

St. John's Carrington Parish Eucharist



The Second Sunday before Advent **15th November 2020**

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. As such, whether you are reading this on your own or following along on the live-stream we are delighted to welcome you.

The President is the Revd. James Pacey
The preacher is Daniel Tsoi – ordinand on placement

HYMN

- 1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

- 2 Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

3 To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish, but naught changest thee.

4 Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight
all laud we would render: O help us to see
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

THE GATHERING AND WELCOME

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

All **Amen.**

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

All **and also with you.**

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'
So let us turn away from sin and turn to Christ,
confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

Cf. Matthew 4.17

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.**

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 GLORIA

**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 sins 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. Amen.**
Let us pray.

THE COLLECT

Heavenly Father,
Whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil
and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:
grant that we, having this hope,
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;
that when he shall appear in power and great glory
we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom
where 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

Please be seated.

THE FIRST READING: Psalm 90. 1-12

- 1 Lord, you have been our refuge
from one generation to another.
- 2 Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the earth and the world were formed,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.
- 3 You turn us back to dust and say:
'Turn back, O children of earth.'

- 4 For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday, □□
which passes like a watch in the night.
- 5 You sweep them away like a dream; □□
they fade away suddenly like the grass.
- 6 In the morning it is green and flourishes; □□
in the evening it is dried up and withered.
- 7 For we consume away in your displeasure; □□
we are afraid at your wrathful indignation.
- 8 You have set our misdeeds before you □□
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.
- 9 When you are angry, all our days are gone; □□
our years come to an end like a sigh.
- 10 The days of our life are three score years and ten,
or if our strength endures, even four score; □□
yet the sum of them is but labour and sorrow,
for they soon pass away and we are gone.
- 11 Who regards the power of your wrath □□
and your indignation like those who fear you?
- 12 So teach us to number our days □□
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 25.14-30

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

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

‘For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. ¹⁹After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, “Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.” ²¹His master said to him, “Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.” ²²And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, “Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.” ²³His master said to him, “Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.”

²⁴Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." ²⁶But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ³⁰As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

This is the Gospel of the Lord,
All **Praise to you, O Christ, for this your holy Gospel.**

THE SERMON

THE CREED

All **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.**

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

THE PEACE

We are fellow-citizens with the saints and of the household of God, through Christ our Lord, who came and preached peace to those who were far off and those who were near. *Ephesians 2.19.17*

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

PRAYER AT THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Lord Jesus, you nourish us at the table of your word
and the table of your sacrament;
as we feed on you, the bread of life,
may we daily grow into your likeness. **Amen.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER (C)

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,
it is our duty and our joy,
at all times and in all places
to give you thanks and praise,

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

And now we give you thanks
because he was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin.
By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil,
and to live no longer for ourselves alone,
but for him who died for us and rose again.
Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and singing:

**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.**

All glory be to you, our heavenly Father,
who, in your tender mercy,
gave your only Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption;
who made there by his one oblation of himself once offered
a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction
for the sins of the whole world;
he instituted, and in his holy gospel commanded us to continue,
a perpetual memory of his precious death until he comes again.

Hear us, merciful Father, we humbly pray,
and grant that, by the power of your Holy Spirit,
we receiving these gifts of your creation, this bread and this wine,
according to your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution,
in remembrance of his death and passion,
may be partakers of his most blessed body and 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.

Jesus Christ is Lord:

**Lord, by your cross and resurrection,
you have set us free.
You are the Saviour of the world.**

Therefore, Lord and heavenly Father,
in remembrance of the precious death and passion,
the mighty resurrection and glorious ascension
of your dear Son Jesus Christ,
we offer you through him this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.
Grant that by his merits and death,
and through faith in his blood,
we and all your Church may receive forgiveness of our sins
and all other benefits of his passion.
Although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins,
to offer you any sacrifice,
yet we pray that you will accept this
the duty and service that we owe.

Do not weigh our merits, but pardon our offences,
and fill us all who share in this holy communion
with your grace and heavenly blessing;
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

With saints and martyrs through the ages,
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.**

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

I heard the voice of a great multitude crying, Alleluia.

The Lord our God has entered into his kingdom.

All **Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.**

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

Gracious Lord,
in this holy sacrament
you give substance to our hope:
bring us at the last
to that fullness of life for which we long;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

All **Amen.**

NOTICES

Almighty God,

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

THE BLESSING

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you,
scatter the darkness from before your path,
and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen**

All Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

HYMN

- 1 God of grace and God of glory,
on thy people pour thy power;
now fulfil thy church's story;
bring her bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour.
- 2 Lo, the hosts of evil round us
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways;
from the fears that long have bound us
free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days.
- 3 Cure thy children's warring madness,
bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton selfish gladness,
rich in goods and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.
- 4 Set our feet on lofty places,
gird our lives that they may be
armoured with all Christlike graces
in the fight till all be free.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
that we fail not earth nor thee.

Do join us for coffee on Zoom at 11.30.

NOTICES

James' Parish Days

This week are Monday, Wednesday and Saturday.

Online Advent Calendar

In these strange times, more than ever we need to hold onto the promise of Emmanuel – 'God With Us.' As such, we are looking to produce an online Advent Calendar. Each day during Advent, we will, hopefully, be releasing short videos of members of the congregation and the wider community reflecting on what 'God is with us' means to them. It might be a reflection, a poem or a piece of music: whatever it means to you. If you fancy getting involved with this, send your videos as soon as possible to James: revjamespacey@gmail.com or alternatively use wetransfer.com

Toy Donations

We are teaming up with Sherwood Methodist to donate toys to 'Bags of Blessings' – scheme whereby people donate small gifts such as toys, games, hats, scarves which are collected then wrapped, put into gym bags and distributed to children and teenagers identified as likely to miss out on gifts at Christmas.

Items needed for teenagers in particular. As buying for teenagers can be tricky, it is now possible to donate gift vouchers from One4All for spending in various high street stores. The gifts cards can be purchased from the Post Office, Tesco and Morrisons or online <https://www.one4all.com/gift-cards-online.html> £10 minimum voucher. They can be placed in with other donations.

Other suggestions for teenagers are makeup, gift sets of toiletries, hats, gloves, scarves, books, pens, notebooks, chocolate and sweets. Donations of wrapping paper are welcome as well.

Between 14th and 25th November, do leave anything at the Vicarage and we'll ensure they are passed onto the charity.

Praying in lockdown

The Archbishops urging the entire country to pray, as we have already been doing, throughout this lockdown. They are suggesting we unite in prayer at 6pm. As we lean ever more on God's strength, I would encourage us as a church each day to be united in prayer by simply praying the Lord's Prayer or the Hail Mary. Knowing we are all united for a few precious moments will be a powerful and moving display of our unity despite our separation.

Food Bank

During the pandemic as we are restricted in our community activities and services we have decided to set up a temporary food bank. We would like to build up stocks first. If you have any items for donations please leave them in the Vicarage porch. Contact Susi on 07903 115327 if you have any questions.

Services and events this week

Monday 16th November 6pm	Evening Prayer via Zoom
Tuesday 17th November 10am	Live-streamed Morning Prayer
Wednesday 18th November 10am 11am 6pm	Live-streamed midweek Eucharist Zoom coffee Evening Prayer via Zoom
Thursday 19th November 10am	Live-streamed Morning Prayer
Friday 20th November 6pm	Evening Prayer via Zoom
Sunday 21st November 10.00 11.30am 7pm	Live-streamed Eucharist Zoom coffee Vestry Hour

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