

Blessing and Dismissal *stand and bow your head*

The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

The priest uses this or another seasonal blessing

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,
to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him;
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.

Music after the service

At the end of the service, a recording will be played of
JS Bach (1585-1650), *Prelude in F minor BWV 534*

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

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Lent in the Bathwick parishes

Please use this season of Lent as a time for spiritual renewal
in preparation for the events of Holy Week and Easter.

As well as the usual pattern of services, the following
weekly events will be available:

- **Lent discussion group** on Thursdays at 7.30pm
by Zoom
(meeting ID 480 2110735, password Lent)
looking at Fr Philip Barnes' weekly reflections in
https://www.sswsh.com/uploads/Lent_Resource.pdf
- **Stations of the Cross** every Tuesday and Friday at
2.30pm by Zoom
(meeting ID 928 4735 2524, password Stations)

A recommended **resource for daily personal use** is the
publication by The Church Union downloadable from
<https://www.churchunion.co.uk/news.php>

copies of booklets available at the back of our churches
or on request from Fr Peter

Thank you for worshipping with us this morning.

**Please use this service-sheet and the weekly
notice-sheet to inform your prayer and reflection
during the coming week.**

**The Parish Church of
St Mary the Virgin Bathwick**

**21 February 2021
First Sunday of Lent**



Duccio di Buoninsegna (c.1255-60 – 1318/19),
The Temptation of Christ on the Mountain
(from the *Maestà* altarpiece) (1308-11)

A personal prayer of preparation

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Music before the service

Before the service begins, a recording will be played of
Percy Whitlock (1903-46), *Folk Tune*

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.

Prayers of Penitence

The priest introduces the penitential rite in these or other words
In today's gospel, Jesus proclaims, 'The time is fulfilled, and
the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in
the good news.' Let us take a moment to heed Jesus' call to
repentance and to ask our merciful God for forgiveness...

Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin:
Lord, have mercy:
Lord, have mercy.

Against you, you only have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight.

Christ, have mercy:

Christ, have mercy.

Create in me a pure heart, O God,
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

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.**

The Collect

the prayer of the day

*The priest introduces a period of silent prayer with the words
'Let us pray' or a more specific bidding.*

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ
fasted forty days in the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:
give us grace to discipline ourselves
in obedience to your Spirit;
and, as you know our weakness,
so may we know your power to save;
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 9:8-17

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, 'As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.'

God said, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.' God said to Noah, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.'

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

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

You are requested to maintain a distance of at least 1 metre as you queue to receive the Sacrament 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 forever. Amen.

Communion Motet

During the distribution of communion, a recording will be played of Richard Farrant (c.1525-80), Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake.

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

Prayer after Communion

stand

Lord God, you have renewed us

with the living bread from heaven;

by it you nourish our faith,

increase our hope,

and strengthen our love:

teach us always to hunger for him

who is the true and living bread,

and enable us to live by every word

that proceeds from out of your mouth;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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.**

kneel as the bell rings

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:

...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

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

The priest invites us to receive the communion of Jesus' body and blood

Draw near with faith.
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which
he gave for you,
and his blood which he shed for you.
Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts
by faith with thanksgiving.

Psalm

Psalm 25:1-9

R/ To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

- 1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;
my God, in you I trust;
Let me not be put to shame,
let not my enemies triumph over me
Let none who look to you be put to shame,
but let the treacherous be shamed and frustrated. R/
- 2 Make me to know your ways, O Lord,
and teach me your paths.
Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you have I hoped all the day long. R/
- 3 Remember, Lord, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.
Remember not the sins or transgressions of my youth,
but think upon me in your goodness, O Lord,
according to your steadfast love. R/
- 4 Gracious and upright is the Lord;
therefore shall he teach sinners in the way.
He will guide the humble in doing right
and teach his way to the lowly.
All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies. R/

Epistle Reading

1 Peter 3:18-22

Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

stand

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord:
whoever follows me will have the light of life.

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!



Gospel Reading

Mark 1:9-15

The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

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

kneel or sit

The prayers are introduced by the priest

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 LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The Peace

stand

The priest introduces the Peace with these or similar words

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.

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

Offertory Hymn

During the preparation of the altar, a recording of the hymn

Forty days and forty nights will be played.

*Due to Covid-19 restrictions, the congregation is **not permitted**
to join in singing the hymn*

Forty days and forty nights	And if Satan, vexing sore,
Thou wast fasting in the wild,	Flesh or spirit should assail,
Forty days and forty nights	Thou, his vanquisher before,
Tempted and yet undefiled.	Grant we may not faint nor fail.

Sunbeams scorching all the day,	So shall we have peace divine,
Chilly dewdrops nightly shed,	Holier gladness ours shall be,
Prowling beasts about thy way,	Round us too shall angels
Stones thy pillow, earth thy bed.	shine,

Let us thine endurance share,	Such as ministered to thee.
And awhile from joys abstain,	Keep, O keep us, Saviour dear,
With thee watching unto	Ever constant by thy side,
prayer,	That with thee we may appear
Strong with thee to suffer pain.	At the eternal Eastertide.

Prayer over the Gifts

The priest may say

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 suitable prayer may be said over the gifts:

God of mercy and compassion,
your Word calls us home to faith and love.

accept all we offer you this day;
in the name of Jesus Christ the 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.