <sup>34</sup>He 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.

*All*    **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 47

**God goes up with shouts of joy!**

Let all nations clap their hands,  
Sing to God with hymns of praise.  
For the Lord is high and to be adored,  
The great King over all the earth.

**God goes up with shouts of joy!**

He is gone up with shouts of joy.  
The trumpet sounds as the Lord ascends.  
O sing praises to our God,  
Sing praises to our King.

**God goes up with shouts of joy!**

For God is King of all the earth,  
His mighty acts shall be proclaimed.  
The Lord is King over all the world,  
He reigns in glory on his throne.

**God goes up with shouts of joy!**

*We stand as the Gospel is processed.*

THE GOSPEL: John 17.20-26

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Father, we praise you as Lord, all of the earth gives you worship,  
for your majesty fills the heavens, fills the earth.

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

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

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

Jesus said: 'I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, <sup>21</sup>that 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. <sup>22</sup>The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, <sup>23</sup>I 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. <sup>24</sup>Father, 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. <sup>26</sup>I 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, for this your holy Gospel.**

*After a prayer we sit for the Sermon.*

SERMON

*After which we stand for the Creed: a declaration of praise, stating what we believe.*

THE CREED

*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.**

#### INTERCESSIONS

Let us pray for the world and the Church, and thank God for his goodness.

Lord, in your mercy                      *or*                      Lord, hear us.  
*All*    **Hear our prayer**    **Lord, graciously hear us.**

*After the names of the departed have been read out:*

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord  
*All*    **and let light perpetual shine upon them.**

*The prayers may conclude with:*

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.  
Blessed art thou amongst women  
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus.  
*All*    **Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen**

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

## THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

*We stand to receive the Peace.*

### 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.

*cf 2 Corinthians 1.22*

The peace of the risen Christ be always with you,  
*All* **and also with you. Alleluia**

*We greet one another with the Peace of Christ by offering each other a hand in greeting saying "the peace of the Lord be always with you" and the reply "and also with you".*

*A collection is taken and the gifts are brought to the altar as we sing.*

### HYMN

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| <b>1. The kingdom of God<br/>is justice and joy;<br/>for Jesus restores<br/>what sin would destroy.<br/>God's power and glory<br/>in Jesus we know,<br/>and here and hereafter<br/>the kingdom shall grow.</b>          | <b>3. The kingdom of God<br/>is challenge and choice:<br/>believe the good news,<br/>repent and rejoice!<br/>His love for us sinners<br/>brought Christ to His cross:<br/>our crisis of judgement<br/>for gain or for loss.</b> |
| <b>2. The kingdom of God<br/>is mercy and grace;<br/>the captives are freed,<br/>the sinners find place,<br/>the outcast are welcomed<br/>God's banquet to share;<br/>and hope is awakened<br/>in place of despair.</b> | <b>4. God's kingdom is come,<br/>the gift and the goal;<br/>in Jesus begun,<br/>in heaven made whole.<br/>The heirs of the kingdom<br/>shall answer His call<br/>and all things cry 'Glory!'<br/>to God all in all.</b>         |

*The gifts are received at the altar.*

## PRAYER AT THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Lord of all and source of our joy,  
receive our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.  
Keep us in the love of Christ  
and bring us to the vision of his glory;  
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

*We remain standing for the beginning of the Eucharistic Prayer. The prayer is printed in full below if the responses are unfamiliar, although we encourage you to observe and prayerfully listen to the liturgy.*

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER (B)

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,  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For he is our great high priest  
who has entered once for all  
into the heavenly sanctuary,  
evermore to pour upon your Church  
the grace and comfort of your Holy Spirit.

He is the one who has gone before us,  
who calls us to be united in prayer  
as were his disciples in the upper room  
while they awaited his promised gift,  
the life-giving Spirit of Pentecost.

Therefore all creation yearns with eager longing  
as angels and archangels sing the endless hymn of praise:

*All* **Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.**

*We are seated.*

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:

*All* **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 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**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Awaiting the coming of the Spirit,  
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

*All* **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.**

## BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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.**

## AGNUS DEI

**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.**

## INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

*All* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*You are invited to come forward and stand around the altar either to receive Holy Communion or bow your head for a blessing. We remain in the circle until all have received.*

*During communion the choir sing the anthem 'Lift Your Heads, Ye Gates Eternal' by Bach after which we sing:*

## COMMUNION HYMNS

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

**3. Tell of His death at Calvary,  
Hated by those he came to save;  
In lonely suffering on the cross  
For all He loved his life he gave.**

**5. 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.**

**2. 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.**

**4. 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.**

**6. 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.**

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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.**

*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.**

NOTICES, *after which a young person leads us in the following:*

*All* **We give you thanks and praise for our life together.  
Fill us all Good Lord, with your Spirit of Love  
and as you have fed us with the bread of heaven,  
so make us one in hearts and mind, in Jesus Christ our lord. Amen.**

## THE DISMISSAL

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

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,  
through the power of the Holy Spirit;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

*All* **Amen.**

With the risen life of Christ within you,  
go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

*All* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

*We sing our final hymn during which the altar party processes to the Lady Chapel.*

#### HYMN

1. **Christ triumphant, ever reigning,  
Saviour, Master, King,  
Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining,  
hear us as we sing:  
*Yours the glory and the crown,  
the high renown, the eternal name.***
  
2. **Word incarnate, truth revealing,  
Son of Man on earth!  
power and majesty concealing  
by Your humble birth:  
*Yours the glory and the crown..***
  
3. **Suffering servant, scorned, ill-treated,  
victim crucified!  
death is through the cross defeated,  
sinners justified:  
*Yours the glory....***
  
4. **Priestly King, enthroned for ever  
high in heaven above!  
sin and death and hell shall never  
stifle hymns of love:  
*Yours the glory....***
  
5. **So, our hearts and voices raising  
through the ages long,  
ceaselessly upon You gazing,  
this shall be our song:  
*Yours the glory....***

THE REGINA COELI

*All* **Joy to thee, O Queen of heaven, Alleluia!  
He whom thou wast meet to bear, Alleluia,  
as he promised hath aris'n, Alleluia!  
Pour for us to God thy prayer, Alleluia!**

Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, Alleluia.

*All* **For the Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia.**

O God, who by the resurrection of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,  
Gave joy to the whole world:

grant, we pray you, that through the prayers of his mother,  
the Blessed Virgin Mary,  
we may obtain the joys of everlasting life;  
through Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

Voluntary: Preludes on the tune 'Llanfair' – J.S. Bach

*Do stay for tea, coffee and a chat*

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NOTICES

**Evensong, 6pm**

Do join us for Evensong this evening from 6pm.

**Hymns today**

On Thursday the Church celebrated the feast of the Ascension. Our hymns this morning reflect that great Festival.

**Sermon series**

This morning mark's the first in our prayer series throughout June focusing on prayer. As part of your ongoing prayer life, you are encouraged to join in with any of the Thy Kingdom Come prayer initiatives happening in Sherwood this week. Do take an information card with you. If you weren't here last week and didn't receive one of the prayer journals, do also take one on as you leave.

**Guest Preacher**

We are delighted to welcome the Revd. Carol Backhouse, curate of Northallerton, as our preacher this morning.

**Deanery Synod, 5<sup>th</sup> June, from 7pm**

The venue for Deanery Synod on the 5<sup>th</sup> June has now changed to St. Peter's in the centre of town. St. John's will host at a later date. All welcome.

## **St. John's Care System**

As part of our pastoral care we have a system where a specific coordinator (and the Vicar) holds the names and agreed contact details for people who wish to be included. If someone is not in church and we are concerned about them their coordinator is informed and makes contact to see how they are. If they have any problems that we can help with or would like a visit from the Vicar or a Eucharistic minister these requests are passed on.

The coordinators pray regularly for those in their group and try to keep in contact generally. Chris Reeve initiated the system, which is now being overseen by Cynthia, Susi and James. If you would like to be part of this - either in someone's group, or as a coordinator, or as the new Care Group Leader please have a word with Cynthia, Susi or James. Names of who is in which group are on the parish office notice board.

## **Walsingham Pilgrimage**

We still have a couple of places remaining on our Annual Pilgrimage which is taking place between the 27th and 29th September.

Accommodation is on a full board basis commencing on the Friday PM and concluding mid afternoon on the Sunday. Cost: Adults £138.00, Children (Age 5 - 16) £82.80, Under 5's free. Transport costs are extra. £30 deposit secures your booking Please see Ray Hotson for more information.

This annual pilgrimage is a great blessing to all who make the journey to pray in that holy place.

## **Services and events this week**

<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May</b> <b>9am</b> <b>12pm</b>	Morning Prayer Holy Communion
<b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May</b> <b>9am</b> <b>10am</b> <b>12pm</b> <b>7pm</b>	Morning Prayer Holy Communion Carrington Community Café Deanery Synod at St. Peter's in Nottingham
<b>Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June</b> <b>9am</b>	Morning Prayer
<b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June</b> <b>10am</b> <b>6pm</b>	Parish Eucharist, followed by refreshments Evensong

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