St. John's Carrington Parish Eucharist

Remembrance Sunday 8th 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.

HYMN (From the choir of St. Martin-in-the-Fields)

- O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home;
- 2 Under the shadow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt secure; sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defence is sure.

- 3 Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame, from everlasting thou art God, to endless years the same.
- A thousand ages in thy sight are like an evening gone; short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.
- 5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all its sons away; they fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.
- O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, be thou our guard while troubles last, and our eternal home.

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

PRAYERS 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.

cf. John 8.12

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.

A// Amen.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

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.

THE COLLECT

Let us pray.

O God,

the strength of all those who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

$A/\!\!/$ Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING: 1 Thessalonians 4.13-18

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. ¹⁵For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. ¹⁶For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. ¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with these words.

This is the word of the Lord.

A// Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 15.1-13

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

A// Glory to you, O Lord.

'Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise replied, No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, Lord, lord, open to us." But he replied, Truly I tell you, I do not know you."

This is the Gospel of the Lord,

A// Praise to you, O Christ.

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

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

Lord, in your mercy or Lord, hear us.

 $A/\!\!/$ Hear our prayer Lord, graciously hear us.

After the names of the departed have been read out:

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

The prayers conclude with:

Merciful Father,

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

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

THE PEACE

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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, All and also with you.

PRAYER AT THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour, and the majesty;

for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

All things come from you, and of your own do we give you.

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.

Blessed are you, Lord of life, creator of heaven and earth, to you be glory and praise for ever. For through his death on the cross, your Son Jesus Christ has broken the power of evil, and by his glorious resurrection has opened for us the gate of life eternal. In him you seek the lost, restoring those whose lives have been shattered and torn apart. In the fullness of time, he will gather all things to himself, enfolding us and all who have died in war in his undying love. And so we pray that we who have set our hope on Christ may come to the peace of heaven, there, with angels and archangels, to sing your praise for ever:

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.

We sit or kneel.

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.

A// 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

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,

All We proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

All Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

If you are making a spiritual communion (i.e. not receiving in person) you may wish to say the below:

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

Eternal Father,
we thank you for nourishing us
with these heavenly gifts:
may our communion strengthen us in faith,
build us up in hope, and make us grow in love;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

A// Amen

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 ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

Let us stand in the presence of God.

We commit ourselves to work in penitence and faith for reconciliation between the nations, that all people may, together, live in freedom, justice and peace. We pray for all who in bereavement, disability and pain continue to suffer the consequences of fighting and terror. We remember with thanksgiving and sorrow those whose lives, in world wars and conflicts past and present, have been given and taken away.

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old; age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them.

A// We will remember them.

The Last Post after which silence is kept for two minutes. Followed by the Reveille.

Ever-living God, we remember those whom you have gathered from the storm of war into the peace of your presence; may that same peace calm our fears, bring justice to all peoples and establish harmony among the nations, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A// Amen.

Let us commit ourselves to responsible living and faithful service.

Will you strive for all that makes for peace?

A// We will.

Will you seek to heal the wounds of war?

A// We will.

Will you work for a just future for all humanity?

A// We will.

Merciful God, we offer to you the fears in us that have not yet been cast out by love: may we accept the hope you have placed in the hearts of all people, and live lives of justice, courage and mercy; through Jesus Christ our risen redeemer.

Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

CONCLUSION

The peace of God which passes all understanding,

keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, ♣ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

$A/\!\!/$ Amen.

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ, Amen.

HYMN (From the choir of St. Martin-in-the-fields)

- All my hope on God is founded; he doth still my trust renew. Me through change and chance he guideth, only good and only true. God unknown, he alone calls my heart to be his own.
- Human pride and earthly glory, sword and crown betray his trust; what with care and toil he buildeth, tower and temple, fall to dust. But God's power, hour by hour, is my temple and my tower.
- God's great goodness ay endureth, deep his wisdom, passing thought: splendour, light, and life attend him, beauty springeth out of nought. Evermore, from his store new-born worlds rise and adore.
- Daily doth the almighty giver bounteous gifts on us bestow; his desire our soul delighteth, pleasure leads us where we go.

 Love doth stand at his hand; joy doth wait on his command.
- 5. Still from man to God eternal sacrifice of praise be done, high above all praises praising for the gift of Christ his Son. Christ doth call one and all: ye who follow shall not fall.

NOTICES

James' Parish days

This week will be Monday, Wednesday and Saturday.

Giving

As we continue in lockdown, the PCC and treasurer are keeping a close eye on our income and expenditure so that we can continue to engage in our missional priorities. If you feel able to continue your giving or would like to set up a Standing Order, do please contact Peter Artis the treasurer or follow the link here: https://www.stjohnscarrington.org.uk/financial-giving

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: reviamespacey@gmail.com or alternatively use wetransfer.com

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.

APCM results

Elected to Church Warden Susi Artis and Asela Premachandra

Elected to Deputy Warden Cynthia Hoggett Carol Lewis Ray Hotson

Elected to PCC

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John Coggin
Jane Harwood
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Sally Green
Muriel Smith
Denis Tully (ex officio as Lay Minister)
Karen Randall (Deanery Synod Rep)

Telephone worship

The Church of England has launched a free dial-in worship service to bring prayer to people's homes while churches are closed because of the coronavirus pandemic.

Daily Hope, which is available now, offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England at the end of a telephone line.

The national line is available 24 hours a day on 0800 804 8044. Do let anyone know who you feel may benefit from it.

Those at home

Since we have returned to church, it has been possible to stream the service to Zoom so that those at home can call in. Due to the increased technical requirements of live streaming when it's just James, this won't be possible during lockdown 2.0. However, James will stream the service to Zoom on Sunday evenings at 7pm. Just call in using the post services coffee link as normal.

Services and events this week

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Monday 9 th November	
6pm	Evening Prayer via Zoom
Tuesday 10 th November	
10am	Live-streamed Morning Prayer
Wednesday 11th November	
10 am	Live-streamed Eucharist
11am	Zoom coffee
6pm	Evening Prayer via Zoom
Thursday 12 th November	
10am	Live-streamed Morning Prayer
9pm	Live-streamed Compline
Friday 13 th November	
6pm	Evening Prayer via Zoom
Sunday 15 th November	
10 am	Live-streamed Eucharist
11.30am	Zoom coffee
7-8pm	'Vestry Hour'

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