

St. John's Carrington Parish Eucharist



The Second Sunday of Lent
February 28th 2021

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.

This is a very unusual time for the Church where, once again, we can't physically be with one another and though the Eucharist will be offered for us all from inside the church.

As ever, wherever we are, as the Body of Christ and by the power of the Holy Spirit we are united in fellowship with one another and with the whole company of heaven. We are delighted to welcome you.

HYMN

1. Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
forgive our foolish ways;
re-clothe us in our rightful mind;
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence, praise.

2. In simple trust like theirs who heard
beside the Syrian sea
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them, without a word
rise up and follow thee

3. Drop thy still dews of quietness,
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of thy peace.

4. Breathe through the heats of our desire
thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake,
wind and fire,
O still small voice of calm.

THE GATHERING AND WELCOME

✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

All **and also with you.**

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart God will not despise.
Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion,
and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith.

Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness
and cleanse me from my sin:

Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Make me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

Cast me not away from your presence
and take not your holy spirit from me:
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

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.**

THE COLLECT

Almighty God,
you show to those who are in error the light of your truth,
that they may return to the way of righteousness:
grant to all those who are admitted

into the fellowship of Christ's religion,
that they may reject those things
that are contrary to their profession,
and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same;
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING: Genesis 17.1-7, 15-16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. ² And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." ³ Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, ⁴ "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁵ No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁶ I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. ⁷ I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

THE SECOND READING: Philippians 3.7-16

⁷ Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸ More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³ Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ Let those of us then who are mature be of the same mind; and if you think differently about anything, this too God will reveal to you. ¹⁶ Only let us hold fast to what we have attained.

This is the word of the Lord.

A// **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL: Mark 8.31-38

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

A// **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³² He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³ But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

³⁴ He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶ For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷ Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸ Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

This is the Gospel of the Lord,

A// **Praise to you, O Christ.**

THE SERMON

THE CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

INTERCESSIONS

The following response may be used:

Lord, in your mercy

All **Hear our prayer.**

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.**

HYMN

1. Just as I am, without one plea
but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidst me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come.

2. Just as I am, though tossed about
with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings within and fears without,
O Lamb of God, I come.

3. Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yea, all I need, in thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come.

4. Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve:
because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come.

5. Just as I am (thy love unknown
has broken every barrier down),
now to be thine, yea, thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come.

6. Just as I am, of that free love
the breadth, length, depth,
and height to prove,
here for a season, then above,
O Lamb of God, I come.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

THE PEACE

Since we are justified by faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has given us access to his grace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you,

All **and also with you.**

PRAYER AT THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

God of our journey,
as we walk with you on your path of obedience,
sustain us on our way and lead us to your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord is here.

All **His Spirit is with us.**

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 and good
to give you thanks and praise,
almighty God and everlasting Father,
through Jesus Christ your Son.
For in these forty days
you lead us into the desert of repentance
that through a pilgrimage of prayer and discipline
we may grow in grace
and learn to be your people once again.
Through fasting, prayer and acts of service
you bring us back to your generous heart.
Through study of your holy word
you open our eyes to your presence in the world
and free our hands to welcome others
into the radiant splendour of your love.
As we prepare to celebrate the Easter feast
with joyful hearts and minds
we bless you for your mercy
and join with saints and angels
for ever praising you and saying:

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:

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.

All **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

God's holy gifts
for God's holy people.

All **Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

THE LITURGY FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION:

In union, O Lord with the faithful at every altar of your Church,
where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated,
I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving.
I present to you my soul and body with the wish
that they may always be united to you.
And since I can not now receive you in this sacrament,
I ask you to come spiritually into my heart.
I unite myself to you, and embrace you with all the affections of my soul.
Let nothing ever separate you from me.
May I live and die in your love. Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty God,
you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves:
keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls;
that we may be defended from all adversities
which may happen to the body,
and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

NOTICES

All Almighty God,
**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

THE BLESSING

May you go boldly, filled with the spirit of Christ,
may the force of his glorious Gospel sustain you,
and may the peace of the Holy Trinity be with you this day and always.
and the blessing of God almighty,
✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

HYMN

- 1 Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty,
hold me with thy powerful hand:
bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore.
- 2 Open now the crystal fountain
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fiery, cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through:
strong deliverer,

3 be thou still my strength and shield.
When I tread the verge of Jordan
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs of praises
I will ever give to thee.

Coffee will take place on Zoom at 11.30am.

NOTICES

Thanks

As we leave St. John's today, Rachael and I wanted to extend our deepest thanks to our church family and friends for your fellowship and friendship over the past two and a half years. It has been a privilege to serve as your Vicar and I will carry many precious memories.

I know the vacancy is an uncertain time, and no-one was expecting St. John's to be headed for one after such a seemingly short space of time. Nevertheless I have every confidence and belief that the church will continue to thrive as you work together in proclaiming the wonderful beautiful news of the Lord Jesus Christ. Remember always that God is with you and as St. Paul says in today's epistle: 'press onward toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.'

Please be assured of my continued prayers for the next stage in St. John's journey: God is with you and I truly believe there is an exciting future in store. May He bless you all richly – and may the Force always be with you.

From the Churchwardens

As today is James' last Sunday with and as we cannot meet in person socially we will take the opportunity of **Zoom coffee at 11.30 on 28th** to say farewell. We have asked Phil Glanfield to run the gathering.

Please make every effort to join - either on Zoom or the phone (phone instructions will be included in next week's pewsheets).

When joining you might want to have some suitable refreshment on hand so that we can raise a glass to James and Rachael.

Farewell to Daniel

As you will be aware, today is Daniel's last day on placement with us. He has brought a huge amount to our church community and we will be sorry to see him go. He goes with our prayers and best wishes for the next steps in his road to ordination.

PCC Meeting

The PCC met on Wednesday. As well as approving new Safeguarding policies (accessible online) and service patterns during the vacancy (more below), they were joined for half of the meeting by the Area Dean and the Archdeacon who shared some thoughts about the vacancy and the process in finding a new Vicar. This was a helpful conversation and the PCC is committed to engaging with them both and with the wider congregation during this time. As part of this, the Sunday coffee may also be used for a chance for PCC and churchwardens to share progress and to receive thoughts and feedback from the wider congregation about the vacancy process.

Service pattern

As we are sure you will appreciate, the vacancy means we will need to re-evaluate service provision. We want to keep to our current pattern as much as possible, however with fewer personnel, we will have to make some changes. Following the PCC meeting last week, the key things to be aware of is that, due to the challenge of finding regular priestly cover, the Wednesday service will need to be suspended. Zoom coffee will still happen however every Wednesday at 11am. Zoom Evening Prayer will now happen on Mondays and Wednesdays only. The service pattern then:

Sunday 10am	Parish Eucharist (streamed on YouTube).
Monday 6pm	Evening Prayer on Zoom
Tuesday	10am Morning Prayer (streamed on YouTube).
Wednesday	6pm Evening Prayer on Zoom
Thursday	10am Morning Prayer (streamed on YouTube).

Coffee from 7th March

Zoom Coffee will move to 11am as of next Sunday (7th March) but will remain at 11.30 this week (28th Feb).

Bible Study

The next Bible Study will take place on Wednesday 10th March at 7.00pm. A zoom link will be circulated shortly before the date. We will be looking at one of the encounters between Jesus and other characters in the Gospels. We are presently researching a number of different options regarding Bible Study materials for the medium term which we will consult more about when we have a stronger idea about what is available. Moving forward, the Bible Study will be facilitated by Denis Tully, Muriel Smith and John Coggin.

Live Streaming

The new live streaming system is in place. We are looking for a team of volunteers who would be prepared to operate it on a Sunday morning. The system will be very straight forward and no prior technical knowledge will be needed. Full training in how to operate the system will be given. During the vacancy, it will be especially important to ensure we have people to run the system so we can still reach those

unable to come to church.

Please get in touch with Peter Artis if this is something you might be able to help with.

Services and events this week

Monday 1st March 6pm	Evening Prayer via Zoom
Tuesday 2nd March 10am	Live-streamed Morning Prayer
Wednesday 3rd March 11am 11-12pm 6pm	Zoom coffee Food bank Evening Prayer via Zoom
Thursday 4th March 10am	Live-streamed Morning Prayer
Sunday 7th March February 10.00 11.00	Parish Eucharist Zoom coffee

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