

## Communion Motet

*During the distribution of communion, a recording will be played of*  
Orlande de Lassus (1532-94), *Adoramus te, Christe*

Adoramus te, Christe,	We adore thee, O Christ
et benedicimus tibi,	and we bless thee
quia per sanctam crucem tuam	because by thy Holy Cross
redemisti mundum.	thou hast redeemed the world.
Qui passus es pro nobis,	Who hast suffered for us
Domine, Domine, miserere	Lord, Lord, have mercy
nobis.	on us.

## Prayer after Communion

*stand*

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. **Amen.**

## 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

Gabriel Pierné (1863-1937), *Prélude (Trois Pièces)*

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

*If you are able to donate by BACS (online) to the  
mission of our churches,*

*the account details are as follows:*

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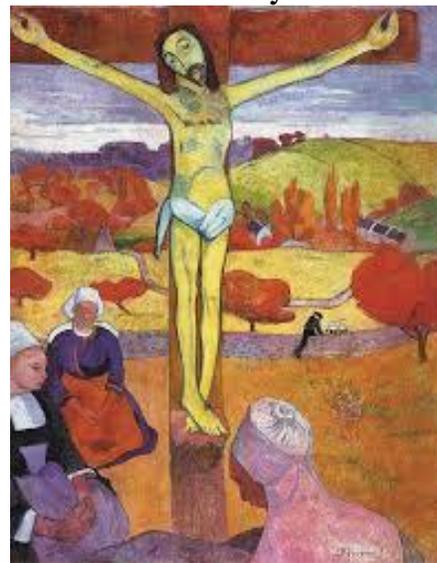
*Many thanks for your generosity*

**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

**28 February 2021  
Second Sunday of Lent**



Paul Gauguin (1848-1903), *The Yellow Christ* (1889)

## 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

Jean-Adam Guilain (1680-1739), *Tierce en Taille*

## 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*

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...

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit:

Lord, have mercy:

**Lord, have mercy.**

You bring pardon and peace to the broken in heart:

Christ, have mercy:

**Christ, have mercy.**

You make one by your Spirit the torn and divided:  
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,  
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. **Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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

**First Reading** *Genesis 22:1-2,9-13,15-18*

After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, 'Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' He said, 'Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt-offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you.'

When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, and said, 'Abraham, Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' He said, 'Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.' And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt-offering instead of his son.

The angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven, and said, 'By myself I have sworn, says the LORD: Because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will indeed bless you, and I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of their enemies, and by your offspring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves, because you have obeyed my voice.'

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

## 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*

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**

**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.**

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

*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.**

## Psalm

*Psalm 22:23-28*

**R/ My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?**

- 1 Praise the Lord, you that fear him;  
O seed of Jacob, glorify him;  
stand in awe of him, O seed of Israel. **R/**
- 2 For he has not despised nor abhorred the sufferings of the poor;  
neither has he hidden his face from them;  
when they cried to him, he heard them. **R/**
- 3 From you comes my praise in the great congregation;  
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who fear you.  
The poor shall eat and be satisfied;  
those who seek the Lord shall praise him;  
their hearts shall live for ever. **R/**
- 4 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord,  
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.  
For the kingdom is the Lord's  
and he rules over the nations. **R/**

## Epistle Reading

*Romans 4:13-25*

The promise that Abraham would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations'). Abraham believed in the presence of the God who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations,' according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb.

No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him,' were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in God who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All** **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

*stand*

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

The only thing I can boast about is the cross of our Lord:  
through whom the world is crucified to me,  
and I to the world.

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

## Gospel Reading

*Mark 8:31-38*

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.**

Jesus began to teach his disciples 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. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. 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.'

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. 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. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? 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.

**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*

**Take up thy cross, the Saviour said will be played.**

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

Take up thy cross, the Saviour said,  
If thou wouldst my disciple be;  
Deny thyself, the world forsake,  
And humbly follow after me.

Take up thy cross; let not its weight  
Fill thy weak spirit with alarm;  
His strength shall bear thy spirit up,  
And brace thy heart, and nerve thine arm.

Take up thy cross, nor heed the shame,  
Nor let thy foolish pride rebel;  
The Lord for thee the Cross endured,  
To save thy soul from death and hell.

Take up thy cross then in his strength,  
And calmly every danger brave;  
'Twill guide thee to a better home,  
And lead to victory o'er the grave.

Take up thy cross, and follow Christ,  
Nor think till death to lay it down;  
For only he who bears the cross  
May hope to wear the glorious crown.

To thee, great Lord, the One in Three,  
All praise for evermore ascend;  
O grant us in our home to see  
The heavenly life that knows no end.