

## Blessing and Dismissal

*stand and bow your head*

The Lord be with you.

**All** And also with you.

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. **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ.

**All** Thanks be to God.

## Organ voluntary

Denis Bédard (b.1950), *No. 2 of Trois Postludes*

*Please be aware of the need for  
social distancing as you leave the church.*

*There will be an opportunity to donate to the  
ongoing work of the church on a plate  
by each door.*

*If you would prefer to donate by BACS (online),  
the account for St Mary's Bathwick  
(Nat West Bank) is 00233331  
and the sort code is 560034.*

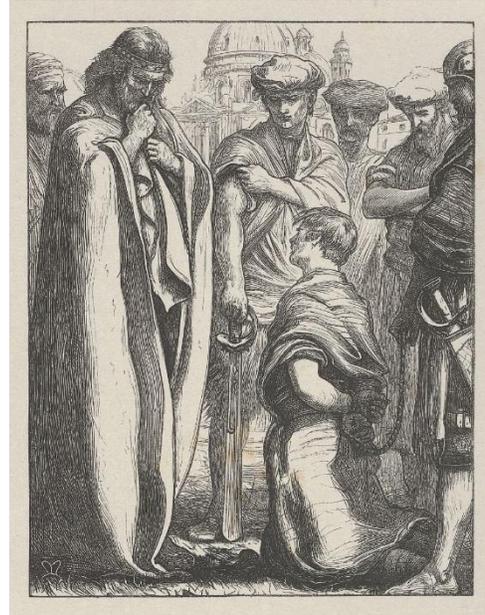
*Many thanks for your generosity*

**Thank you for joining us this morning.**

**Please take this service-sheet and the weekly notice-  
sheet home with you to inform your prayer and  
reflection during the coming week.**

## The Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin, Bathwick

**13 September 2020  
14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**



Sir John Everett Millais (1829-96), *The Unmerciful Servant*

## Welcome and Introduction

*stand as bell rings*

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

Priest The Lord be with you.

**All** And also with you.

*Words of welcome or introduction may be said.*

## Penitential rite

*The priest introduces the penitential rite in these or other words*

In today's gospel, Jesus tells us we are to forgive 'not seven times, but...seventy-seven times.' For the times we have failed to extend mercy to those who have harmed us, let us ask the Lord for healing and pardon...

Lord Jesus, you show us the way of compassion:

Lord, have mercy:

**Lord, have mercy.**

Christ Jesus, you heals our ills and free us from sin:

Christ, have mercy:

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you sustain us with the bread of life:

Lord, have mercy:

**Lord, have mercy.**

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.**

**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 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. Amen.

**The Collect** *the prayer of the day*  
Almighty God,  
whose only Son has opened for us  
a new and living way into your presence:  
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills  
to worship you in spirit and in truth;  
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. Amen.

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*sit as we listen to the scriptures of the day*

**First Reading** *Genesis 50:15-21*  
Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, 'What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?' So they approached Joseph, saying, 'Your father gave this instruction before he died, "Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you." Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.' Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, 'We are here as your slaves.' But Joseph said to them, 'Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.' In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

**The Epistle** *Romans 14:1-12*  
Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those

*You are requested to maintain a distance of at least 1 metre as you queue to receive the Sacrament and to stand behind the taped line at the front of the nave.  
The Blessed Sacrament will then be 'dropped' into your outstretched hands without any additional words being spoken*

**Prayer of Spiritual Communion**  
*During the distribution of communion in church, those engaging with worship online might like to use this prayer:*  
**My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Holy Sacrament of the altar.**  
I love you above all things  
and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul.  
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,  
come spiritually into my soul  
so that I may unite myself wholly to you  
now and for ever. Amen.

**Communion Hymn and Motet**  
*During the distribution of communion, the choir will sing the hymn*  
**Soul of my Saviour, sanctify my breast.**  
*Due to Covid-19 restrictions, the congregation is not permitted to join in singing the hymn*

*Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake* (Richard Farrant 1530-80)  
Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake  
lay not our sins to our charge,  
but forgive that is past,  
and give us grace to amend our sinful lives:  
to decline from sin and incline to virtue,  
that we may walk in a perfect heart,  
before thee now and evermore. Amen.

**Prayers after Communion** *stand*  
Lord God, the source of truth and love,  
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,  
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,  
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**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.**

## The Lord's Prayer

*The priest introduces the Lord's Prayer in these or similar words*

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

*The priest breaks the consecrated bread, saying*

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.**

**All Lamb of God, you take away the sins  
of the world: have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins  
of the world: have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins  
of the world: grant us peace.**

## Invitation to Communion

This is the Lamb of God  
who takes away the sin of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**All Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

## Distribution of Holy Communion

So that the distribution of communion may proceed as safely as possible, it will be done in silence. Therefore at this point we collectively acclaim the Body and Blood of the Lord:

*As the priest presents the Blessed Sacrament he says*  
The Body of Christ. **Amen.**

*As the priest presents the Precious Blood he says*  
The Blood of Christ. **Amen.**

*Worshippers are reminded that the entirety of the sacrament is received when only the Blessed Sacrament (the consecrated bread) is consumed – the priest (only) will consume the Precious Blood*

*Ministers of the Sacrament will have sanitised their hands with alcohol-based gel*

who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. For it is written,

As I live, says the Lord,  
every knee shall bow to me,  
every tongue shall give praise to God.  
So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

*stand*

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening;  
you have the message of eternal life.

**Alleluia!**

## The Gospel

*Matthew 18:21-35*

The Lord be with you.

**All And also with you.**

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

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

Peter came and said to Jesus, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.'

'For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-

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slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All Praise to you, O Christ.**

### Sermon

*sit*

### Apostles' Creed

*stand*

**We believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
We 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.  
We 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.**

### Prayers of the Faithful

*sit*

*One of these responses may be used*

Lord, in your mercy. *(or)* Lord, hear us.

**All hear our prayer. Lord, graciously hear us.**

*And at the end*

Merciful Father,

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

### The Peace

*stand*

In the tender mercy of our God,  
the dayspring from on high shall break upon us,  
to give light to those who dwell in darkness  
and in the shadow of death  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**All and also with you.**

*the Peace may only be shared verbally with  
your immediate neighbours  
without any physical contact*

### Prayer over the Gifts

Pray, my brothers and sisters, that our sacrifice  
may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**All May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands,  
for the praise and glory of his name, for our  
good, and the good of all his holy Church.**

*This or another prayer over the gifts may be said*

Look with favour on our supplications, O Lord,  
and in your kindness accept these, your servants' offerings,  
that what each has offered to the honour of your name  
may serve the salvation of all,  
through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### The Eucharistic Prayer

Priest The Lord be with you

**All and also with you.**

Priest Lift up your hearts.

**All We lift them to the Lord.**

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All It is right to give thanks and praise.**

*The priest praises God for his mighty acts and we respond:*

**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.**

*The president recalls Jesus' words at the Last Supper, and this  
acclamation is used*

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died,**

**Christ is risen,**

**Christ will come again.**

*The prayer of consecration ends:*

...for ever and ever. **Amen.**